

IMPLANT: DIAGNOSING COMPLICATION- SURGICAL OR PROSTHETIC

The Dental implant technology has paved the way for the best possible treatment available for the edentulous/partially edentulous population of the world. It brings forward the best prosthetic rehabilitation possible today. It is indeed a miracle that works in the favour of enhancement of oral health care today. However, the implant placement and prosthetic rehabilitation is indeed very technique sensitive. The clinicians need to have an in depth knowledge of the pros and cons of the technique so as to make the best use of it. Although, the failure of implant therapy is less or negligible, however, the graph is increasing as the number of incompetent practitioners are taking up the treatment modality without prior training.

It is the duty of a practicing implantologist to be able to help a patient with an ailing/failing implant.

The ability to diagnose the cause of failure of the implant is of prime importance with the increase in the implant failure levels. The cause of failure could be surgical/prosthetic or hygiene related. It is the duty of the implantologist to check the occlusion, the oral hygiene maintenance picture and even check for the screw loosening as is seen in most of the prosthetic failures.

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