

## Treatment Options Before and After Edentulism

Tooth Supported Overdentures

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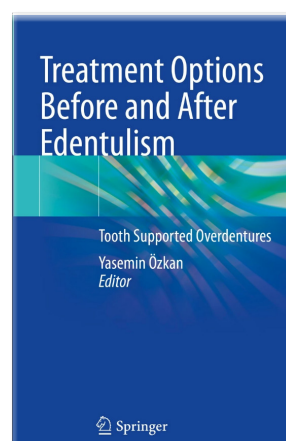
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Books Review

*Treatment Options Before and After Edentulism*, a book edited by Yasemin Özkan, addresses an often overlooked but highly significant topic in dentistry: how to manage the transition from partial to complete edentulism in patients who are not candidates for fixed implant-supported prostheses-whether due to medical, anatomical, or financial constraints.

The book focuses on tooth-supported overdentures, also known as attachment-retained overdentures. It details the various types of attachments used in these restorations, including ball or locator attachments, bar attachments, telescopic attachments, and magnetic attachments. The authors explain the principles behind each system, outline the clinical indications and contraindications, and provide guidance for appropriate case selection.

Structured into nine chapters, the book offers a comprehensive approach:

- The first two chapters cover the fundamental principles of attachment-retained overdentures and review all the prosthetic systems suitable for such cases.
- The next four chapters explore each type of attachment system in detail. Each is richly illustrated with clinical images that highlight specific indications and techniques.
- The final three chapters are devoted to essential clinical protocols: case assessment to determine the appropriate type of restoration, tooth preparation procedures for attachment placement, and post-treatment maintenance-all critical steps for ensuring long-term success and restoration longevity.

By addressing a subject rarely covered in dental literature, *Treatment Options Before and After Edentulism* fills an important gap. The book is especially valuable for prosthodontists, but it also serves as a practical guide for general dentists who frequently encounter such challenging cases in daily practice.



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