Treatment Concepts for
PERI-IMPLANTITIS
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DEFINITION, DIAGNOSIS AND PREVALENCE

Definitions

Peri-implant disease is a pathological condition around dental implants. The disease ranges from reversible mucositis lesions (reflecting a host’s response to bacterial challenge) to non-reversible peri-implantitis, where significant alveolar bone has been lost.¹

PERI-IMPLANT MUCOSITIS
Inflammatory lesion of the peri-implant mucosa with bleeding on probing and/or suppuration, but without bone loss.

PERI-IMPLANTITIS
Inflammatory lesions that include progressive bone loss.

Diagnosis

The typical symptoms of mucositis and peri-implantitis have been discussed in detail at various consensus conferences²-⁸ and can be summarized as follows:

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Fig. 1: Visualization of peri-implant mucositis and peri-implantitis.

Fig. 2: Signs and symptoms of peri-implant mucositis and peri-implantitis.
(Left picture by courtesy of Dr. Giovannoli; three right pictures by courtesy of Prof. Mombelli)
Fig. 3: On average peri-implantitis can occur around every tenth implant and in every fifth patient after a five to ten year period.

Prevalence and Epidemiology

To date no specially designed epidemiological study is published to calculate the prevalence of peri-implantitis. The prevalence (occurrence in a population) and incidence (the rate of disease occurrence) can only be calculated from retrospective cohort studies, and the calculated prevalence depends on disease definition. Current studies use heterogeneous definitions for peri-implantitis, and therefore, results are not always comparable. Nevertheless, based on a recent review article, the prevalence of peri-implantitis after 5–10 years appears to be 10% of implants and 20% of patients (Fig. 3). Peri-implant mucositis appears to affect approximately 50% of implant sites and 80% of patients. An other publication shows meta-analyses estimated mean prevalences of peri-implant mucositis and peri-implantitis of 43% and 22%, respectively.

SURFACE ROUGHNESS

Implants with a smooth or microrough surface show a comparable incidence of peri-implantitis over a 13-year observation period.

MUCOSITIS

Diagnosed and untreated mucositis is more likely to develop into peri-implantitis than treated mucositis.

Conclusion: treat mucositis promptly.

PERIO CASE HISTORY

The survival and success rates of implants in patients with previously recorded periodontitis are lower than in patients without periodontal issues.

Conclusion: a check for periodontal infection prior to implantation is highly recommended. Leaving residual pockets >5 mm with bleeding on probing jeopardizes implant success rate.
RISK FACTORS AND PREVENTIVE MEASURES:

Risk factors

A number of risk factors have been identified that may lead to the establishment and progression of peri-implant mucositis and peri-implantitis. The risk factors and therapy considerations summarized by Prof. Giovanni Salvi are shown in Fig. 4.

Preventive measures

- Customize patient’s monitoring to his/her needs & control for plaque level and signs of inflammation.
- Minimize modifiable risk factors as described in Fig. 4.
- For high long-term survival of dental implants and their restorations, enrollment in regular supportive periodontal therapy including anti-infective preventive measures should be implemented.

**SUPPORT**

The 10-year survival and success rates of implants in patients with treated periodontitis are worse in patients with irregular hygiene.

Conclusion: a regular 3–6 month recall interval tailored to a patient’s risk profile is recommended.

**SMOKING**

Smoking causes soft tissue complications and elevated peri-implant bone or implant loss

Conclusion: a smoking cessation program boosts implant survival rate.

**CLEANING OPTION**

Poor access reconstructions exhibit increased peri-implantitis compared with good access.

Conclusion: A well-integrated reconstruction should provide unimpeded cleaning access.

**ORAL HYGIENE**

Poor oral hygiene raises the risk for peri-implantitis.

Conclusion: optimum oral hygiene is key to maintaining inflammation free, peri-implant health.

**CEMENT RESIDUE**

Iatrogenic cement residue is linked to mucositis and peri-implantitis.

Conclusion: a great deal of attention should be paid to cementing; otherwise, a screw-retained reconstruction is preferable.

**KERATINIZED MUCOSA**

Insufficiently wide (<2 mm) keratinized mucosa is linked with elevated plaque accumulation, inflammation and recession.

Conclusion: care should be taken during implantation and reopening to ensure that the keratinized mucosa is sufficient (≥2 mm).

**IMPLANT STRAIN**

Despite animal experiments failing to detect strain as a cause for osseointegration loss, without evidence of infection, osseointegration loss cannot be ruled out in humans.

Fig. 4: Risk factors and preventive measures.
**LATEST EVIDENCE ON THE TREATMENT OF PERI-IMPLANTITIS**

The principle of peri-implant treatment follows an approach analogous to periodontitis treatment and includes three phases (Fig. 5):

- Systemic phase
- Corrective phase
- Supportive phase

### Anamnesis/Findings

Usually treatment is started only after consideration of iatrogenic causative factors, such as screw-loosening, excess luting cement, poor abutment fit or poor prosthesis contour. Additional risk factors that might be considered prior to active intervention include:

- Poor oral hygiene
- Prostheses that limit access for plaque control
- Smoking and alcohol consumption
- Presence of periodontal diseases
- Systemic diseases (e.g., diabetes) that may predispose peri-implant disease

### Systemic Phase – Hygiene Phase

The aim of the hygiene phase is to achieve adequate plaque control. The patient should be instructed in good oral hygiene technique. Since adequate oral hygiene is often difficult to manage in the peri-implant area due to prosthetic superstructures, customized hygiene according to individual needs is particularly important. Additionally, in order to prevent disease progression, the pathogenic microflora must be reduced. Depending on access and extent of disease, scaling and root planing may effectively remove bacterial biofilms and calculus from the root surface.

Generally, the corrective phase of the systematic therapy of peri-implant infections should not begin until a stable oral hygiene and plaque index (PI) value of < 1 is achieved.
Corrective Phase – Non-surgical Treatment

Non-surgical debridement using appropriate instruments, such as plastic, carbon or titanium curettes, air-powder abrasive devices, ultrasonic devices, photodynamic therapy, or Er:YAG laser, can precede surgical intervention. Concomitant therapy with systemic antibiotics, locally delivered antibiotics or the use of topical antiseptics (e.g., chlorhexidine) may be beneficial in reducing both bleeding on probing and pocket depth.

Re-evaluation

Early reassessment of peri-implant health is recommended within 1 to 2 months after debridement. Some cases of minor peri-implantitis might resolve following nonsurgical management, but in most cases the correction may only halt, or at best, slow disease progression. Depending on the bone defect and the residual osseointegration of the implant, patients might continue maintenance therapy, be candidates for surgical treatment or be considered for explantation.

Corrective Phase – Surgical Treatment

If the peri-implantitis has not resolved at re-evaluation, a surgical approach may be recommended. Additionally, since non-surgical treatment failed to promote the re-osseointegration at exposed implant sites, additional surgical interventions may be required in order to minimize the risk of reinfection of the peri-implant pocket, which might be achieved either by resective surgery or by regenerative bone augmentation procedures.

As a guideline, the initial treatment phase should result in a significant reduction of bleeding on probing scores as well as the absence of suppuration and pus formation. Accordingly, a surgical treatment procedure may not be recommended until this primary objective of treatment is achieved.

The first step and a major objective of the surgical procedure is to provide access for debridement and decontamination of the infected implant surface. Surgical management involves elevation of a full mucoperiosteal flap and elimination of the inflammatory granulation tissue to allow thorough decontamination of the implant surface. Biofilm and calculus must be removed to allow healing and reduce the risk for further disease progression or re-infection. The following techniques for implant surface decontamination have been proposed: locally applied chemicals, gauze soaked with saline or antiseptics, hand-powered instruments, air-powder abrasives, Er:YAG lasers, photodynamic therapy, and implant surface modifications (Fig. 6).

So far, no single method of surface decontamination has been proven to be superior.
Resective approach

The concept of surgical-resective therapy consists of the reduction or elimination of hyperplastic or pathologic peri-implant pockets, which have been resistant to initial treatment and/or have been too difficult to access for good oral hygiene by the patient. Resective treatment is achieved through osteoplasty to reduce the intrabony defect and through apically repositioning the mucosal margin, thereby reducing the non-accessible surface. Furthermore, some clinicians perform implantoplasty, smoothing and polishing all supracrestal or transmucosal implant surfaces. This procedure reduces plaque accumulation and facilitates oral hygiene for the patient. Two studies have shown that the combination of resective surgery and implantoplasty results in clinical and radiological improvements over a period of 3 years.

Regenerative approach

Similar to systematic periodontal therapy, regenerative peri-implantitis treatment should not be considered until initial therapy has reduced signs of acute inflammation. The two major goals of regenerative therapy are the regeneration of the peri-implant

Because resective surgery results in a significant apical displacement of the gingiva and exposure of the implant root, its application might be restricted to the non-aesthetic zone. Furthermore, it should be remembered that any manipulation of implants could void a manufacturer’s guarantee and might only be considered as a last alternative to total implant loss.
bone and the re-osseointegration of the implant. Pre-clinical studies have shown that re-osseointegration of the implant surface is possible following a regenerative approach, but true (histologic) re-osseointegration is yet to be proven in humans. Nevertheless, according to systematic literature review, defect fill of peri-implantitis defects following surgical treatment modalities with concomitant placement of bone substitutes is possible. When defect fill of peri-implantitis defects is required, use of a native bone mineral with or without a collagen membrane has resulted in marked clinical improvements long-term (Fig. 7). Furthermore, Geistlich Bio-Oss® has been found to provide more stable radiographic bone fill than autogenous bone, and a recent review indicates that using membranes may be more effective (Fig. 8). However, treatment outcome is greatly influenced by the patient’s systemic health, defect characteristics, implant surfaces and biomaterials used. Some clinicians combine regenerative and resective approaches. Matarasso and coworkers have shown that a combined regenerative and resective approach yielded positive outcomes in terms of probing depth reduction and radiographic defect fill after 12 months. Apical positioning of gingival can be offset by simultaneous soft tissue augmentation with a connective tissue graft or a porcine collagen matrix – Geistlich Mucograft – to provide an esthetic outcome in the anterior zone.

Contained intrabony defects, where there are residual bony walls to support grafting, are more suited to a regenerative approach than non-contained defects.

### Supportive Phase – Maintenance Therapy

The final treatment phase involves an individualized maintenance and care program. Clinical monitoring is recommended on a regular basis and can be supplemented by appropriate radiographic evaluation, as required. Supportive maintenance therapy, including reinforcement of effective oral hygiene and professional biofilm removal, should be provided regularly - usually every 3 to 6 months - as determined by oral health and risk profile. Most relevant considerations include smoking habits, periodontal status, diabetes and oral hygiene history.

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**Explantation**

The clinician can consider implant removal as a treatment option during all stages of peri-implantitis therapy. The decision to remove an implant should be based on either absolute or relative symptoms (Fig. 9).

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Once an explantation decision has been made, several additional factors, such as the implant geometry, diameter, length and the remaining amount of osseointegration, should be considered. Depending on the geometric form and the remaining amount of osseointegration, implants may be unscrewed. In other cases, specific explantation tools must be employed. Care should be taken to preserve residual alveolar bone.

Explantation can be accompanied by bone augmentation to prepare the alveolar ridge for the placement of a new implant.

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“At times you find flora on an implant where staphylococci predominate which is untypical with natural teeth. Today we generally use a combination of amoxicillin and metronidazole. And only metronidazole in case of intolerance, but it is not effective against all incriminated microbes.”

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Prof. Mombelli
REGENERATIVE PERI-IMPLANTITIS TREATMENT

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RISK FACTORS
Excess luting cement submucosally.

IMPLANT
Site 21; Straumann soft tissue level, diameter: 4.1 mm, length: 10 mm, Standard Plus collar 1.8 mm.

MEDICATION
Amoxicillin 500 mg and Metronidazole 400 mg three times a day for 7 days.

Quintessence

OBJECTIVES
1. Maintain the implant in function. 2. Resolve the peri-implant infection. 3. Regenerate the peri-implant intraosseous defect. 4. Prevent the recurrence of peri-implant infection, surgical access was planned in order to remove the excess luting cement which was clearly visible on the radiograph.

CONCLUSION
3 months following regenerative treatment the infection was resolved. The draining sinus on the mid-facial peri-implant mucosa seen prior to treatment had resolved. At 12 months clinical examination showed a reduction in peri-implant probing depths with resolution of the peri-implant infection.
1 Clinical situation at initial examination. Deep peri-implant probing depth of 9 mm with bleeding on probing. A draining sinus is observed on the facial peri-implant mucosa. A cemented restoration had been placed at this Straumann soft tissue level implant approximately 4 years prior to the diagnosis of peri-implantitis when the patient was referred for treatment.

2 Radiographic view of the marginal bone levels at the implant before treatment. Mesial and distal bone loss is observed extending to the second thread of the implant. Note the radio-opaque material (excess luting cement) on the distal surface of the implant. Also note the calculus on the mesial surface of the tooth 11.

3 Palatal view of the intrabony defect. Note the palatal wall is intact, making this defect suitable for regeneration.

4 Intrasurgical view of the implant and bony defect after flap elevation and before removal of the excess luting cement on the surface of the implant and crown.

5 After removal of the inflammatory granulation tissue and decontamination of the implant surface the intrabony portion of the defect is filled with Geistlich Bio-Oss® granules. Note the contour and marginal fit of the crown is not ideal, however the patient did not want to have the crown removed.

6 The augmented site is covered with the native collagen membrane Geistlich Bio-Gide®.

7 Postoperative view after suturing. The mucoperiosteal flap is closed to cover the membrane and sutures are placed.

8 Clinical situation 4 months after regenerative surgical treatment at the implant.

9 Follow-up radiograph 12 months post-operatively shows stable bone levels with the defect completely filled.

MATERIAL SELECTION
Geistlich Bio-Oss® granules (size: 0.25–1 mm)
Geistlich Bio-Gide® (size: 13 mm × 25 mm)
AESTHETIC AND FUNCTIONAL TREATMENT
OF PERI-IMPLANTITIS

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RISK FACTORS
No general risk factors. The implant placed too close to the labial plate. It should have been placed by means of a GBR procedure or with a less narrow implant diameter.

IMPLANT
Brånemark implant external hex type. Implant placement 3 years before peri-implantitis diagnosis.

NON-SURGICAL THERAPY
Non-surgical therapy was performed with scaling and routine cleaning. Patient took amoxiline 250 mg 3 times a day for 3 days after cleaning.

MEDICATION DURING SURGICAL PHASE
Amoxicillin 250 mg and Tylenol 25 mg 3 times a day for 3 days. Mouth gargle with Chlorhexidine 5 times a day for one week.

Quintessence

OBJECTIVES
> Aesthetic improvement because of patient complaint about implant shimmering at peri-implantitis site.
> Regenerate horizontal bone defect for maintaining the implant.

CONCLUSION
> Improvements in aesthetics with sufficient keratinized soft tissue.
> Maintenance of implant with stable bony integration.
1 Clinical situation pre-op indicating the loss of bone and soft-tissue.
2 Three months before bone regeneration treatment a soft-tissue augmentation with a connective tissue graft was performed.
3 On the day of the second surgery, the peri-implantitis site shows a comfortable soft-tissue situation.
4 Intraoperative situation showing the defect. Bone decortication is performed in order to support bone regeneration.
5 For decontamination, the implant surface is blasted with beta calciumphosphate and rinsed with saline.
6 Geistlich Bio-Gide® is trimmed to the defect size and placed over the defect.
7 Geistlich Bio-Oss® Collagen is soaked in saline and shaped to cover the defect.
8 The Geistlich Bio-Oss® Collagen is adapted to the defect. It is covered completely by Geistlich Bio-Gide®.
9 Geistlich Bio-Gide® is sutured in order to give more stability to the augmented area.
10 Clinical view after suturing.
11 Post-op CT showing the augmented area on the implant surface.
12 Clinical situation 4 months after surgery showing a stable situation.

MATERIAL SELECTION
Geistlich Bio-Oss® Collagen 100 mg
Geistlich Bio-Gide® 13 x 25 mm
Connective tissue graft
PERI-IMPLANTITIS THERAPY IN THE POSTERIOR MANDIBLE

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RISK FACTORS
Tobacco smoking (5 cigarettes per day).

NON-SURGICAL THERAPY
The first step of the non-surgical therapy includes mechanical debridement with curettes. After rinsing the site, it is further cleaned with ultrasonics and air flow powder (glycine based). As a last step antiseptics are applied: Chlorhexamed (1%) 3 times for 10 minutes.

IMPLANT
Nobel Biocare Replace Straight Groovy. Implant placement 5 years before peri-implantitis diagnosis.

MEDICATION DURING SURGICAL PHASE
Isocillin 1,2 Mega 3 times a day for 7 days.

CONCLUSION
> Improvements in the patient’s oral health were achieved.
> Implant is integrated in a stable manner one year after peri-implantitis therapy.
1 Situation before non-surgical therapy with periodontal probing.
2 Radiographic view before non-surgical therapy.
3 Non-surgical therapy – Treatment with ultrasonic device (a) and glycine-based air flow powder (b).
4 Situation 3 months after post non-surgical therapy following removal of implant crowns and insertion of cover screws.
5 Surgical therapy: Intraoperative implant decontamination with powder air abrasion.
6 Intraoperative view of the decontaminated peri-implant defect.
7 After decontamination, the defect is filled with Geistlich Bio-Oss® granules.
8 Coverage with Geistlich Bio-Gide® to stabilize the augmented area.
9 Postoperative clinical view after suturing.
10 Follow-up picture x-ray after 6 months – panoramic view.
11 Follow-up clinical picture after 6 months – Re-establishment of the implant supported crowns.
12 Follow-up picture x-ray after 12 months.

MATERIAL SELECTION
Geistlich Bio-Oss® small granules (0.25–1 mm)
Geistlich Bio-Gide® 25 x 25 mm
MAINTENANCE OF IMPLANT IN THE MANDIBLE

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**RISK FACTORS**
Diabetes patient (Hb1AC value: 7.2%) and insufficient keratinized tissue around the implant.

**IMPLANT**
Branemark type Nobel Biocare implant, placed 3 months before peri-implantitis diagnosis.

**NON-SURGICAL THERAPY**
No non-surgical therapy because implant was only placed 3 months before peri-implantitis diagnosis.

**MEDICATION DURING SURGICAL PHASE**
Amoxicillin 500 mg 3 times a day for 7 days. Localized use of tetracycline 2min scrub for detoxification.

**OBJECTIVES**
› Maintenance of implant at site 31.
› Regenerate circumfenstrial bone and gain keratinized tissue.

**CONCLUSION**
› Soft-tissue situation is improved.
› 6 months after regenerative surgery, implant is integrated in a stable manner into the surrounding bone.
1 Radiograph after implant insertion showing stable bony situation.
2 The radiographic view 3 months post-op shows the progressive bone loss compared to the initial situation due to peri-implantitis.
3 The clinical situation of the peri-implantitis site pre-op. The lack of keratinized soft tissue is noteworthy.
4 Intraoperative view showing the crater-like defect around the implant.
5 The implant surface is cleaned with tetracycline slurry which was placed on cotton pellets.
6 The bony defect is filled with Geistlich Bio-Oss® granules.
7 The whole augmented area is covered with a Geistlich Bio-Gide® membrane.
8 Clinical view after closing the defect with tension-free sutures.
9 Radiograph taken directly after surgery.
10 5 months after regenerative bone augmentation, a Free Gingival Graft (FGG) is used to improve the soft-tissue situation as seen in picture 3.
11 Clinical situation with final restoration 6 months after bone augmentation procedure.
12 The radiograph after 6 months shows a stable filling of the defect around the implant.

MATERIAL SELECTION
Geistlich Bio-Oss® small granules (0.25–1 mm)
Geistlich Bio-Gide® 25 x 25 mm
Free Gingival Graft (FGG)
IMPLANT THERAPY TO RESTORE MISSING POSTERIOR DENTITION

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RISK FACTORS
No risk factors.

IMPLANT
Astra Tech 4.5 mm × 13 mm TioBlast Implant placement 10 years before peri-implantitis diagnosis.

NON-SURGICAL THERAPY
Deep irrigation with chlorhexidine and application of topical minocycline gel ×2. Additionally, topical minocycline 2% was administered.

MEDICATION DURING SURGICAL PHASE
Amoxicillin 3g (prophylactic), Tetracycline 1g in 20 mL sterile saline local, Amoxicillin 250 mg TDS 1 week post-op. Co-codamol 500/8 mg 4–6 hrly, 2 days, Dexamethasone reducing dose 8 mg, 6 mg, 4 mg, 2 mg over 4 days. Chlorhexidine mouthwash b.d. (twice daily) 1 week.

Quintessence

OBJECTIVES
› Restore 4 quadrants of missing posterior dentition.
› Regenerate bone defect with 3 bony walls remaining.

CONCLUSION
› Posterior dentition could be restored.
› Situation is stable up to two years.
1. Whole mouth area 10 years after implants have been inserted.
2. Pre-op clinical view of the peri-implantitis site at tooth 35.
3. In the radiograph a deep crater-like defect is observable around the implant.
4. A flap is prepared in order to get access to the defected implant surface.
5. Intraoperative situation showing the extended bone loss around the implant.
6. The implant surface is cleaned and decontaminated with Chlorhexidine 0.2%. Exposure for 3–5 minutes followed by Tetracycline wash 1 g in 20 mL of sterile saline.
7. The peri-implant bone defect is filled with Geistlich Bio-Oss® granules (rehydrated in a tetracycline solution).
8. A trimmed Geistlich Bio-Gide® is applied as a double layer in order to stabilize the defect.
9. Postoperative clinical view after suturing.
10. Whole mouth area two years after peri-implantitis treatment.
11. Clinical view of the peri-implantitis site. The implant could be maintained as a result of the peri-implantitis treatment.
12. Follow-up radiograph after two years shows the integration of the implant into newly formed bone.

**MATERIAL SELECTION**

Geistlich Bio-Oss® small granules (0.25–1 mm)
Geistlich Bio-Gide® 25 × 25 mm
AESTHETIC AND FUNCTIONAL PERI-IMPLANTITIS THERAPY IN THE MAXILLA

Patient’s oral health

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**RISK FACTORS**
No risk factors. Patient suffered heavy pain after crown insertion. Pain receded after a couple of weeks.

**IMPLANT**
Ankylos; 3.5 mm diameter, 11 mm length; implant placement 4 years before peri-implantitis diagnosis.

**NON-SURGICAL THERAPY**
Removal of the crown, rinsing with Chlorhexidine-Gel and placement of a cover screw.

**MEDICATION DURING SURGICAL PHASE**
Amoxicillin 750 mg 3 times a day for one week, Chlorhexidine gel rinsing 3 times a day 0.2 %. Pain killer mefenamic acid.

**CONCLUSION**
> Pleasing aesthetic soft-tissue situation could be achieved.
> 3 years after regenerative surgery, the implant still integrated in a stable manner into the regenerated bone.

**OBJECTIVES**
> To restore Peri-implant health, preserve aesthetics and function.
> To treat the circumferential, mainly vertical infrabony defect in order to rebuild the lost hard tissue and to preserve the soft-tissue volume.

**CONCLUSION**
> Pleasing aesthetic soft-tissue situation could be achieved.
> 3 years after regenerative surgery, the implant still integrated in a stable manner into the regenerated bone.
1 Clinical situation 4 years after implant placement.
2 Radiograph shows a peri-implant bone defect. The crown margin is located far too submucosally. A gap is visible between the abutment and the crown.
3 When removing the crown, massive cement excess was visible at the former crown margin. The soft tissue shows accentuated signs of inflammation. The site is rinsed with chlorhexidine for decontamination. A cover screw was applied and left submucosally for healing.
4 3 months after crown removal, access flap surgery was performed. A circumferential bone defect is visible.
5 Geistlich Bio-Gide® is placed and filled underneath with Geistlich Bio-Oss® covering the whole defect area.
6 Geistlich Bio-Gide® completely covers the augmented area and is closed with a tension-free flap.
7 Radiograph directly after regenerative surgery.
8 After 2 months of healing a connective tissue graft is used to improve the soft-tissue situation.
9 6 months after regenerative surgery the final prosthesis is fixed. Clinical situation shows good soft-tissue healing.
10 The radiograph at delivery of final crown displays stable bony situation.
11 Clinical situation 3 years after regenerative surgery displays a stable aesthetic result.
12 A long-term follow-up radiograph after 3 years shows a stable bony situation.

MATERIAL SELECTION
Geistlich Bio-Oss® large granules (1–2 mm)
Geistlich Bio-Gide® 25 x 25 mm
Connective Tissue Graft
REGENERATION OF DEEP PERI-IMPLANTITIS INDUCED BONY DEFECT

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RISK FACTORS
No risk factors.

IMPLANT
SP Ø4.1 RN 12 mm implant placement 6 years before peri-implantitis diagnosis.

NON-SURGICAL THERAPY
Scaling & root planing.

MEDICATION DURING SURGICAL PHASE
Augmentin 1g bid × 6 days.

CONCLUSION
> Deep bone defect could be regenerated.
> Peri-implant tissues could be restored to health, 8 years after placement.

Quintessence

OBJECTIVES
> Functional restoration of implant.
> Regenerate circumferential bone defect at implant in position 44.
Orthopantomography 4 years after implant insertion shows stable interproximal bone around implant in 44.

Two years later (6 years after implant placement) peri-implant bone loss is visible around the implant.

Deep pocket and bleeding on probing mesial and distal to the implant.

After raising a full thickness flap the surface of the implant is cleaned with a titanium brush.

Peri-implant lesion after the removal of granulation tissue and before decontamination of the implant surface.

EDTA is applied to the implant surface to decontaminate the implant surface.

MATERIAL SELECTION

Geistlich Bio-Oss® Collagen 100 mg
Geistlich Bio-Gide® 25 × 25 mm
REGENERATIVE THERAPY OF PERI-IMPLANTITIS DEFECT IN THE MANDIBLE

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RISK FACTORS
Patient systemically healthy, non-smoker.

IMPLANT
Mesial and distal excess cement.

NON-SURGICAL THERAPY
The cemented crown was not removed. The mesial and distal excess cement was removed during non-surgical peri-implantitis therapy of implant 45.

Quintessence

OBJECTIVES
> Access flap and removal of granulation tissue.
> Decontamination of exposed implant surface.
> Regenerative treatment to improve bony situation.

CONCLUSION
> Peri-implant inflammation is resolved (i.e. absence of bleeding and suppuration).
> Shallow residual probing pocket depths.
> Depth of the intraosseous defect is reduced.

MEDICATION AFTER SURGICAL PHASE
> 0.2 % Chlorhexidine rinsing.
> Voltarene Rapid 50 mg.
> Systemic antibiotics (Amoxicillin).
1 Radiograph at delivery of restoration displaying excess cement at the mesial and distal aspect of implant 45.

2 Three years following delivery of the cemented crown, signs of mucosal inflammation are visible around implant 45. On patient request, the cemented crown was not removed.

3 Radiograph showing the crater-like bony defect. Excess cement was previously removed in the nonsurgical phase.

4 The crater-like bony defect is visible following mucoperiosteal flap elevation. Following removal of the granulation tissue, decontamination of the implant surface was performed by means of 0.2% chlorhexidine and saline.

5 Geistlich Bio-Oss® was applied into the defect around implant 45. A Geistlich Bio-Gide® membrane was adapted over the Geistlich Bio-Oss® granules around the implant neck (not shown).

6 Transmucosal healing of implant 45 after regenerative therapy.

MATERIAL SELECTION
Geistlich Bio-Oss® 0.25–1mm small granules
Geistlich Bio-Gide® 25 × 25 mm

7 Post-surgical radiograph of the peri-implant defect filled with Geistlich Bio-Oss® granules.

8 Clinical buccal image of implant 45 two years after regenerative therapy showing healthy soft tissue conditions. The radiographic image shows hard tissue filled mesially and distally from implant 45.

9 Occlusal clinical image 6 years after regenerative therapy.

10 Clinical buccal image 6 years after regenerative therapy showing healthy soft tissue conditions. The patient demonstrates excellent oral hygiene. The radiographic image shows hard tissue filled mesially and distally from implant 45.

11 Lingual clinical image of implant 45 nine years after regenerative therapy.

12 Clinical buccal situation of implant 45 nine years after regenerative therapy. A stable clinical and x-ray situation is in evidence.
REGENERATIVE THERAPY COMBINED WITH IMPLANT PLASTIC SURGERY

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RISK FACTORS
No systemic risk factors.

IMPLANT
Straumann Tissue Level implants.

NON-SURGICAL THERAPY
Mechanical debridement and local antiseptic therapy using CHX.

CONCLUSION
> Stable bone and soft-tissue situation after regenerative surgery.
> Disease resolution and radiographic defect fill.

MEDICATION DURING SURGICAL PHASE
Peri- and postoperative (5 days) Amoxicillin 1000 mg.

Quintessence

OBJECTIVES
> Regeneration of bony defect due to peri-implantitis.
> Restoration of implant in the mandible.

Before therapy.

18 months after therapy.
1. Bleeding and suppuration on two implants in Region 033 and 034.
2. The radiograph shows combined supracrestal- and intrabony defects.
3. After access flap surgery, the granulation tissue was thoroughly removed from the combined defects using conventional curettes.
4. Situation after implantoplasty. Smoothening of the exposed parts of the threads at both supracrestal and buccal aspects.
5. Following decontamination, the intraosseous defect area is filled with Geistlich Bio-Oss®.
7. The edges of the wound are adapted tightly around the implants.
8. Clinical situation free of inflammation at 18-months.
9. Radiograph after 12-months – the structured implant components are covered at the bone level.

MATERIAL SELECTION
Geistlich Bio-Oss® small granules (0.25–1 mm)
Geistlich Bio-Gide® 25 × 25 mm
REGENERATIVE THERAPY OF PERI-IMPLANTITIS IN THE POSTERIOR REGION

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RISK FACTORS
Low risk.

IMPLANT
Astra Implant 4.0 mm × 11 mm TioBlast Implant placement 10 years before peri-implantitis diagnosis.

NON-SURGICAL THERAPY
> Betadine was administered.
> Systemic antibiotics (amoxicillin 1.5 twice a day × 6 days).

MEDICATION DURING SURGICAL PHASE
> Amoxicillin 2 g (prophylactic).
> Chlorhexidine 0.12 % alcohol-free mouthwash b.d. 1 week.
> Pain killer Ibuprofen 400 mg on demand.

Quintessence

OBJECTIVES
> Maintain the implant.
> Regenerate bone defect with 3 bony walls remaining.

CONCLUSION
> Posterior implant and prosthesis could be restored.
> Situation is stable up to 12 months.
1 Initial clinical view.
2 X-ray with a crater like-defect around implant in region 25.
3 Pre-op view after bridge removal. The use of a periodontal probe shows a 7mm pocket depth.
4 View of the defect after debridement and decontamination of exposed implant surface.
5 Filling with Geistlich Bio-Oss® humected by saline.
6 A trimmed Geistlich Bio-Gide® is applied to cover the Geistlich Bio-Oss® and is stabilized by 2 titanium micro-pins.
7/8 Buccal/Palatal view of the suturing technique.
9 Suturing technique with the screw-retained bridge in place.
10 Follow-up radiograph after 11 months of healing.
11 Defect filled with newly regenerated tissue (at 11 months).
12 The 2 titanium micro-pins are removed.
13 Buccal view of the suturing technique.
14 Follow-up radiograph after 12 months (1 month after re-entry).
15 Final clinical view.

MATERIAL SELECTION
Geistlich Bio-Oss® small granules (0.25–1 mm)
Geistlich Bio-Gide® 25 x 25 mm
Titanium micro pins Dentsply Frios®

Jean-Louis Giovannoli
Paris (France)
GEISTLICH BIO-OSS®
Small granules (0.25–1 mm) | Quantities: 0.25 g, 0.5 g, 2.0 g (1 g = 2.05 cm³)
The small Geistlich Bio-Oss® particles allow close contact with the surrounding bone wall. They are recommended for smaller 1-2 socket defects and for contouring autogenous block grafts.

GEISTLICH BIO-OSS®
Large granules (1-2 mm) | Quantities: 0.5 g, 2.0 g (1 g = 3.13 cm³)
The large Geistlich Bio-Oss® granules have more space between the particles than the small granules. Particularly in large defects, this enables improved regeneration over large distances and provides enough space for the ingrowing bone.

GEISTLICH BIO-OSS® COLLAGEN
Geistlich Bio-Oss® (small granules) + 10% collagen (porcine)
Sizes: 100 mg (0.2–0.3 cm³), 250 mg (0.4–0.5 cm³), 500 mg (0.9–1.1 cm³)
Geistlich Bio-Oss® Collagen is indicated for use in periodontal defects and extraction sockets. The 250 mg and 500 mg quantities are suitable for the treatment of larger size defects. Through the addition of collagen Geistlich Bio-Oss® Collagen can be tailored to the morphology of the defect and is particularly easy to apply.

GEISTLICH BIO-GIDE®
Resorbable bilayer membrane | Sizes: 25 × 25 mm, 30 × 40 mm
Geistlich Bio-Gide® consists of porcine collagen and has a bilayer structure – a rough side that faces the regenerated bone tissue and a smooth size that faces the soft tissue. Geistlich Bio-Gide® is easy to handle: it can be positioned easily, adheres well to the defect, and is resistant to tension and tearing.

GEISTLICH COMBI-KIT COLLAGEN
Geistlich Bio-Oss® Collagen 100 mg + Geistlich Bio-Gide® 16 × 22 mm
When used in combination, the system has optimised properties for ridge preservation and minor augmentations according to the GBR principle.

GEISTLICH MUCOGRAFT®
Collagen matrix | Sizes: 15 × 20 mm, 20 × 30 mm
Geistlich Mucograft® is a unique 3D collagen matrix designed specifically for soft-tissue regeneration in the oral cavity. It is indicated for gaining keratinised tissue and for recession coverage. Geistlich Mucograft® provides an alternative to autologous soft-tissue grafts.
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