

Periodontology and its Relationship to Implantology

The advent of osseointegration is the most important scientific event in the past 20 years for the dental profession. The development of implants, providing miraculous solutions to edentulous problems, represents a considerable advance for the benefit of an increasing number of patients. Periodontology has widely contributed to the promotion of osseointegration, and most periodontists are now practising implantology.

Therefore, we actually assist a drift towards tending to present implants as an effective alternative to the conservation of teeth, thus opposing implantology and periodontology.

All this takes us back 30 years when extensive fixed prostheses were the treatment of choice for patients suffering from severe periodontal diseases, offering mechanical solutions for biological problems.

We now know the prognosis of such patients who were prosthetically treated without controlling the infection.

Today, it is time to impose evaluating the results of implantology – the same requirement that applies to periodontology.

It is time to remember that periodontal treatments are effective, that many scientific evidences demonstrate their long-term predictability, and that conservative dentistry is, more than ever, an actuality.

We also know that, for partially edentulous patients, implants cannot be placed unless good periodontal health is present and good oral hygiene is maintained.

We know now that patients suffering from uncontrolled periodontal disease run a high risk of complications and failures ... in implantology.



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