

Immediate placement of adjacent implants in the aesthetic zone

The placement of a single implant is often used to demonstrate how it is possible to obtain a high degree of esthetics with dental implants.

However the invaluable contribution of the adjacent natural teeth can never be ignored or underestimated.

Supra-crestal fibres attached to the root cementum of juxtaposing teeth are entirely responsible for the maintenance of the tip of the interdental papillae which frames our implant-supported crown and helps to ensure an optimal esthetic outcome.

Placement of adjacent implants is much more problematic since it is widely recognised that in the absence of root cementum and supra-crestal fibres it is not possible to maintain a full length papilla and thereby not possible to frame our implant-supported crowns with an optimal gingival profile.

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Course Objectives

- 1 Current concepts related to the classification, prevalence, aetiology and risk factors of such deformities.
- 2 Current concepts related to the therapeutic principles and strategies employed for soft tissue management before, during and after implant surgery.

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