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There is a crucial gap between the numbers of patients who would benefit from implant treatment and the number of procedures that are performed. According to the American College of Prosthodontists, 178 million people in the United States are missing at least one tooth. And yet only 2.3 million implant-supported crowns are made annually.¹

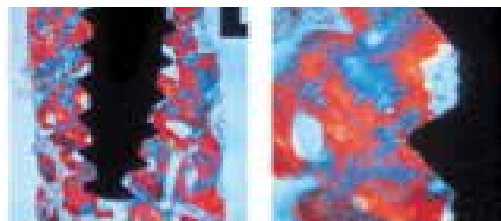
Implant Breakthrough

In the early 1990s, Bernard Weissman understood why so many implant treatment plans did not receive case acceptance and summarized it in terms of time, bone, money, and fear of surgery. This drove him to develop the first narrow diameter implant that was 1.8 mm in diameter. It was a one-piece, self-threading implant designed for transitional use that would be placed at the same time of stage-one implant surgery, and was immediately loaded so that (1) patients never had to be without teeth, and (2) surgical sites would remain completely protected. This was an amazing breakthrough.

Questions then arose. How long would these narrow diameter implants last? Would they actually osseointegrate? Those questions were answered in 2004 when the FDA approved narrow diameter implants for “long-term use and for any length of time as decided by the health-care provider.”² Further, Dr. Stuart Froum, clinical professor and director of clinical research, Department of Periodontology and Implant Dentistry, New York University Dental Center, along with Dr. Michael Rohrer, Professor and Director of the Hard Tissue Research Laboratory, School of Den-

tistry, University of Minnesota, Department of Diagnostic and Biological Sciences, Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, et al. published a histology report concluding that “the percentage of bone to implant contact achieved with these implants was similar to that documented in the literature for conventional turned, screw-shaped, machine-surfaced implants.”³

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Histology of Dentatus Narrow Diameter Implants

Calls For Action

In November 2004, the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) called a special meeting of deans and industry representatives to review the status of implant dentistry in the curriculum. Two initiatives resulted from this meeting: (1) a call for use of a single implant to replace the three-unit bridge and prevent cutting virgin teeth, and (2) a two-implant overdenture should become the first choice of treatment for the edentulous mandible.⁴ The McGill Consensus statement reported overwhelming evidence in support of the two-implant overdenture.⁵ Jung, Lang, et al. deemed an implant-supported crown the evidence-based option of choice for replacement of a single anterior tooth with adjacent virgin teeth neighbors in an otherwise sound dentition.⁶ And yet, today there are still barriers to these levels of care.

In order to increase implant treatment acceptance, Dr. Avishai Sadan, former editor in chief of Quintessence International, urged dentists to focus on objective data rather than descriptive terms. “Patients described how the treatment plan for a three-unit fixed partial denture versus a single implant restoration was presented: ‘You are missing a tooth and it needs replacement. We can file down the teeth adjacent to the missing tooth and give you the bridge in about four weeks. Alternatively, we can drill a hole in your jaw, put a screw in there, and put a crown on that. This approach will take about a year.’ Even patients who did not want their teeth prepared for a fixed partial denture opted for that treatment plan because the hole in the head alternative was less appealing.”⁷

It is well documented and generally accepted today that if a tooth is missing, an implant is the option of choice. Just as important as the language we select in treatment presentation is the ability to offer multiple solutions within the field of implantology. The end goal is the same: we want our patients to benefit from the numerous advantages of implants with regard to function and preservation of bone and esthetics, irrespective of size or brand.

Many times narrow diameter implants can overcome patient objections because they address specific, and often overlapping, well-known concerns. They offer a minimally invasive, affordable solution that is within reach for most patients. They eliminate the need for a two-stage surgery and having to wait for their teeth. Another advantage of the narrow diameter implant is that flap surgery is often unnecessary and sutures are not needed.⁸

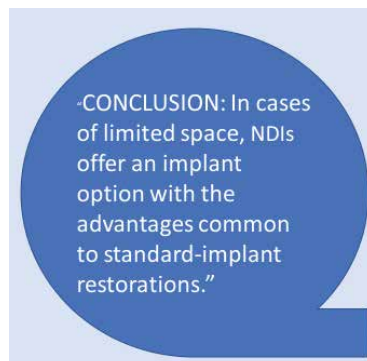
Turning Point

The right combination of factors—both technical and economical, among others—align to shift a product from that of a luxury to an everyday item. Today, the adoption of new products is happening at an increasingly rapid pace. Considering dental implants in this context, the trend toward this treatment becoming commonplace is clear.

We see medical practices redefining their roles. They are recognizing a broader societal responsibility to acknowledge the real value of health-care expenses and the treatment results. Thus, medical doctors are urged to consider the economic consequences of their decisions.⁹

Likewise, in dentistry, we recognize that a one-size-fits-all approach to implantology is no longer viable. Textbook dentistry—the gold-standard, top-of-the-line, A-one treatment plans—must adapt to circumstances to meet the needs of a larger patient population. The benefits of narrow diameter implants offer one such solution to overcoming obstacles relating to clinical, medical, emotional, and/or financial means.

Today, we see numerous authors reporting successful results when narrow diameter implants were used to support definitive prostheses.¹⁰⁻¹⁴ Bidra and Almas reported a 94.7% survival rate of narrow diameter implants when used exclusively for definitive prosthodontic treatment in a systematic review of literature in 2013.¹⁵ Sohrabi et al. also conducted a literature review and concluded “no significant difference in failure and complication rates between narrow body implants and standard-diameter implants.”¹⁶



Had a **survival rate** comparable to standard-diameter implants

Displayed **an annual bone loss** comparable to standard-diameter implants

Achieved favorable **esthetic results**²¹

Research shows that when used appropriately, narrow diameter implants offer a practical and predictable solution. As best explained by Dr. Dennis Tarnow, clinical professor of periodontology and director of implant education at Columbia School of Dental Medicine, “The bone does not know the dif-

ference between a 1 mm implant or a 9 mm implant. What matters is what you do on top of it.”¹⁷

Since their inception, narrow diameter implants—classified here as under 3.0 mm in diameter—have undergone advances in **material** (grade V Ti-alloy), **surface** (treated to increase surface area and improve osseointegration), and **prosthetic design** (screw-retained with abutment variety comparable to conventional implants), all working to improve the ease of use and success rates.

Increasing Access to Care

As it stands today, of the patient population that actually goes to the dentist, only 10% of those that could benefit from an implant actually proceed with treatment.¹⁸⁻²⁰

According to the American Academy of Implant Dentistry (AAID), the dental implant and prosthetic market in the US is projected to reach \$6.4 billion by 2018—a \$6.4 billion-dollar industry fueled by 10% of the population.²⁰ In order to maximize profits, a conventional implant company needs to add to their product offerings. We see that happening with the likes of grafting materials, new membranes, and the advent of digital dentistry, all of which are amazing advances making implantology more predictable and successful. But those advances add cost to the procedure and fail to address the 90% who go without treatment.

Narrow diameter implants are particularly effective where anatomical, financial, and medical challenges are present that otherwise impede conventional implant treatment.

Increasing Treatment Options

Because they require less overall intervention, often eliminate the need for bone grafting procedures, and greatly reduce the number of chairside visits, narrow diameter implants are quickly being recognized as one of the best additions to the armamentarium for dentists to treat patients who are missing one tooth or more. The high success rate of implants has also expanded treatment options for both dentists and patients.

Primarily, narrow diameter implants can be placed into anatomically challenging areas that would be contraindicated for standard diameter implants without site modification procedures—procedures that add to treatment time, overall cost, and morbidity, all of which can deter patients from dental implant therapy.

Advantages of Narrow Diameter Implants

Eliminate grafting
Often flapless technique
Immediately loaded restoration
Reduced chair time / number of visits
Cost effective
No preparation of adjacent teeth
Retrievability

Narrow Spaces

In areas of limited bone width, limited mesial-distal space, or converging roots, narrow diameter implants are an ideal solution. A narrow diameter implant makes it possible to maintain adequate bone dimensions and proper implant spacing without augmentation, as well as preserving the buccal plate, because less bone is prepared for the osteotomy. The tapered design facilitates the one-stage surgery and is more conducive to a minimally invasive, flapless implant placement. This eliminates many post-operative challenges and decreases patient post-op discomfort.

Narrow diameter implants avoid the need for preparation and/or reduction to the adjacent natural dentition. They allow patients who normally would have to proceed with a fixed bridge or resin-bonded bridge the option of dental implants. These patients include those with congenitally missing incisors, reduced interdental space following orthodontic movement, one or two missing mandibular incisors, or space collapse in the maxillary anterior area where orthodontic work was not considered a viable option.

A screw-retained abutment offers many prosthetic options and affords more flexibility for long-term maintenance. The restoration is retrievable and thus allows for repair or recoloring of the crown.

In a 14-year retrospective case series, Dr. Froum et al. reported an annual bone loss of <0.02 mm on narrow diameter implants, which is considerably less than that typically reported for standard diameter implants (.22-.80mm)²¹ due in part to the solid, one-piece implant design that eliminates the microgap, reducing crestal bone loss.

Overdentures

An implant-retained denture can sometimes be considered the preferred treatment method, as it can provide support in cases of facial collapse. Numerous authors show successful results using two to four implants to retain an overdenture, both in terms of implant survival and patient satisfaction.²²⁻²⁷ But oftentimes, anatomic limitations and resorbed ridges compromise the number of implants, length, and position.²⁸ Narrow diameter implant protocol recommends that four implants be placed between mental foramina, offering stabilization and cross-arch support and preventing rocking often seen with two-implant techniques.

In elderly patients with advanced medical issues or on anticoagulant therapy, the placement of more than one implant has been shown to have a statistically increased risk of complication.²⁹ Narrow diameter implants simplify the procedure for patients who are not candidates for conventional implants—a minimally invasive flapless surgery without bone augmentation results in little post-op bleeding and decreased pain. Narrow diameter implants also preserve the jaw structure, preventing atrophy from bone loss.

A University of Gothenburg study on narrow diameter implants for overdenture retention by Tomasi et al. noted positive patient-centered outcomes of 100% satisfaction and reduced treatment times for patients presenting with compromised health

conditions (61%) and not in a condition to receive conventional implant surgical treatment. For the other patients, economic restrictions (29%) and fear of surgical treatment (10%) were reasons to opt for narrow diameter implant treatment rather than conventional surgery.³⁰

Temporization

When narrow diameter implants are not considered for a long-term solution, they still present a valuable modality in supporting fixed provisional restorations. At times when bone grafting is necessary to place and restore an implant, narrow diameter implants can protect the augmented site with a fixed provisional restoration, offering a comfortable and acceptable solution as compared to a removable denture. Narrow diameter implants allow a patient to undergo lengthy treatments without ever losing function or suffering the embarrassment of having to go without teeth.

In some instances, the implants intended for provisionalization can be incorporated into the definitive prosthesis as well. In a case study with 11-year follow up, Froum, Misch, et al. found that “these implants achieve excellent osseointegration and may be used long term to support the definitive prosthesis when splinted to standard diameter implants.”³¹

Areas of Use

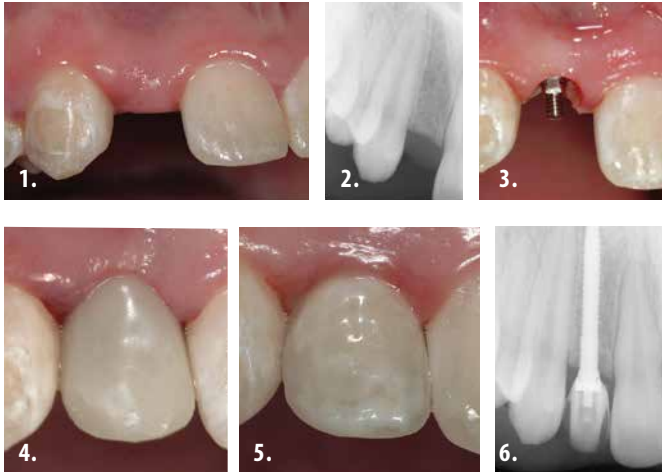
Single-tooth restorations	Congenitally missing laterals, converging roots, limited interdental space
Multi-unit bridges	Thin ridges
Immediate temporization	Protection of grafted sites, surgical guide stabilization, tissue architecture
Overdenture retention	Can later be converted to fixed restoration with Elypse coping

Case Studies

Limited interdental spaces

Case courtesy of Dr. Paul Petrunaro, periodontist, Chicago, IL. Case originally appeared in *Inside Dentistry*, March 2006.

A 14-year-old nonsmoking girl presented for replacement of the congenitally missing right lateral incisor (tooth No. 7). The patient's orthodontic treatment had resulted in a compromised implant receptor site. Along with her parents, the patient refused any reduction of the virgin natural teeth, and did not accept the option of a resin-bonded bridge. The use of a removable prosthesis was contraindicated because of the patient's significant gag reflex. At the gingival level, the edentulous space measured 4.7 mm from the mesial of tooth No. 6 to the distal of tooth No. 8. Conventional implant dimensions were unacceptable to treat this compromised edentulous space. For these reasons, the Dentatus ANEW 2.4-mm x 14-mm implant was selected for placement, and the immediate provisionalization procedure was selected to allow the patient to have a nonremovable tooth option.



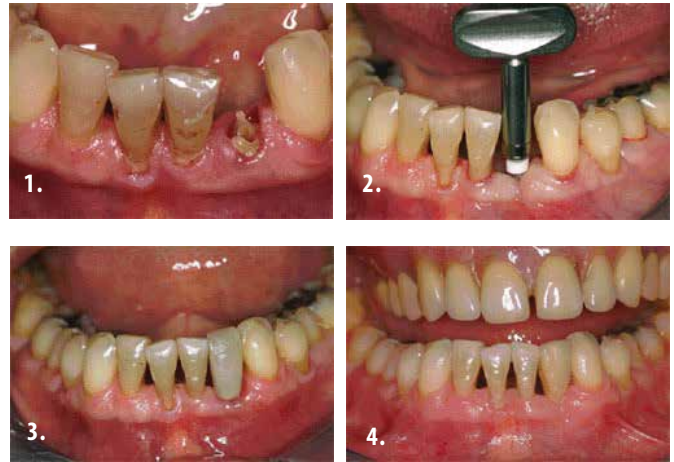
1. Preoperative view of the maxillary right lateral incisor space
2. Preoperative periapical radiograph
3. Placement of the Dentatus ANEW™ implant
4. The completed provisional restoration
5. The final implant-supported restoration
6. The digital periapical radiograph of the completed case

Long-term in patients unable to receive conventional implants

Case courtesy of Tommaso Ravasini, DMD, Parma, Italy. Case originally appeared in *Inside Dentistry*, Jul/Aug 2007.

A distraught 70-year-old female patient presented with a missing tooth. Her dentist assured the patient that her tooth could be replaced and presented the range of available treatment options. She could have a fixed bridge that would require cutting and preparing the healthy adjacent teeth, or she could replace her tooth with a Maryland-type bridge with extending wings that would be cemented to the lingual side of her adjacent teeth. The least appealing of the options was to make a removable tooth that would be held by friction and that might ultimately require a clasp design that would keep the removable more firmly in place. Because of her limiting bone and the restrictive space, the author recommended the more economical procedure for replacing her tooth with a porcelain crown supported by a narrow diameter implant (Dentatus ANEW). She ultimately selected to have her tooth replaced with a porcelain crown. She was much relieved to hear that the cost would be within her means and that this would be accomplished speedily within a few number of visits and in a painless manner.

Because of her limiting bone and the restrictive space, the author recommended the more economical procedure for replacing her tooth with a porcelain crown supported by a narrow diameter implant (Dentatus ANEW).



1. The root was extracted in a straight, upward motion and the area was allowed to mature and fully heal
2. The manual winged key was used to complete the installation
3. A temporary polycarbonate crown was selected to fit into the space
4. After osseointegration, the final crown was copied from the patient's fractured tooth

Overdentures in patients with anatomical limitations

Case courtesy of Dr. Tera Greene, Meridian, ID

A 54-year-old female presented with autoimmune hepatitis and was on heavy doses of prednisone, causing extreme dry mouth that resulted in teeth becoming grossly carious. The patient opted for full-mouth extractions and complete immediate dentures retained by four Dentatus Atlas implants; 2.2 x 10 mm was selected for both posterior implants and 1.8 x 10 mm for anterior implants. Dentatus implants were selected because the patient had a considerable anterior ridge undercut and the Tuf-Link silicone relines was ideal to regain her comfort.

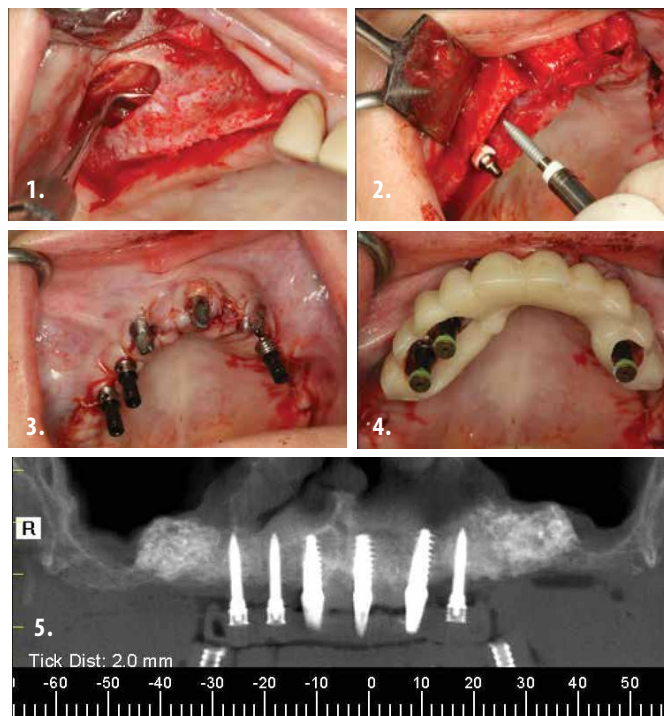


1. Considerable undercut in the anterior maxilla
2. Placement of four Atlas implants
3. Panorex of implants in place

Overdentures in patients with limited finances

Case courtesy of Paresh Shah, DMD, Winnipeg, Canada. Case originally appeared in *Oral Health*, July 2008.

A 76-year-old male presented with three remaining lower anterior teeth that required extractions. The teeth were non-salvageable. He had been wearing an ill-fitting partial denture for many years. His health was noncontributory except for one prophylactic aspirin tablet daily. His major complaint was a lower denture that was not secure enough to allow him to eat and speak properly. Several treatment options were presented including conventional implant placement (as the ideal scenario) or the option of a more conservative implant procedure utilizing narrow diameter implants with a minimally invasive surgical procedure. The patient selected to use narrow diameter implants due to cost, ease of placement, and the ability to function immediately.



1. Sinus lift and ridge augmentation
2. Placement of Dentatus ANEW implants
3. Prosthetic buildup for bridge
4. Components processed into bridge
5. CT scan of temporized bridge

Future Considerations

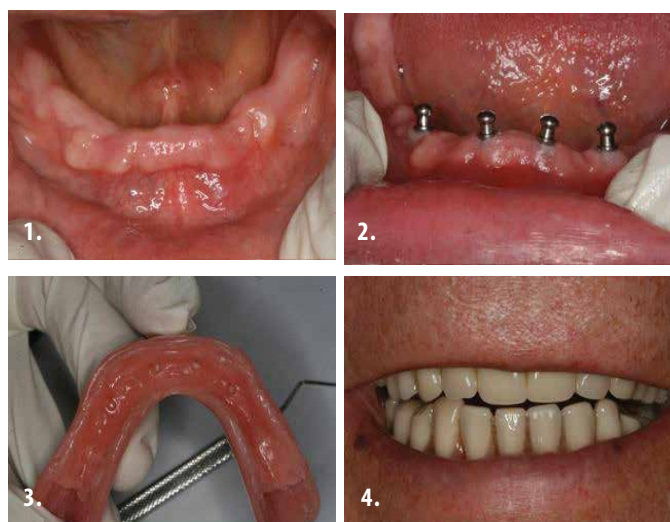
In recent years, we've seen an increased focus on health-care reform. In this economic climate and with the cost of health care constantly on the rise, dentists are rapidly becoming more proactive in considering alternative treatment modalities that offer solutions when patient objections limit access to care.

According to Dr. Carl Misch, there is an ever-increasing demand for dental implants resulting from the combined effects of several factors, most notably that our aging population is living longer and is more socially active.³²

With an increasingly aging population, higher costs of health care, and an overwhelming 90% of people rejecting implant treatment, it is time to embrace change to treat more patients with reliable, safe, and economical options.

Consider the social implications for seniors who look forward to meeting their friends for lunch or attending family celebrations—or even those at the opposite end of the spectrum—teens with congenitally missing laterals or sports injuries who are even more apt to feel self-conscious or excluded.

Education is essential. Even if dentists are not placing implants themselves, they need to recognize when implants should be recommended. For dentists looking to treat more patients, narrow diameter implants are an essential part of the implant armamentarium. Patients report overwhelmingly of their improved quality of life and express their appreciation for treatment that they once thought was impossible.



1. Edentulous ridge prior to implant surgery
2. All four implants placed in position without raising a flap
3. The denture base was prepared and retrofitted with the resilient Tuf-Link liner
4. Patient reported denture was comfortable and secure, and that he was able to speak and eat better than prior to treatment

Temporization during ridge augmentation

Case courtesy of Ziv Mazor, DMD Tel Aviv, Israel

A 55-year-old woman presented with severe ridge atrophy, needing bilateral ridge augmentations and sinus lifts. Post-extraction treatment plan options were discussed with the patient during initial evaluation; a fixed implant-supported restoration was selected in order to achieve undisturbed healing and prevent migration of grafting material. Dentatus ANEW implants were selected as anchors for the temporary prosthesis due to the screw-retained feature, as the temporary bridge would need to be removed several times throughout treatment. 2.2 x 10 mm ANEW implants were inserted—two posteriorly on the right side and one anteriorly on the left, which securely held the temporary bridge in place.

Reach out to your patients—make available to them choices that make it easier for them to say “yes.” It won’t only make them feel good; it will make you feel good as well.

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Questions

1. Narrow diameter implants are defined as implants:
 - a. less than 3.0mm in diameter
 - b. between 3-3.5mm in diameter
 - c. 1.8mm diameter implants
 - d. above 4.0mm in diameter
2. Narrow diameter implants are indicated for:
 - a. fixed prostheses
 - b. removable dentures
 - c. temporization
 - d. all of the above
3. The first narrow diameter implant was:
 - a. 1.0mm diameter
 - b. 1.8mm diameter
 - c. 2.0mm diameter
 - d. 2.8mm diameter
4. Narrow diameter implants are FDA approved for:
 - a. temporization
 - b. long-term use or any length of time
 - c. 20 years
 - d. none of the above
5. According to the American College of Prosthodontics _____ people in the United States are missing at least 1 tooth:
 - a. 1 million
 - b. 2.3 million
 - c. 178 million
 - d. 248 million
6. Narrow diameter implants are:
 - a. immediately loaded
 - b. out of occlusion
 - c. allow patients to never be without teeth
 - d. all of the above

Questions- Continued

7. What drove the need to develop the first narrow diameter implant:
- patients never had to be without teeth
 - surgical sites would remain completely protected
 - both a & b
 - neither a nor b
8. A 2004 ADEA initiative called for use of a single implant to replace a 3-unit bridge and
- prevent cutting virgin teeth
 - reduce lab fees
 - increase fees
 - none of the above
9. According to Jung & Lang et al, this is the evidence-based option of choice for replacement of a single anterior tooth with adjacent virgin teeth:
- an implant
 - a bridge
 - a flipper
 - none of the above
10. The bone to implant contact achieved with narrow diameter implants is:
- less than seen with conventional implants
 - on par with conventional implants
 - more than seen with conventional implants
 - has not been tested
11. The one-size fits all approach to dentistry is:
- becoming mainstream
 - the only way to practice
 - the approach of choice
 - no longer viable
12. Bidra and Almas reported ___ survival rate in a 2013 review of literature:
- 92.3%
 - 93.7%
 - 94.7%
 - 95.5%
13. What percentage of patients who visit the dentist, and are candidates for implant treatment, actually proceed with treatment:
- 90%
 - 75%
 - 10%
 - none
14. Narrow diameter implants may eliminate the need for:
- reflecting a full flap
 - bone grafting
 - to fabricate a Maryland bridge
 - all of the above
15. Narrow diameter implants are particularly effective where _____ challenges are present that otherwise impede treatment:
- medical
 - financial
 - anatomical
 - all of the above
16. Narrow diameter implants are indicated for use in:
- congenitally missing laterals
 - where there is reduced interdental space
 - converging roots
 - all of the above
17. In a 14-year retrospective case series, Dr. Froum et al. reported an annual bone loss of <0.02 mm on narrow diameter implants, which is considerably _____ that typically reported for standard diameter implants.
- less than
 - more than
 - exactly the same as
 - on par
18. An implant retained overdenture can sometimes be _____ as it can provide support in cases of facial collapse
- considered for treatment
 - considered the preferred treatment method
 - rejected as a treatment option
 - none of the above
19. Tomasi's narrow diameter implant study on overdenture retention at the University of Gothenburg noted:
- patients with medical conditions were not ideal candidates
 - financial constraints are never a consideration
 - all patients treated were very satisfied
 - fear of surgery is not a factor in treatment acceptance
20. Narrow diameter implants simplify the procedure for patients who are not candidates for conventional implants because
- it's a minimally invasive flapless surgery
 - doesn't require bone augmentation
 - results in little post-op bleeding and decreased pain.
 - all of the above
21. A minimally invasive flapless surgery without bone augmentation results in:
- a lot of post-op bleeding
 - little post-op bleeding & decreased pain
 - no post-op bleeding
 - a lot of pain
22. Narrow diameter implants offer a _____ & _____ solution that is within reach for most patients:
- invasive & expensive
 - invasive & affordable
 - minimally invasive & affordable
 - minimally invasive & expensive
23. When narrow-diameter implants are not considered for a long-term solution, they
- still can be used to support a fixed provisional restoration
 - shouldn't be used at all
 - should only be used for dentures
 - none of the above
24. With implants patient benefits include:
- function
 - preservation of bone
 - esthetics
 - all of the above
25. In recent years there is increased focus on healthcare reform and dentists are
- more proactive in alternative treatment modalities
 - attending more CE courses
 - sticking to what they know
 - referring out patients
26. There is ever increasing demand for dental implants most notably because:
- our aging population is living longer & more socially active
 - our aging population has more disposable income
 - our aging population is on social media
 - none of the above
27. As a temporary solution, narrow diameter implants are:
- comfortable and acceptable solution as compared to removable dentures
 - require more maintenance than removable dentures
 - uncomfortable and unacceptable solution as compared to removable dentures
 - none of the above
28. Narrow diameter implants allow patients to undergo lengthy treatments without:
- losing function
 - suffering embarrassment
 - both a and b
 - neither a nor b
29. Narrow diameter implants
- can be incorporated into a definitive prosthesis
 - should never be incorporated into a definitive prosthesis
 - must be evaluated
 - none of the above
30. Narrow diameter implants improve:
- treatment acceptance
 - patient comfort
 - neither a nor b
 - both a and b

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2. List and describe the clinical challenges that may limit implant treatment.
3. Expand treatment options to include more patients previously excluded from implant candidacy.
4. Gain insights on treatment presentation that will increase case acceptance.
5. Determine fact from fiction and debunk the myths surrounding narrow diameter implants.

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