Use of Single Unit Implants to effectively treat cases – Case Study & Discussion

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<u>Abstract:</u> Immediate Loading is widely being practiced today all over the world. It is the treatment of choice for most implantologists. Especially with highly specialised designed implants making this treatment modality easier and more reliable. The main risk to a successful immediate loaded implants is micro - movement, more so during the first sigma of bone healing . Splinting helps prevent micro movement and helps distribute stresses. This article outlines the use single piece implants to restore cases faced in the clinic.

Keywords: Immediate loading, splinting of implants, prevention of micro movement at bone implant interface, single piece implants, basal Implants , Compressive Implants.

1.Introduction

The two critical factors that determine the success of an immediate functional loaded case is the proper insertion of the implant into sound bone to achieve high primary stability(1,2) and then the prevention of micro movement along the bone implant interface so as to allow for good healing(3,4).

During the first sigma of bone remodelling, in first week there is an onset of osteoclastic activity(5). This causes the decrease in the primary stability (Fig1.). Traditionally Its not until the completion of 3 - 6 months that the implant is considered integrated and has adequate bone implant contact to sustain masticatory loads(6,7). It is within this period that an immediate functionally loaded implant is at a risk to become mobile as a result of the micro movement at the bone implant interface caused by masticatory forces and a decreasing primary stability due to ongoing osteoclastic activity and bone remodelling(3,4).

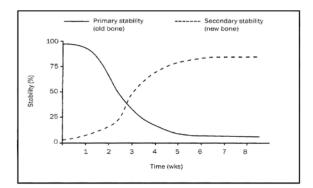


Fig. 1

Hence the 2 most critical steps in immediate loading are proper placement of the implant with high primary stability – progressive insertion torque up to 60 Ncm and there after good occlusal adjustment of the immediate loaded prosthesis, so as to prevent over load, which can cause micro movement in the bone implant interface.

Below are some case successfully restored using this technique.

Case 1









Fig 4

Fig5





- Fig 2 Pre op OPG
- Fig 3 Intra oral picture of decayed teeth under the bridge
- Fig 4 Immediate placement of compression implants following extraction
- Fig 5 Final PFM bridge in place after 5 days
- Fig 6 Post operative OPG

Discussion: The Mandibular anterior region has good quality and quantity of bone and is not limited by any vital structures , this makes it an ideal site for immediate loading as implants can be placed with high primary stability and longer implants can be placed in cases post extraction so that the implant threads can engage sound bone below the extraction sockets.

Case 2





Fig 8



Fig 9

Fig 10

- Fig 7 Pre operative OPG
- Fig 8 Pre operative Intra oral picture
- Fig 9 Post operative Intra oral picture
- Fig 10 Post operative OPG

Discussion:

Geriatric cases with health and cost concerns can be easily treated with single piece implants. This combination of teeth and implants can be used to create limited objective shortened arch restoration so that basic masticatory function and also aesthetics can be easily provided in few easy steps. However careful planning is required - proper selection of teeth to retain, only rigid and healthy teeth can be used, implants must be strategically placed so that they can support the masticatory load and margins of the prosthesis must be good especially around the natural abutments so as to prevent cervical decay in the future.







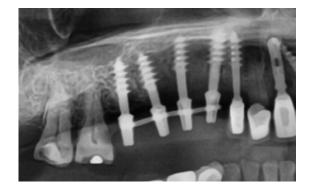


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Fig 11 – Pre operative Xray showing failing bridge 13,14,15,16

Fig 12 – Post operative picture of immediate provisional post immediate implant placement

Fig 13 – Post operative Xray showing use of basal single piece implants to engage the corticals near the sinus floor and welded together with an intra oral syncrystalliser.

Discussion:

Basal implants engage the dense cortical bone, the apical thread of the implants engage bone beyond the extraction socket and the cortical bone giving the implant good primary stability. The micro movement at bone implant interface can further be reduced by rigid splinting by use for titanium bar which has been welded across the abutments intra orally by use of syncrystalliser. This combination is now safe for immediate loading and provides a simple practical solution to the case.

Case 3



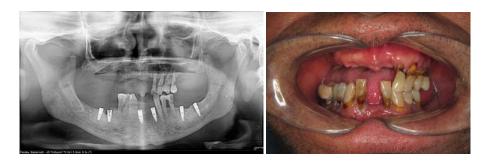


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Fig 18

- Fig 14 Pre operative OPG
- Fig 15 Pre operative intra oral picture
- Fig 16 Immediate implant placement after extraction of upper teeth
- Fig 17 Post operative OPG
- Fig 18 Post operative intra oral picture

Discussion:

Here a combination of single piece implants and 2 piece implants have been used to achieve the treatment objectives. The upper arch was immediately loaded. Basal implants due to their unique design are ideally suited for narrow ridges and immediate extraction cases. An important point is that they have to be placed so that the apex engages the cortex in that region – sinus floor / nasal floor. Placing them palataly also helps stability as palatal bone is denser.

Case 5



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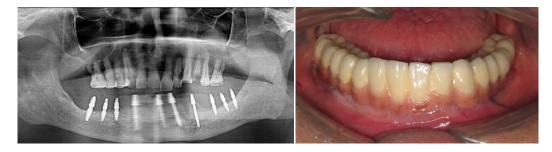




Fig 22

- Fig 19 Pre operative picture
- Fig 20 Post operative picture
- Fig 21 Post operative OPG
- Fig 22 Post operative picture

Discussion:

The single piece implants provide us with the option of an easy flapless approach. This dramatically reduces post operative pain and swelling and also makes the implant procedure itself much more comfortable and shorter. Typically 8 – 10 implants can be used for an immediate functionally loaded

Case 6



Fig 23





Fig 26





- Fig 23 Pre operative picture
- Fig 24 Pre operative OPG
- Fig 25 Post op 3 days
- Fig 26 Immediate prosthesis on day 7
- Fig 27 Post op after 1 year OPG

Discussion:

Combination of basal and compressive implants can be used very successfully to rehabilitate cases that have sever periodontal problems. Implants can be placed into the basal bone immediate post extraction. All active infection must be removed using curretts and betadine irrigation prior to implant placement. Group function occlusal scheme should be given and cuspal inclinations and incisal guidance must be as low as possible.

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