Short Implants

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Recently, the field of oral implantology has undergone a change in orthodoxy with the innovation of using the approximately 6 mm-long short implant without the need to augment bone grafting to gain vertical height for optimal implant restoration.

Clinical Associate Professor Boyd J. Tomasetti, BA, DMD at the School of Dentistry of the University of Colorado, USA and Professor Rolf Ewers, MD, DMD, PhD, Chairman of the CMF Institute for Cranio-Maxillofacial and Oral Rehabilitation, Navigation Surgery and Telemedicine in Vienna, Austria, as editors, together with 26 contributors provide the readers with a comprehensive guide to short implants.

"Short Implants" has 14 chapters which define the clinical indications and present restorative and laboratory considerations based on these types of implants.

The history of dental implants, the indications and contraindications of short implants are presented in the first chapters. The following chapters address short implants and early Brånemark team developments, the possibility of reduced grafting without restorative compromise and historical perspectives of the short implants.

The significance of bone–implant contact in short implants and clinical impact and the survival of short and ultrashort plateau root form implants are convincingly recorded in the following chapters.

Readers also have the opportunity to find an extensive description of the short and ultra-short implant role in reconstruction in both cleft patients and cancer patients who have lost portions of their mandible and/or maxilla, minimally invasive sinus lift and in the atrophic jaws.

The last chapters present in detail restoration techniques based on Bicon short implants and the development of personal practice by using a new type of implant.

Professor Boyd J. Tomasetti and Professor Rolf Ewers and the 26 contributors managed to present the readers with a comprehensive guide to short and ultrashort implants for practitioners interested in learning a new opportunity to stand out from those who use only traditional long implants.

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