Overview – evidence based implant overdentures - success 97% maxilla and mandible

This is an informative and interactive lecture that will change how you practice and think. Critical thinking paths will change the way you see every case.

Why is an implant overdenture an excellent option for your patients? How to discuss and treatment plan implant overdentures for patients with either edentulous arches or terminal dentitions?

The implant consult appointment can be very daunting for the team and many times the patient does not understand the value of various options from simple implant overdentures to full arch fixed or removable solutions like milled bars and “All-on-4®” options. This course will teach a systematic approach to arriving at the various solutions with emphasis on the overdenture component. Dr. MacLean routinely offers all solutions to his patients and then the benefits vs the costs allow the patient to understand the value. He runs a dental practice that is focused on advanced restorative and implant dentistry.

The mandible and the maxilla have unique properties that make “planned” implant overdentures a great option for your patient. This lecture will focus on the factors that are important for surgeons, restorative doctors, and lab technicians to understand when planning this mode of treatment. Prosthetic space will be fully discussed and understood which is critical to the process. Understand the space required to do 2 locators, milled bars and “All-on-4®” procedures.

- How many implants should be placed?
- How to construct an overdenture framework?
- Splinting vs non splinting?
- Milled vs cast bars vs locators?
- What does it cost to do this procedure?

Occlusal schemes for overdentures vs fixed “All on 4®” solutions. How do they differ? What does the literature say? Critical thinking paths for restorative workups and planning. Understand the importance of controlling the occlusion.

The McGill consensus has stated that mandibular two-implant overdentures as first choice standard of care for edentulous patients (2002). There are also other evidence based reports that suggest that this might actually not be in the patient’s best interest but rather a milled implant overdenture bar may be the best option. Regardless, implant overdentures remain to be an innovative alternative for full arch restorations.

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