Peri-implant Bone Regeneration in Immediate and Immediate-Delayed Implantation

Scientific Background, Experts’ Treatment Reports and Cases using Alloplastic Biomaterials

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Bone gaps, smaller bone dehiscence and fenestration defects are frequently encountered when placing implants in an extracted socket (Esposito et al. 2006).

Such defects can be treated before Implantation or at the same time using regenerative therapies to achieve optimal results in terms of both function and aesthetics.

Although the treatment depends on the individual clinical situation, outcomes may be optimized by following general principles and guidelines.

In order to discuss such guidelines, the authors of this Guidebook met in Baden, Switzerland, in January 2015 to develop a guideline for the use of alloplastic materials in the immediate or immediately delayed implant indication. The guideline was based on a review of scientific literature in addition to the authors’ clinical experience.

This Guidebook consolidates scientific evidence on regenerative procedures with the practical considerations after tooth extraction with a specific focus on application of alloplastic biomaterials predominantly in a minimally invasive approach.

The successful application of these treatment guidelines in the clinical practice are further illustrated with original clinical cases by the authors which demonstrate the use of GUIDOR® easy-graft® CLASSIC, GUIDOR easy-graft CRYSTAL and the GUIDOR biodegradable matrix barrier in cases of immediate and immediate-delayed Implantation.
Introduction

According to Bränemark’s original protocol for 2-stage implant treatment, surgical placement is carried out around 6 to 8 months after tooth extraction followed by a 3 to 6 months osseointegration period, resulting in treatment time that can easily exceed 1 year (Bränemark 1983). Further concerns associated with such a conservative approach are missing functionality during the treatment period, the inevitable resorption of the alveolar bone, the burden of several successive surgical interventions with their associated risks, as well as the psychological impact on the patient (Koh et al. 2010).

In an attempt to shorten the overall treatment time between extraction and the final restoration of the osseointegrated implant, the number of surgical interventions, as well as to reduce the cost and the patient’s discomfort, the immediate placement of implants at the time of tooth extraction was proposed. Unfortunately, the immediate placement of a dental implant following extraction brings its own potential disadvantages such as the enhanced risk of infection and the lack of soft tissue closure that may increase the rate of complications and implant failure (Chen et al. 2004, Esposito et al. 2010a). Therefore, the successful implementation of this protocol demands an ideal initial bone and soft tissue situation and a low risk profile of the patient, which limits its broader application.

In order to overcome these potential problems, the immediate-delayed placement of implants was proposed. According to this concept, the clinicians will wait between 2 to 8 weeks after tooth extraction before placing the implant in which time a soft tissue healing will have occurred, thus, decreasing the risk of infections (Esposito et al. 2010a; Esposito et al. 2010b, Koh et al. 2010). Although, short-term survival rate of implant placement in an immediate, immediate-delayed approach may achieve similar levels than with the traditional two-stage (late) approach (Esposito et al. 2010a; Chen et al. 2004), long-term data remains inconclusive (Chen et al. 2004, Koh et al. 2010, Esposito et al. 2010a, Schropp et al. 2003). What is conclusive when reviewing recent publications and protocols is that immediate or immediate-delayed implants are typically placed in a more palatal position than the previous tooth root thus creating a gap (the jumping distance) between the implant surface and the labial buccal plate of the alveolus (Sanz et al. 2012). In more challenging situations, one or more bony walls of the post-extraction socket are partly or completely missing resulting in exposure of a larger portion of the implant surface after implant placement. Such fenestration or dehiscence type defects may reduce the potential of the implant to become fully osseointegrated, which might increase long-term complications. Filling this peri-implant gaps and defects with a grafting matrix barrier would be of crucial importance to prevent micro-movement between bone and implanted material that promotes ingrowth of fibrous tissue and obliterates de novo bone formation at the defect site (Wang et al. 2006).

To improve initial stability of bone graft particulates in the defect site, mouldable alloplastic bone graft substitutes with in situ hardening properties have been proposed that have demonstrated excellent handling properties and osseointegration (Ruffieux et al. 2010, Leventis et al. 2014a; Schmidlin et al. 2013, Troedhan et al. 2014).

Scope and Terminology

This guidebook focuses on peri-implant bone grafting procedures in the immediate or immediate-delayed indication. The authors present their treatment concepts and surgical procedures for achieving predictable clinical results using the alloplastic biomaterials: GUIDOR easy-graft CLASSIC, GUIDOR easy-graft CRYSTAL and GUIDOR bioresorbable matrix barrier.

Other aspects of the implant therapy such as the implant insertion and prosthetic treatment will not be covered here. The reader is directed to publications and guidelines of groups and associations such as the ITI, EAO, EDI as well as other international and national dental organisations.

Indications:

This guidebook discusses treatment of bone gaps (the jumping gap), peri-implant fenestration and dehiscence type defects around implants placed immediately or in the immediately-delayed (allowing for soft tissue closure) protocol after tooth extraction.

Terminology:

Immediate Implantation: Implant placement in the same surgical session as tooth extraction.

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Classification of extraction socket based on the presenting hard and soft tissue situation (Elian et al. 2007).

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Basic Considerations for Implant Placement

During the expert meeting, the authors agreed that the following considerations should be regarded as basic knowledge in regenerative therapy:

- The risk profile of the patient has to be evaluated before planning any implant therapy (Koh et al. 2010, Chen et al. 2014). For evaluating aesthetic risks, the risk profile proposed by the ITI may be used (Table 1, Martin et al. 2006).
- The surgeon has to consider the biological principles of bone formation and osseointegration: If bone defects exceed a critical size they will not heal spontaneously and bone grafting has to be performed (Chen et al. 2004). Bleeding in the defect is critical since the formation of a stable blood clot is a prerequisite for vascularization and bone ingrowth (Wang et al. 2006). It must be recognized that subsequent contraction of the blood clot and retraction from the bone walls may compromise bone healing and result in necrosis.
- Due to resorption of the bundle bone, tooth extraction is usually followed by loss of hard and soft tissue (Schropp et al. 2003, Araujo et al. 2005).
- This resorption takes place irrespective of immediate implant placement and especially in sites with thin buccal bone walls such as those often present in the anterior region (Botticelli et al. 2004a, Huynh Ba et al. 2010).
- A ridge preservation procedure is recommended to maintain ridge dimensions (Vignoletti et al. 2012, Hämmerle et al. 2012). According to Hämmerle et al., ridge preservation is performed to maintain the existing soft and hard tissue envelope, maintain a stable ridge volume for optimal functional and aesthetic outcomes and to simplify later treatment procedures.
- Clot stability is a prerequisite for new bone formation (Wang et al. 2006). Therefore, the graft material must be stabilized and immobilized. The alloplastic bone graft material GUIDOR easy-graft hardens in situ when in contact with blood. This may present a relevant advantage over particulate graft materials in certain indications (Troedhan et al. 2014).
- The choice of resorption format (easy-graft CLASSIC or easy-graft CRYSTAL) is dependent on the individual clinical situation and the preference of the surgeon.
- Membranes and barrier materials, such as GUIDOR matrix barrier, are usually applied over the defect to prevent soft tissue ingrowth and further improve graft containment and stabilization (Wang et al. 2006, Lundgren et al. 1994b).
- In aesthetic sites, an optimal soft tissue emergence profile may need to be created using appropriate provisional restorations (Koh et al. 2010). In case of a high lip line and a thin biotype, surgeons should be aware of the consideration to place a connective tissue graft or suitable alternative material to thicken the soft tissue.
- As with any surgical procedures, surgeons should be familiar with the treatment procedures and must follow general guidelines for surgical and implant therapy.

Table 1: Aesthetic risk profile (adapted from Martin et al. 2006)

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<th>Low risk</th>
<th>Moderate risk</th>
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<td>Light smoker (&lt;10 cigs/day)</td>
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<td>Patient’s aesthetic expectations</td>
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<td>Medium</td>
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<td>Lip line</td>
<td>Low</td>
<td>Medium</td>
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<td>Gingival biotype</td>
<td>Low scalloped, thick</td>
<td>Medium scalloped, medium thick</td>
<td>High scalloped, thin</td>
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<td>Shape of tooth crowns</td>
<td>Rectangular</td>
<td>Slightly triangular</td>
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<td>Infection at implant site</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Chronic treated</td>
<td>Acute</td>
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<td>Bone level at adjacent teeth</td>
<td>≤5mm to contact point</td>
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<td>Alveolar crest without bone deficiency</td>
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“Experts” Consensus for immediate or immediate-delayed Implantation

During the expert meeting the authors agreed on the following statements:

- Tooth extraction has to be performed using an atraumatic method such as that described in the Sunstar GUIDOR “Ridge Preservation Protocol” Guidebook (Schug et al. 2013).
- Risk factors have to be considered for achieving an optimal outcome. These include systemic medical conditions, smoking, alcoholism, oral hygiene and soft tissue profile (biotype).
- The presence of acute infection has to be excluded in case of immediate implant placement.
- Implants can be placed either immediately in an extraction socket, immediate-delayed (after soft tissue closure) or in a healed site.

Materials

GUIDOR easy-graft alloplastic bone graft substitute

GUIDOR easy-graft is an alloplastic bone augmentation material that is applied directly from the syringe into the defect. The mouldable adhesive granules can be shaped in the defect. When in contact with blood, the material hardens within minutes to form a porous defect analogue. GUIDOR easy-graft products are 100% alloplastic and do not contain substances of animal or human origin.

GUIDOR easy-graft is available in two formats: easy-graft CLASSIC and easy-graft CRYSTAL:

- easy-graft CLASSIC consists of coated, phase pure β-tricalcium phosphate (β-TCP). During healing, easy-graft CLASSIC is completely resorbed and replaced by newly formed bone within a time period of 5–15 months. No material remains.
- easy-graft CRYSTAL consists of coated biphasic calcium phosphate (compound of 60% hydroxyapatite and 40% β-TCP). The β-TCP component is completely resorbed and replaced by newly formed bone whilst the hydroxyapatite portion remains integrated in the newly formed bone providing long-term volume stability.

GUIDOR bioresorbable matrix barrier

GUIDOR matrix barrier is the first and most widely studied alloplastic matrix and barrier technology.

Composed of a resorbable alloplastic polymer, GUIDOR matrix barrier is presented in a unique multi-layered design which stabilizes the wound site, aids in early integration of gingival connective tissues and effectively impedes epithelial down-growth. Laser-cut pores on the upper and lower layers allow fluid exchange whilst varying pore diameters allow selective tissue integration contributing to a favourable soft-tissue response and outstanding clinical results (Rosen 2010).

GUIDOR matrix barrier is easy to handle, adapts well to varying defect shapes and it provides a barrier effect for a minimum of 6 weeks (Lundgren et al. 1994a) after which the material degrades to water and carbon dioxide.

- GUIDOR matrix barrier is available in a selection of configurations as appropriate to the guided bone (GBR) and guided tissue (GTR) indications. For GTR an additional thick sealing collar and integrated suture ensure “true cell occlusion” (Fugazzotto 2011).
Based on the scientific literature and their clinical experience, the authors agreed on the following treatment pathways for using alloplastic biomaterials in immediate and immediate-delayed implant placement.

**Objective: Immediate Implant Placement**

Risk factors to be considered for an optimal outcome:
Systemic medical conditions, smoking, alcoholism, oral hygiene and soft tissue profile (biotype).

Atraumatic extraction

Determine integrity of buccal wall

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<td>Per-implant gap &lt;1.5mm</td>
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<td>Implant placement if sufficient stability can be achieved</td>
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<td>Fill the gap with e-g (small granules)</td>
<td>Fill the gap with e-g (large granules)</td>
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**Objective: Immediate-delayed Implant Placement**

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<td>Case specific implant placement if sufficient stability can be achieved</td>
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**Figure 1:** Decision tree for Immediate Implant placement

*e-g: GUIDOR easy-graft
*barrier: GUIDOR matrix barrier

**Figure 2:** Decision tree for Immediate-delayed Implant placement
Case Reports

Immediate Implantation

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Immediate Implantation

Dr. Leventis

**Status of buccal wall**
- Socket with intact buccal wall

**Peri-implant gap**
- > 1.5mm

**Tooth**
- 11

**Follow-up**
- 14 months

**Socket filling:**
The 3mm buccal gap was filled with GUIDOR easy-graft CRYSTAL (1 x 0.25ml). Graft was placed buccally and condensed with bone grafting instrument (bone condenser from STOMA) in order to fill the jumping distance up to the level of the buccal bone.

**Wound closure:**
The biomechanical properties of GUIDOR easy-graft resulted in a stable site which did not require a flap. The grafted site was covered with a haemostatic sponge and cross-mattress suture to stabilize the wound without obtaining primary closure. Soft tissue healing occurred by secondary intention.

**Mechanical protection of the surgical site:**
A provision acrylic bridge was immediately cemented to the left maxillary incisor with a pontic protecting the site without applying any pressure.

**Medication & post-surgical care:**
Amoxicillin 500 mg every 8 hours for 1 week and Nimesulide 100 mg every 12 hours for 2 days post-op. The patient was advised to rinse with Chlorhexidine 3 times/day for 1 week and to use a soft brush.

**Clinician:**
Dr. Minas Leventis

**Patient:**
Female, 45 years old

**Initial situation:**
Root fracture of maxillary right incisor thus the root could not be restored. The tooth had a restoration with post and crown for many years.

**Material used:**
GUIDOR easy-graft CRYSTAL, Paltop 3.25 x 11.5 mm dental implant.

**Treatment:**
Immediate implantation following flapless atraumatic (periosteal) extraction with close attention given to preserving buccal hard and soft tissues. Intense socket debridement and rinsing with sterile saline. Preceded placement of the 3.25 x 11.5mm implant at the correct 3D position. Immediate implant placement shortened the treatment time with less surgical intervention and reduced morbidity.
**Immediate Implantation**

Dr. Flichy

**Status of buccal wall**
- Intact buccal wall

**Peri-implant gap**
- > 1.5mm

**Tooth**
- 24

**Follow-up**
- 24 months

**Socket filling:**

The 4 mm peri-implant/buccal gap was filled with GUIDOR easy-graft CRYSTAL. The biomaterial was placed and condensed with an amalgam packer and periotome to fill the site to the level between buccal bone and gingiva.

**Wound closure:**

The biomechanical properties of GUIDOR easy-graft resulted in a stable site which did not require a flap or membrane for containment. The gingiva was sutured to approximate the wound edges.

**Mechanical protection of the surgical site:**

No prosthesis or other mechanical protection was necessary after the surgery.

**Medication & post-surgical care:**

Prescription of Amoxicillin 750 mg 1/8h 7 days; Ibuprofen 600 mg 1/8h 5-7 days; Paroex 0.12% 3 times/day 10 days; hyaluronic acid 0.6% 5-6 times/day (for soft tissue healing).

**Final restoration:**

A CAD-CAM screwed prosthesis was made by BioCam Company. The design and fabrication of the prosthesis and the ceramic coverage was made by Dinnbier Dental laboratory. Clinical and radiological follow-up was made at 6 months.
Immediate Implantation
Dr. Flichy

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**Socket filling:**
The buccal gap was filled with GUIDOR easy-graft CRYSTAL and condensed with an amalgam packer and periotome to the level between the buccal bone and gingiva.

**Wound closure:**
The biomechanical properties of GUIDOR easy-graft resulted in a stable site which did not require a flap or membrane for containment. A suture was used to gently approximate the wound edges with healing by secondary intention.

**Medication & post-surgical care:**
Prescription of Amoxicillin 750 mg 1/8h 7 days; Ibuprofen 600 mg 1/8h 5-7 days; Paroex 0.12% 3 times/day 10 days; hyaluronic acid 0.6% 5-6 times/day (for soft tissue healing).

**Final restoration:**
A CAD-CAM screw retained prosthesis was made by BioCam Company. The design and fabrication of the prosthesis was made by Sr. Javier Ortolà at Dinnbier Dental laboratory and placed by Dr. Isabel Rodriguez.

**Treatment:**
The tooth extraction was performed atraumatically to maintain the buccal plate. After extraction the socket was degranulated and the implant placed according to the ideal anatomical aspects. An insertion torque value of 35 N was recorded.

**Clinician:**
Dr. Antonio Flichy

**Patient:**
Female, 44 years old

**Initial situation:**
Apical lesion without option to save mandibular molar, tooth 46.

**Material used:**
GUIDOR easy-graft CRYSTAL, Mozo-Grau Inhex 3.75 x 11.5mm dental implant.

**Status of buccal wall**
Peri-implant gap
Tooth
Follow-up

**Situation after atraumatic extraction and cleaning of the socket. A good maintenance of the septum was achieved, which was necessary for the stability of the immediate implantation.**

**Occlusal view of situation after grafting with GUIDOR easy-graft CRYSTAL. No suture was made and healing occurred by secondary intention.**

**X-ray of situation with the immediate implant placement and GUIDOR easy-graft CRYSTAL filling.**

**Panoramic x-ray of situation after 18 months.**

**View in the moment of the crown placement 6 months post-op.**

**Panoramic x-ray of situation after atraumatic extraction of tooth 46 with immediate implant placement. The implant was positioned between the apex and septum of the distal root (forces on crown higher in distal part). The implant was set 1.5mm below the buccal plate level.**

**Preservation of Amoxicillin 750 mg 1/8h 7 days; Ibuprofen 600 mg 1/8h 5-7 days; Paroex 0.12% 3 times/day 10 days; hyaluronic acid 0.6% 5-6 times/day (for soft tissue healing).**

**Status of buccal wall**
Peri-implant gap
Tooth
Follow-up
Immediate Implantation
Dr. Kakar

Status of buccal wall
Peri-implant gap
Tooth
Follow-up

Intact buccal wall
> 1.5mm
13
4 months

Socket filling:
The buccal gap was filled with GUIDOR easy-graft CRYSTAL. The easy-graft was placed and condensed to fill the site to the level of the neck of the implant. The graft was overfilled over the implant neck.

Wound closure:
The biomechanical properties of GUIDOR easy-graft resulted in a stable site which did not require a flap or membrane for containment. Tissue approximation was done using one interrupted and one cross mattress suture.

Medication & post-surgical care:
Post-operative antibiotics were prescribed for a period of 5 days (Amoxicillin and Clavulinate) 1 gram BID. Ibuprofen 600 was also prescribed to be taken as required.

Clinician:
Dr. Ashish Kakar

Patient:
Female, 72 years old

Initial situation:
The tooth 13 was fractured after an endodontic treatment. The fracture was at the gingival margin and it was decided to extract the tooth and to replace it with a single tooth implant in the area.

Material used:
GUIDOR easy-graft CRYSTAL
Xive dental implant (Dentsply - Germany).

Treatment:
The fractured tooth was extracted using minimal invasive atraumatic techniques. Periotomes and luxators were used to gently luxate the tooth out of the socket. Care was taken to preserve the integrity of the marginal gingival tissues. No flaps were reflected to preserve the periosteal blood supply in the area. A single implant Xive (Dentsply - Germany, 3.4 x 13mm) was placed in the prepared osteotomy site. The osteotomy was performed using a palatal approach for the implant placement thus preserving the thin buccal plate. The implant was placed about 1mm sub-crestally.
**Immediate Implantation**

**Dr. Leventis**

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**Implant placement and GBR:**

Immediately after extraction an implant was placed in without raising a flap. The correct positioning of the implant not only ensures an aesthetic and functional final restoration but also allows for adequate space between the implant surface and the thin buccal bone wall to perform guided bone regeneration. A resorbable polymer matrix (GUIDOR matrix barrier) was contoured into V-shape and placed in the internal aspect of the socket to support the thin bone and to cover a small fenestration. The stiffness of GUIDOR matrix barrier allowed for easy insertion into the socket and its space maintaining aspect allowed placement labially, without folding or collapsing. The gap between GUIDOR matrix barrier and implant was filled and condensed with GUIDOR easy-graft CLASSIC.

**Wound closure:**

A haemostatic sponge was placed over the site and a tension-free cross mattress suture was made to stabilize the site. Primary wound closure was not required. Soft tissue healing occurred by secondary intention.

**Mechanical protection of the surgical site:**

An ovate pontic provisional Maryland restoration was bonded to the adjacent teeth immediately post-op. The pontic of the acrylic tooth was shaped in order to seal the site without applying pressure and to guide the soft tissue healing in terms of contour. This permitted the gradual proliferation of newly-formed epithelium over the grafted site and under the pontic of the provisional tooth.

**Medication & post-surgical care:**

Amoxicillin 500 mg every 8 hours for 1 week and Nimesulide 100 mg every 12 hours for 2 days post-op. Rinsing with Chlorhexidine 3 x day for 1 week and use of a soft brush advised.

**Treatment:**

Non-surgical “atraumatic” extraction of tooth 11 without raising a flap. Extraction performed by periotome to mobilize the tooth and forceps with gentle elliptical movements. Care was given not to damage the interproximal papillae and the buccal soft and hard tissues. The socket was thoroughly debrided with bone curettes and special round diamond-coated burs and rinsed with sterile saline.

Immediate implant placement shortened the overall treatment time, and the flapless approach reduced morbidity and limited the buccal bone resorption due to preservation of an intact peristeam. However, immediate implant placement is a technique-sensitive procedure where every step (extraction socket debridement, implant placement and positioning, GBR and provisional restoration) must be carefully planned and executed.

In this case a thin buccal wall (< 1mm) is present and as such a degree of resorption will take place, meaning that auxiliary hard and soft tissue augmentation procedures are recommended, especially in highly demanding aesthetic cases.

Failing maxillary right central incisor. CBCT showed thin buccal bone plate with small fenestrations, external resorption of the root and chronic periapical infection. The goal was to maintain soft and hard tissue and to preserve the site architecture.

Atraumatic flapless extraction. Note the external resorption at the crestal part of the root.

After implant placement GUIDOR-matrix barrier was trimmed and placed into the socket over the defective buccal wall.

The gap is filled with GUIDOR easy-graft CLASSIC up to the crestal level of the surrounding bone.

A haemostatic sponge was placed over the site and stabilised with a tension-free cross mattress suture.

An ovate pontic provisional Maryland restoration was bonded to the adjacent teeth immediately post-op.

**Clinician:**

Dr. Minas Leventis

**Patient:**

Female, 23 years old, smoker

**Initial situation:**

The maxillary right central incisor was diagnosed as hopeless due to external resorption of the root and chronic periapical infection. History of trauma-extrusion and re-implantation of the tooth 11 years ago.

**Material used:**

GUIDOR easy-graft CLASSIC, GUIDOR matrix barrier, connective tissue graft, Nobel Active 4.3 x 15mm dental implant.

**Follow-up:**

Tooth 11 > 1.5mm

Failing maxillary right central incisor. CBCT showed thin buccal bone plate with small fenestrations, external resorption of the root and chronic periapical infection. The goal was to maintain soft and hard tissue and to preserve the site architecture.

Atraumatic flapless extraction. Note the external resorption at the crestal part of the root.

Immediately post-op the healing abutment was placed. Note the enhanced soft tissue stability allowing for the placement of an implant supported provisional restoration.

2 weeks after a screw-retained provisional acrylic crown was placed. The connective tissue graft was successfully integrating.

Ten days gradual proliferation of newly-formed epithelium over the grafted site and under the pontic of the provisional tooth.
Immediate Implantation
Dr. Flichy

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**Clinician:**
Dr. Antonio Flichy

**Patient:**
Female, 38 years old

**Initial situation:**
Non restorable left maxillary second premolar (tooth 25) due to caries.

**Material used:**
GUIDOR easy-graft CRYSTAL, J Dental Care Evolution 3.7 x 11.5mm dental implant.

**Socket filling:**
Correct 3 dimensional placement of the implant resulted in a 5mm buccal gap. GUIDOR easy-graft CRYSTAL was introduced and condensed with an amalgam packer and periotome up to the level of buccal bone and gingiva.

**Wound closure:**
The wound edges were approximated using a suture. Healing occurred by secondary intention.

**Mechanical protection of the surgical site:**
No prosthesis or other mechanical protection was necessary after surgery.

**Medication & post-surgical care:**
Prescription of Amoxicillin 750mg 1/8h 7 days; Ibuprofen 600mg 1/8h 5-7 days; Paroex 0.12% 3 times/day 10 days; hyaluronic acid 0.6% 5-6 times/day (for soft tissue healing).

**Final restoration:**
A CAD-CAM screw retained prosthesis was made by BioCam Company. The design and fabrication of the prosthesis was completed by Sr. Javier Ortolà at Dinniber Dental laboratory and placed by Dr. Isabel Rodriguez.

**Treatment:**
Tooth extraction was made carefully to maintain the buccal plate. After the extraction, the socket was well cleaned. The dental implant was placed according to the anatomical aspects considerations. A torque of 35N was obtained.

**Status of buccal wall**
Mid apical buccal wall defect

**Peri-implant gap**
> 1.5mm

**Tooth**
25

**Follow-up**
8 months (33 weeks)

**Situation after placement of the implant.**
Palatal positioning 1.5mm below crest.

**Placement of GUIDOR easy-graft CRYSTAL into the peri-implant gap.**
Healing by secondary intention.

**Situation 1 week after operation with open wound healing.**
Good healing of soft tissue was observed.

**At 2 weeks complete soft tissue closure was noted.**
After 5 months the site was re-entered. Good bone formation up to the cover screw was noted.

**Partial removal of bone tissue which covered the implant screw, subsequent closure of flap.**

**Good soft tissue profile noted at 8 months.**
Final restoration at 8 months with a CAD-CAM screw retained prosthesis.

**Lateral view of the situation 8 months post-op.**

Initial situation of tooth 25 which was rated as not restorable due to massive caries.

After atraumatic extraction and degranulation of the socket, a middle apical buccal defect was observed (apex communication of the tooth with buccal plate).
Immediate Implantation
Dr. Kakar

Clinician:
Dr. Ashish Kakar

Patient:
Male, 37 years old

Initial situation:
Fractured tooth 23 at the sub-crestal level following secondary decay under the old crown.

Material used:
GUIDOR easy-graft CRYSTAL, Nobel 5.0 x 13mm implant.

Status of buccal wall | Buccal wall defect
--- | ---
Peri-implant gap | > 1.5 mm
Tooth | 23
Follow-up | 4 years

Socket filling:
The buccal gap was filled with GUIDOR easy-graft CRYSTAL (1 x 0.4ml). The GUIDOR easy-graft was placed and condensed to fill the site to the level of crestal bone.

Wound closure:
Soft tissue closure was accomplished by tissue approximation for the site.

Medication & post-surgical care:
Post-operative antibiotics were prescribed for a period of 5 days (Amoxicillin and Clavunate) 1 gram BID.

Treatment:
Atraumatic minimally invasive, flapless extraction was performed using luxators. An implant was placed with an ITV of 40 Ncms. Primary stability was achieved. The peri-implant defect was filled with GUIDOR easy-graft CRYSTAL. Re-entry was performed after 3 months of healing when the final restoration was made.

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A single ceramic crown was cemented on the permanent abutment. Notice the integrity of the marginal soft tissues and regeneration of the inter-dental papilla.

4-year follow-up of the clinical situation with no inflammation or recession of the soft tissue.
Immediate Implantation

Dr. Flichy

Status of buccal wall: Intact buccal wall

Peri-implant gap: > 1.5mm

Tooth: 11, 12, 21, 22

Follow-up: 24 months

Socket filling:
The peri-implant gap of 3mm was filled with GUIDOR easy-graft CRYSTAL compacting the biomaterial to the apex of the sockets. An interproximal suture was placed to approximate the sides.

Wound closure:
The biomechanical properties of GUIDOR easy-graft resulted in a stable site which did not require a flap or membrane for containment. The sockets were overfilled and GUIDOR easy-graft compressed. At flap reopening excess biomaterial was removed which was partially infiltrated by soft tissue.

Mechanical protection of the surgical site:
A removable prosthesis was made for the aesthetics and functional conditions of the patient during the 6 months of healing.

Medication & post-surgical care:
Prescription of Amoxicillin 750 mg 1/8h 7 days; Ibuprofen 600 mg 1/8h 5-7 days; Paroex 0.12% 3 times/day 10 days; hyaluronic acid 0.6% 5-6 times/day (for soft tissue healing).

Final restoration:
A CAD-CAM screw retained prosthesis was made by BioCam Company. The design and fabrication of the prosthesis was completed by Sr. Javier Ortolà at Dinnbier Dental laboratory and placed by Dr. Isabel Rodriguez.

Clinician:
Dr. Antonio Flichy

Patient:
Female, 41 years old

Initial situation:
Periodontal problems and movement of the teeth, without active periodontal pathology.

Material used:
GUIDOR easy-graft CRYSTAL, Mozo-Grau Inhex 3.75 x 11.5mm dental implant.

Treatment:
The patient had movement of her teeth prompting extraction with immediate implantation and simultaneous bone grafting.

Extraction was performed atraumatically to maintain the buccal wall. After extractions, the sockets were extensively degranulated prior to placement of the Mozo-Grau Inhex 3.75 x 11.5mm implants according to the correct anatomical aspect. An insertion torque value of 35 N was obtained.

Socket filling:
Implants placed palatally to avoid resorption of buccal plate. The level of the implant was 1.5mm below the buccal plate.

Filling of the peri-implant gaps with GUIDOR easy-graft CRYSTAL and socket preservation of lateral incisors to preserve the volume for the later bridge. Suturing of the papilla to approximate the soft tissue.

Wound closure:
6 months post operative situation: excellent soft tissue healing.

At reopening (6 months): excellent hard tissue healing with new bone regeneration covering the surface of the healing screws. Healing abutment placed on central incisors 11 and 21.

Situation 8 months post surgery: excellent soft tissue healing and placement of the final prosthesis.

Panoramic x-ray after implantation.

Frontal view at 12 months follow-up after prosthesis placement.

Panoramic x-ray situation after 24 months.

X-ray after implantation.
Immediate-delayed Implantation

Dr. Leventis

Status of buccal wall | Defect with intact buccal wall
---|---
Peri-implant gap | > 1.5mm
Tooth | 46
Follow-up | 3 months

Implant placement and grafting:

A 6 week post extraction period was observed to allow for soft tissue healing after which a site specific full-thickness flap was raised and an implant placed according to ideal 3D positioning. The resulting 3mm (mesial and distal) gaps were simultaneously filled to crestal bone level with a well condensed application of GUIDOR easy-graft CLASSIC.

Wound closure:

Tension-free closure using PGA 4-0 resorbable sutures.

Mechanical protection of the surgical site:

No provisional restoration was used.

Medication & post-surgical care:

Amoxicillin 500 mg, 8 hourly for 1 week. Nimesulide 100 mg, every 12 hours for 2 days. Rinsing with Chlorhexidine 3 times/day for 1 week and use of a soft brush. Suture removal at 2 weeks.

Discussion

The newly-formed keratinized gingiva over the post-extraction socket allowed for tension-free primary closure post implant and graft placement without the need advanced flap. This approach coronally displaced the buccal keratinized soft tissues and muco-gingival junction.

The biomechanical in situ hardening properties of the grafting material resulted in stability of the grafted site, thus allowing for excellent bone regeneration around the implant and preservation of the volume and architecture of the ridge.

Clinician:

Dr. Minas Leventis

Patient:

Male, 45 years old, non-smoker

Initial situation:

Caries and endo-treatment failure at the mandibular right first molar thus the tooth could not be restored. The tooth had a restoration for many years.

Material used:

GUIDOR easy-graft CLASSIC, Nobel Replace 5.00 x 10mm dental implant Osstell ISQ device.

Treatment & discussion:

Atraumatic (non-surgical/flapless) extraction of tooth 46 followed by debridement of the socket and rinsing with sterile saline. The socket was left open to heal spontaneously by secondary intention. Implant and simultaneous bone graft placement at 6 weeks post extraction. At 3 months the implant was uncovered with a linear incision crestally and a healing abutment was placed.

This technique shortened the overall treatment time, while minimizing the risk of implant failure due to the chronic infection of the site.

Screw retained metal-ceramic crown.

Final situation after extraction and immediate-delayed implant placement.

Surgical re-entry for implant placement.

Excellent implant stability (implant stability quotient of 78) using resonance frequency analysis.

Preservation of the bone septum. The buccal wall was kept intact.

Soft tissue healing with new keratinized soft tissue after 6 weeks.

A 5mm x10mm implant was placed at the ideal 3D position with the corresponding space filled with GUIDOR easy-graft CLASSIC.

3 months post-op. Excellent preservation of site architecture utilizing minimally invasive techniques and GUIDOR easy-graft CLASSIC.

Excellent bone integration and preservation of ridge architecture.
Immediate-delayed Implantation
Dr. Hollay

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**Implant and simultaneous bone grafting:**
Five weeks after atraumatic extraction an implant was placed in the ideal 3-dimensional position. The corresponding peri-implant gap was filled with GUIDOR easy-graft CLASSIC to the level of the crestal bone. Condensation of GUIDOR easy-graft was achieved with a periosteal elevator.

**Wound closure:**
The site was closed with sutures (GoreTex PSK 17A) obtaining a primary closure of the site.

**Mechanical protection of the surgical site:**
None required due to the excellent biomechanical properties of the in situ hardening bone graft.

**Medication & post-surgical care:**
Analgesics after surgery: Ibuprofen.

**Treatment:**
Extraction of right mandibular molar (tooth 46) due to present infection and apical bone cyst. The atraumatic extraction was performed with a piezotome (LC2-tip).

**Panoramic radiograph of initial situation:**
Infected mandibular molar 46 with apical bone cyst.

**Bone defect 5 weeks after the extraction with piezotome surgery and situation before placement of the implant:**

**Situation after simultaneous implant and graft with GUIDOR easy-graft CLASSIC Optimal 3-D positioning of the fixture. Graft condensed to the level of the crestal bone:**

**Definitive restoration 8 months after the implantation. Good aesthetic outcome was achieved:**

**Clinical picture of situation 5 years post-op:**

**Excellent implant stability and bone preservation 5 years after placement:**

**Clinical situation at re-entry 28 weeks after the implant placement:**

**Radiographic situation at re-entry 28 weeks post-implantation:**

**Opening of the site with flap at the re-entry. A good bone quality was obtained in situ:**

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**Clinician:**
Dr. Henrik Christian Hollay

**Patient:**
Male, 57 years old

**Initial situation:**
Tooth 46, apical bone cyst with present infection.

**Material used:**
GUIDOR easy-graft CLASSIC, Astra Tech implant.
Immediate-delayed Implantation
Dr. Flichy

Status of buccal wall | Apical fenestration defect and thin buccal plate
---|---
Peri-implant gap | > 1.5mm
Tooth | 12
Follow-up | 24 months

Socket filling:
After tooth extraction only a thin buccal plate remained. Implant was placed and the peri-implant gap was filled with GUIDOR easy-graft CRYSTAL. The biomaterial was placed and condensed with a periosteum to compact the bone to the buccal plate.

Wound closure:
The wound was closed according to the Rehrmann technique for tension-free suture of the wound thus avoiding a potential wound dehiscence.

Mechanical protection of the surgical site:
A removable prosthesis was made for the aesthetics and functional conditions of the patient during the 6 months healing period.

Medication & post-surgical care:
Prescription of Amoxicillin 750mg 1/8h 7 days; Ibuprofen 600mg 1/8h 5-7 days; Paroex 0.12 % 3 times/day 10 days.

Final restoration:
A CAD-CAM screw retained prosthesis was made by BioCam Company. The design and fabrication of the prosthesis was made completed by Sr. Javier Ortola at Dinnbier Dental laboratory and placed by Dr. Isabel Rodriguez.

Clinician:
Dr. Antonio Flichy

Patient:
Male, 37 years old

Initial situation:
Absence of lateral incisor (tooth 13) due to trauma.

Material used:
GUIDOR easy-graft CRYSTAL, Mozo-Grau Inhex 3.75 x 11.5mm dental implant.

Treatment:
The patient came to the dental office because of missing tooth 12 due to an accident 8 weeks before the visit. An immediate-delayed implant placement was planned.

A flap was opened and a fenestration in the apical buccal plate and the socket was observed. The socket was cleaned and the area was prepared for the implant placement. The implant was set with a torque of 35 N.

Socket filling:
Due to the in-situ hardening properties of the mouldable material a good stabilization of the site was obtained. Today the clinician would recommend use a membrane (such as GUIDOR matrix barrier) as prevention of soft tissue in-growth.

Situation 7 weeks after reopening the flap.
Situation after flap closure (Rehrmann technique to avoid dehiscence).
Radiograph of situation at 2 years follow-up.
Radiograph of situation after implantation.
Situation after reopening flap (4 months after grafting). Note: Good hard tissue with well integrated visible granules. Partial removal of hard tissue to uncover implant screw/healing cap.
Situation at the same day with the final restoration. A CAD-CAM screwed prosthesis was made.
Radiograph of situation after simultaneous implant and bone graft with GUIDOR easy-graft CRYSTAL.

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Situation with closed flap around the healing abutment.
Radiograph of situation after closing flap.
Radiograph of situation after 2 years.
Radiograph of situation after 2 years follow-up.

Situation 4 months after simultaneous implant and bone graft with GUIDOR easy-graft CRYSTAL.

Situation with missing frontal tooth 12 due to accident. 8 weeks after trauma.
Flap elevation revealed a buccal fenestration and buccal bone plate of less than 1 mm thickness (high aesthetic risk).
Occlusal view position in palatal site to avoid buccal exposure of crown screw. The implant was set 1.5mm below the crestal bone level.
Situation 7 weeks after reopening the flap.
Immediate-delayed Implantation
Dr. Leventis

Clinician:
Dr. Minas Leventis

Patient:
Male, 56 years old

Initial situation:
Failing first left maxillary premolar (tooth 24). Fractured root that cannot be restored.

Material used:
GUIDOR easy-graft CLASSIC, Nobel Replace 3.5 x 11.5mm dental implant.

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Treatment:
An immediate placement protocol was not followed due to the chronic infection. Therefore, an immediate-delayed protocol was chosen in order to reduce the infection risk and also to gain soft tissue regeneration prior to the implant placement and the buccal augmentation in order to achieve tension-free primary closure, without the need of flap advancement that would lead to coronal displacement of the mucogingival junction.

Implant placement and grafting:
A 7 week post extraction period was observed to allow for soft tissue healing after which a site specific full-thickness flap was raised and an implant placed according to ideal 3D positioning.

Wound closure:
Tension free closure with PGA 4.0 resorbable suture.

Medication and post surgical care:
Amoxicillin 500 mg 8 hourly for 1 week. Nimesulide 100 mg every 12 hours for 2 days. Rinsing with Chlorhexidine 3 times/day for 1 week and use of a soft brush.

Initial CBCT.
Atraumatic flapless extraction.
7 weeks post extraction - soft tissue closure.

Situation 3 months after implant placement and 4 weeks after placement of the healing abutment. Excellent preservation of the architecture of the ridge.

Final screw-retained restoration (3 months after implant placement).
1 month post-op.

Final x-ray: 3 months after implant placement.
Immediate-delayed Implantation
Dr. Leventis

**Clinician:**
Dr. Minas Leventis

**Patient:**
Female, 63 years old

**Initial situation:**
Failing of first right maxillary premolar 14. The root could not be restored. Bone resorption buccally. An immediate placement protocol was not followed due to the chronic infection that resulted to the loss of the buccal bone plate, as seen in the initial CBCT. An immediate delayed protocol was chosen in order to reduce the infection risk and also to gain soft tissue regeneration prior to the implant placement and the buccal augmentation in order to achieve tension-free primary closure, without the need of flap advancement that would lead to coronal displacement of the mucogingival junction.

**Material used:**
GUIDOR easy-graft CLASSIC, GUIDOR matrix barrier, Paltop 3.75 x 11.5mm dental implant.

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**Implant placement and grafting:**
An 8 week post extraction period was observed to allow for soft tissue healing after which a site specific full-thickness flap was raised. Implant placement in the optimal 3D position reveals a large dehiscence defect necessitating simultaneous GBR with GUIDOR easy-graft CLASSIC and GUIDOR matrix barrier.

**Wound closure:**
Tension free closure with 4.0 resorbable Vicryl suture.

**Medication and post surgical care:**
Amoxicillin 500 mg, 8 hourly for 1 week. Nimesulide 100 mg, every 12 hours for 2 days. Rinsing with Chlorhexidine 3 times/day for 1 week and use of a soft brush.

**Treatment:**
Atraumatic (flapless) extraction of tooth 14. After soft tissue healing an immediate-delayed implant placement and simultaneous graft to the dehiscence defect was undertaken. A GUIDOR matrix barrier was trimmed and placed over the grafted site.

**Follow-up**

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**Images:**
- Initial CBCT of failing first right maxillary premolar 14.
- 8 weeks after atraumatic flapless extraction.
- The socket is not filled with bone. Granulation tissue (provisional matrix that will gradually become bone) is found. After thorough removal of the granulation tissue the buccal dehiscence was exposed.
- 3 months post-op. Placement of the healing abutment.
- Final situation 5 months after implant placement. Excellent soft tissue healing and successful preservation of the architecture of the ridge.
- Periapical x-ray 3 months after implant placement.
- GUIDOR matrix barrier: Tension-free closure of the site with resorbable 4-0 Vicryl sutures.
- After precise 3D placement of the implant the buccal threads were exposed.
- Grafting with GUIDOR easy-graft CLASSIC.
- Periapical x-ray immediately after surgery.
- 3 weeks post-op.
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