Implant restoration in the aesthetic zone using guided surgery and immediate functional loading

Case information
Male patient, 72 years old, with a 3 months prior extract from failed root canal treatment on supported bridge 13–22. Patient would like a fixed prosthodontics for missing teeth. Patient is a medical doctor and more concerned with restorative rather than aesthetic success.

The patient’s general periodontal condition is fair with medical history of cardiovascular disease and on Warfarin at 5 mg per day. Clinical and radiographic evaluation performed on initial visit.
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Treatment Options
The patient was presented with the following treatment options for the replacement of the anterior maxilla. The first option was a 3-unit fixed prosthodontic using teeth #14, #22 and #23 as abutments. Second, an implant restoration for the replacement of the edentulous space at teeth #13, #11, #21 and #22 was determined to be the more conservative option. Option number 2, replacement of the edentulous space at teeth #13, #11, #21 or #22 was accepted.

Treatment description
An inclusive extraoral examination, followed by intraoral examination was performed (Fig 1, 2). The occlusion on the right and left side showed an unclassified molar relationship due to the missing tooth (Fig 3, 4). The SAC classification for implant dentistry was used. An implant site-specific evaluation was then carried out, including an evaluation of the inner occlusal space, in addition to both a hard- and a soft-tissue assessment, showing good ridge dimensions and keratinized tissue volume.

Keratinized tissue width was 8 mm. The CT scan revealed the buccolingual cortical width was 7 mm, mesio-distal width 32 mm. The CT scan revealed the buccolingual cortical width at 7 mm. From the Orthopantomograph, the crest to floor of nose was 16mm (Fig 3). An intraoral periapical radiograph was also taken (Fig 4-6).
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The patient was scanned using an intraoral scanner (TRIOS, 3Shape), CBCT scans (GiANO, Newtom, Italy) and digital impressions were merged using 3Shape Implant Studio® software.

Implant placements (CAMLOG, Germany) were planned using software (Implant Studio) to identify direction and positioning and to create the CAD/CAM guide surgical template.

A CBCT was taken before and after implant placement. During surgery, the drilled template was used as a drill guide. The implant-supported bridge for #13 to #11 and #21 designed using 3Shape software (Dental System™).

After implant placement, postoperative CBCTs were recorded and compared with the preoperative using the McNemar test.

One hour before surgery the patient was given 2g of Amoxillin (400 mg) or ibuprofen (1 g) or paracetamol then the mucoperiosteal flap from tooth 14 to 22 started.

Preparation of the implant bed started with a bone drill sequence. It was planned to place the definitive prefabricated abutment and provisional restoration immediately after surgery.

Fig.5 Bone at the edentulous area

Fig.6 Neighbouring teeth show no bone pathology

Fig.7 Virtual crowns (3Shape, Implant Studio) used for prosthetic driven implant planning and surgical guide design
Summary

During the restorative phase, an impression was taken at implant level according to protocol. This scan set assists in determining the dimensions for assuming the axial alignment and gingival height. An appropriate space was obtained and a good emergence profile of the cement-retained restoration was selected for the case. All information gathered before the actual surgery, together with the guided surgical template ensured an accurate, functional and aesthetic final restoration.

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Digital Workflow Benefits

A comprehensive pre-operative workup is essential for planning the number and type of implants, as well as in identifying the optimum location for implant placement. Prosthesis design and manufacture based on three-dimensional imaging data facilitates the preparation of a guide for the surgical intervention. Using a prosthetic-driven workflow (3Shape Implant Studio) by first placing virtual crowns, helped to ensure proper depths and angulations. Implants were then positioned to accommodate the maximum amount of bone, while establishing optimal support to achieve an aesthetic outcome for the proposed restoration. The result was less postoperative morbidity, due to the surgery being minimally invasive. Guided surgery technique and immediate functional loading helped to create a more predictable procedure. The digital workflow increases patient satisfaction because the procedure provides an immediate aesthetic and functional restoration.

Fig.10 Tooth-supported surgical guide (SurgiGuided, 3Shape, Implant Studio) designed using the stereolithographic scan. (STL scan)

Fig.11 A guided template placed before the start of the operation

Fig.12 Implant placement
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**Advantages of the digital workflow:**
- More efficient communications between the dentist, dental technician and patient
- Diagnostic and restorative software tools allow for the precise, predictable placement of dental implants
- Detailed visualization of the prosthetic outcome prior to the actual treatment due to intraoral scanning, digital treatment planning, guided surgery, and CAD/CAM software
- Guided surgery technique and immediate functional loading create a predictable procedure
- Patient satisfaction increased due to immediate provisionalization and an aesthetic and functional restoration

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**Fig.13** Final abutments designed in 3Shape Dental System

**Fig.14** Fix titanium base with the CAD /CAM abutment

**Fig.15** The emergence profile of the zirconia abutment on Ti-base was sandblast and fixed using resin cement (Multilink Automix, Ivoclar Vivadent)
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Discussion/challenges

Patients must meet the right criteria for being treated with a digital workflow. The restorative team needs a thorough understanding of the techniques and limitations in the digital workflow to ensure a high success rate in the aesthetic zone.
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Fig. 19 Cross-sectional positioning

Fig. 20 Final restoration

Fig. 21 Final restoration
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