

IMPLANTS VS. REMOVEABLE FOR A PATIENT WITH DIABETES

EVIDENCE BASED DENTISTRY ROUNDS GERIATRIC DENTISTRY

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PATIENT

- 60 yr old male
- Chief complaint: “I want to replace my missing teeth”
- Patient has nearly full maxillary dentition (including thirds) but is missing several mandibular teeth. He has generalized chronic moderate periodontal disease.

MEDICAL HISTORY

- Medical conditions:
 - congestive heart failure
 - heart murmur
 - type II diabetes (not well controlled)- A1c = 9.5
 - Anemia
 - transient Ischemic attack
 - smoker 1 pack a day
 - sleep apnea
 - gout
 - myocardial infarction 2016 and triple bypass

MEDICATIONS

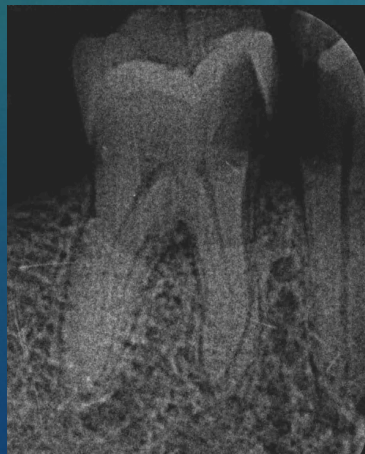
- Allopurinol (uric acid reducer)
- Aspirin (for acute heart attack)
- Atorvastatin-hyperlipidemia
- CoQ10
- Epoetin alfa-epbx injection – (used to combat anemia)
- Famotidine- (GERD)
- Ferrous sulfate- (also for anemia)
- Finasteride-urinary tract
- Fish oil
- Gabapentin- (for diabetic peripheral neuropathy)
- Regular human insulin 3x daily
- Liquid tears
- Losartan
- Metoprolol (beta blocker – high BP)
- Nitroglycerin tablet PRN
- Nystatin –topical for feet
- Sildenafil
- Spironolactone- diuretic
- Tamsulosin-prostate med
- Torsemide-loop diuretic
- Verapamil-calcium channel blocker
high BP
- Vitamin D

DENTAL HISTORY

- Has been a patient of record at the North clinic since 2017
 - lost #24, #25 during intubating for bypass in 2016
 - emergency EXT of #29 #30 due to PARLs and gross decay
 - EXT of #26 and #23 because they were periodontally hopeless
 - underwent 2 rounds of SRP 2017-2019
 - #16 currently has mesial caries, have elected to extract at patient's convenience



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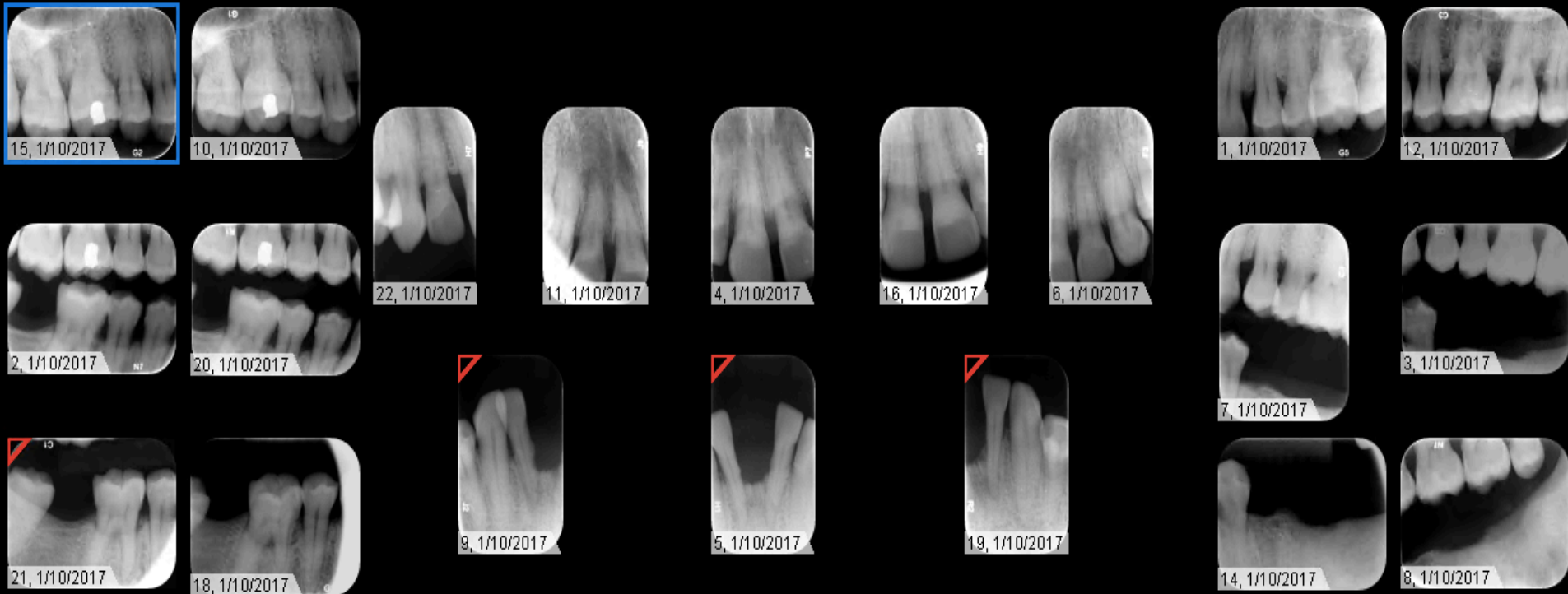


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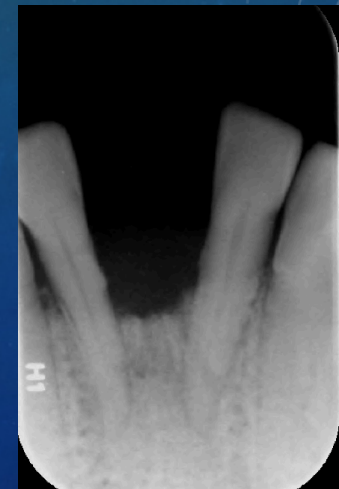


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RADIOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- Missing #3, #31, #25, #24, #20, #19, #18, #17
- Mesial caries #16
- Grossly decayed #30, #29
- Bad crown to root ratio #26 and #23
- Generalized 3-4mm horizontal bone loss



Patient does not appear to have severe alveolar ridge resorption



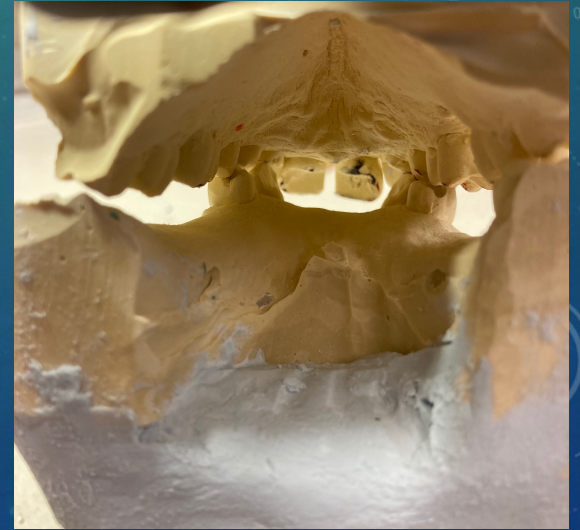
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MOUNTED CASTS



DIAGNOSIS

- Moderate Chronic Periodontitis, high caries risk.
- Non-restorable #30, #29, #26, #23, #16
- #30, #29 symptomatic apical periodontitis due to caries

PROBLEM LIST

- Missing #3, #31, #25, #24, #20, #19, #18, #17
- Mesial caries #16
- Grossly decayed, symptomatic apical periodontitis #30, #29
- Bad crown to root ratio #26 and #23
- Generalized 3-4mm horizontal bone loss with heavy calculus deposits

INTERIM PARTIAL MANDIBULAR DENTURE



#26 and #23



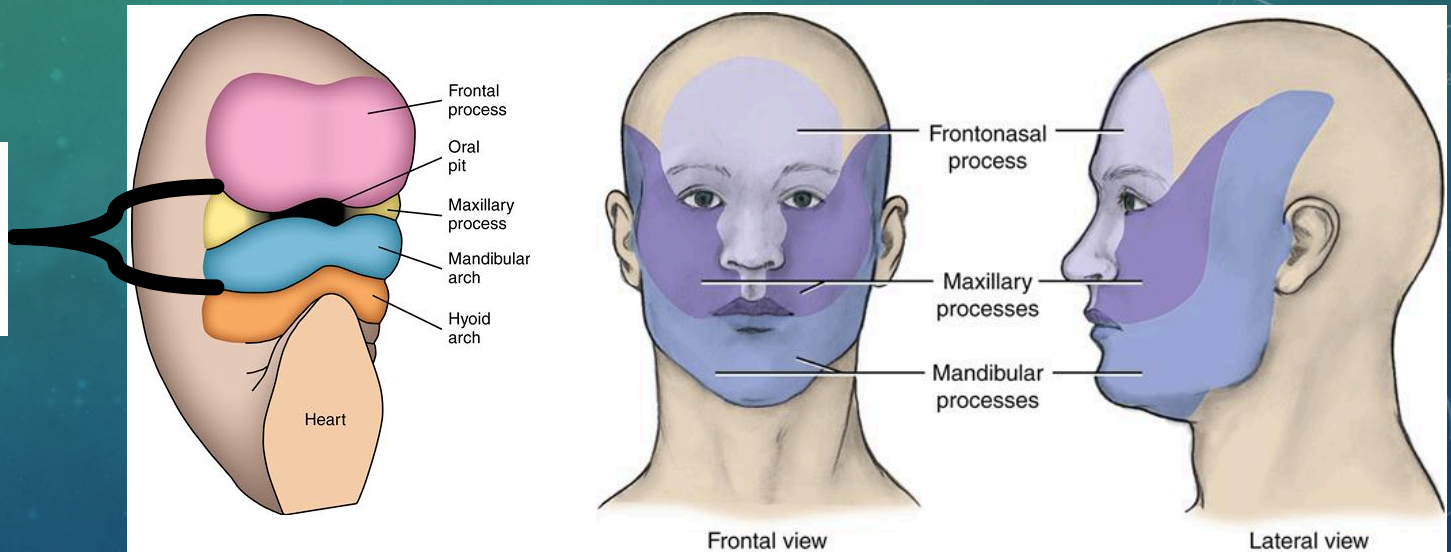
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HOW DOES BONE DIFFER THROUGHOUT THE MANDIBLE AND MAXILLA?

GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT CONTEXT

Arch 1
“Mandibular
Arch”



Differences in bone: mandible & maxilla

Misch in 1988



Bone density	Description	Tactile analogue	Typical anatomic location
D1	Dense cortical	Oak / maple wood	Anterior mandible
D2	Porous cortical and coarse trabecular	White pine or spruce wood	Anterior mandible Posterior mandible Anterior maxilla
D3	Porous cortical (thin) and fine	Balsa wood	Anterior maxilla Posterior maxilla Posterior mandible
D4	Fine trabecular	Styrofoam	Posterior maxilla

HOW DOES ALVEOLAR BONE CHANGE AS ONE AGES?

- Bone overall has impaired function
 - Depends on individual
- Decreased width and length of jaws
 - Age-associated, NOT age attributed
 - Poorer nutrition, changes in oral hygiene, hormonal changes
 - Local factors – chronic periodontitis
 - Systemic osteoporosis
 - Tooth loss

D3 PICO

Clinical Question:

- Should I plan implants or a removable prosthesis for my patient who is a smoker and has diabetes?

PICO FORMAT

P: Elderly patients with missing teeth and diabetes

I: Placing dental implants

C: Placing dental implants in healthy elderly patients with missing teeth

O: Best long-term prognosis

PICO FORMATTED QUESTION

- In elderly patients with missing teeth and diabetes, does placing dental implants have a better or worse long-term prognosis compared to placing dental implants in healthy elderly patients with missing teeth?

CLINICAL BOTTOM LINE

- As long as an elderly patient's diabetes is controlled and properly monitored, there is equal long term success of placing dental implants compared to elderly patients without diabetes.
- Age alone shouldn't be a major factor in determining whether to place dental implants or not.
- Controlled systemic diseases such as diabetes does not stand as a significant contraindication to placing dental implants as long as the disease stays controlled.

SEARCH BACKGROUND

- **Date(s) of Search:** 10/6/2020
- **Database(s) Used:** PubMed
- **Search Strategy/Keywords:**
 - Dental implants, elderly patients, diabetes, systemic disease, long term prognosis, success

SEARCH BACKGROUND

- **MESH terms used:**
 - Age factors, dental implants, diabetes complications, humans, risk factors, survival analysis, smoking, risk factors, dental restoration failure, treatment outcome

ARTICLE 1

-EFFECT OF ADVANCED AGE AND/OR SYSTEMIC MEDICAL CONDITIONS ON DENTAL IMPLANT SURVIVAL: A SYSTEMIC REVIEW AND META-ANALYSIS

- Study Design: Systematic Review and meta-analysis
- Study Need / Purpose: The purpose of this article was to review implant survival in geriatric patients 75 years or older with contributing systemic medical conditions such as diabetes.

ARTICLE 1 SYNOPSIS

- 60 human studies were included
- Recognized the most common chronic conditions in elderly:
 - Cardiovascular disease, cancer, respiratory diseases, diabetes mellitus, cirrhosis of the liver, osteoarthritis and neurocognitive impairments.
- Overall implant survival rate of 97.3% for 1 year and 96.1% for 5 years (solid screw type implants)
- Implant failure defined as loss or removal of implant for any reason
- Peri-implant bone loss ranged from 0.1mm-0.51mm during the first year post loading

ARTICLE 1 CONCLUSIONS

- Advanced age does not seem to negatively affect osseointegration
- Diabetic patients may experience microvascular damage and impaired wound healing. They are at a greater risk to periodontitis and tooth loss.
- HbA1c levels above 8% may result in reduced implant survival
- Placing implants in elderly patients with controlled metabolic disease is a predictable treatment option with a high rate of implant success

ARTICLE 1 SELECTION

- High level of evidence
- Large population in analysis
- Related directly to the case looking at implant prognosis in elderly patients with diabetes

Schimmel, M., Srinivasan, M., McKenna, G., & Müller, F. (2018). Effect of advanced age and/or systemic medical conditions on dental implant survival: A systematic review and meta-analysis. *Clinical oral implants research*, 29 Suppl 16, 311–330. <https://0-doi-org.libus.csd.mu.edu/10.1111/clr.13288>

ARTICLE 2

DENTAL IMPLANTS IN THE ELDERLY POPULATION: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW AND META-ANALYSIS

- Study Design: Systematic review and meta-analysis
- Study Need / Purpose: The purpose of this study was to evaluate the prognosis of placing dental implants in elderly patients 65 and older.

ARTICLE 2 SYNOPSIS

- Article included studies of dental implants placed in both partially and fully edentulous jaws of elderly patients.
- Implants placed were regular diameter (>3mm) and micro-rough surface implants
- Systematic search yielded 2221 publications, 11 studies were included for analysis

Srinivasan, M., Meyer, S., Mombelli, A., & Müller, F. (2017). Dental implants in the elderly population: a systematic review and meta-analysis. *Clinical oral implants research*, 28(8), 920–930. <https://doi-org.libus.csd.mu.edu/10.1111/clr.12898>

ARTICLE 2 CONCLUSIONS

- Mandibular two-implant overdenture therapy is considered a first-choice standard of care in the rehabilitation of completely edentulous patients.
- Dental implants should be a recommended treatment option for edentulous elderly patients to improve their oral function and quality of life.
- Implant survival rates
 - 1 year = 97.7%
 - 3 years = 96.3%
 - 5 years = 96.2%
 - 10 years = 91.2%

ARTICLE 2 SELECTION

- Moderate level of evidence
- High quality articles, low quantity
- Answered part of the PICO in relation to the case of placing dental implants in healthy elderly patients who are edentulous.

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LEVELS OF EVIDENCE

- ☒ **1a** – Clinical Practice Guideline, Meta-Analysis, Systematic Review of Randomized Control Trials (RCTs)
- ☐ **1b** – Individual RCT
- ☒ **2a** – Systematic Review of Cohort Studies
- ☐ **2b** – Individual Cohort Study
- ☐ **3** – Cross-sectional Studies, Ecologic Studies, “Outcomes” Research
- ☐ **4a** – Systematic Review of Case Control Studies
- ☐ **4b** – Individual Case Control Study
- ☐ **5** – Case Series, Case Reports
- ☐ **6** – Expert Opinion without explicit critical appraisal, Narrative Review
- ☐ **7** – Animal Research
- ☐ **8** – In Vitro Research

STRENGTH OF RECOMMENDATION TAXONOMY (SORT)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A – Consistent, good quality patient oriented evidence
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<input type="checkbox"/>	C – Consensus, disease oriented evidence, usual practice, expert opinion, or case series for studies of diagnosis, treatment, prevention, or screening

CONCLUSIONS: D3

- Overall, the research indicates that there is not a significant difference in survival rates of placing implants in elderly patients with or without diabetes.
- Controlled diabetes has no contraindication to including implants as a potential treatment option in elderly patients.
- Had the prognosis been poor in placing the implants, it would indicate leaning on placing a RPD as a treatment option. The research was inconclusive comparing RPDs and implants together.
- For this patient specifically, because the diabetes is not controlled and the patient is a smoker, I would not recommend placing dental implants and go with the removable treatment option to restore the missing teeth.

D3- EXTRA STUDIES

- DENTAL IMPLANTS AND DIABETES MELLITUS – A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW
- Naujokat, H., Kunzendorf, B., & Wiltfang, J. (2016). Dental implants and diabetes mellitus-a systematic review. *International journal of implant dentistry*, 2(1), 5. <https://0-doi-org.libus.csd.mu.edu/10.1186/s40729-016-0038-2>
 - Study contributed to conclusions of great prognosis of dental implants as long as the diabetes is controlled.

D3- EXTRA STUDIES

- SMOKING, RADIOTHERAPY, DIABETES AND OSTEOPOROSIS AS RISK FACTORS FOR DENTAL IMPLANT FAILURE: A META-ANALYSIS
- Chen, H., Liu, N., Xu, X., Qu, X., & Lu, E. (2013). Smoking, radiotherapy, diabetes and osteoporosis as risk factors for dental implant failure: a meta-analysis. *PloS one*, 8(8), e71955. <https://doi-org.libus.csd.mu.edu/10.1371/journal.pone.0071955>
 - This study was added as a reference as to why smoking is a contraindication to placing dental implants.

CONCLUSIONS: D4

Based on your D3's bottom line recommendations, how will you **advise** your patient? I will advise my patient that his particular health situation and dental health history will be better served with a removable prosthesis than an implant supported prosthesis.

How will you **help** your patient? My patient is very esthetically driven. He felt that he was unemployable with missing teeth. Giving him an interim partial as quickly as possible enabled him to find a job. I will help him by giving him realistic expectations as to how much function he will get out of his removable prosthesis and by designing the partial with his esthetic preferences in mind.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Discussion Question

In cases where implants failed in diabetic patients, were they early or late failures?

How does diabetes affect implant prognosis?

Is there a significant difference in implant survival when you compare a controlled vs an uncontrolled diabetic?

How does smoking affect bone healing?

Does a diabetic patients HbA1c directly correlate to implant failure?

Does a person who currently doesn't smoke, but has a history of smoking, affect implant prognosis?

How does implant success vary between the maxilla and mandible in patients who smoke?

If a patient's bone is considered not healthy enough to receive an implant is there a way to remineralize the bone in order to make an implant possible?

Does implant success in a diabetic and/or smoker differ between anterior or posterior arch placement?

Is the failure rate of implant osseointegration higher in smokers? If so, are there protocols in place to lower the rates?

What are the effects of age on implant success?

Are elderly diabetic patients with controlled HbA1C levels candidates for bone grafting procedures in areas of bone loss to improve likelihood of implant osseointegration?

How long does it take to become a viable option for implants after smoking cessation?

How does diabetes affect the healing of bone?

What is the failure rate if a patient starts to smoke again a year after a successful implant?

In general, are there any benefits of choosing one option over the other? If so, what are they?

Is there a difference in choice of implant or removable prosthesis for this patient versus a patient who is only a diabetic or only a smoker?

THANK YOU