THE DARK SIDE OF THE SCREW: COMPLICATION MANAGEMENT IN IMPLANT PROSTHODONTICS

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The high success outcomes and patient satisfaction rates that are achieved with implant-supported restorations have led to an increased number of patients receiving dental implant therapy worldwide. But, how can implant dentistry look like in real life? The more a clinician is involved in restoring dental implants, the more likely they are to encounter prosthetic-related complications that require proper diagnosis and effective management. This presentation will provide an overview of the most commonly observed restorative complications of fixed and removable implant prostheses. Risk factors, prevention and diagnosis as well as management options based on current evidence will be discussed. Specific focus will be given in providing clinical tips for diagnosing and managing the most commonly encountered prosthesis-related complications in implant dentistry.

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

- List the most common technical complications that can affect implant prostheses
- Identify risk factors that may increase the complication rate of implant prostheses
- Use techniques that can minimize prosthetic-related complications; and
- Select the appropriate management protocol for implant complications that are encountered in clinical practice

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Dr. Bompolaki’s clinical research in Fixed and Implant Prosthodontics has been funded by the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics as well as the American Academy of Implant Dentistry Foundation, and her published work has been recognized nationally and internationally. She is a Fellow of the American College of Prosthodontists (ACP) and a member of the Academy of Osseointegration (AO), the American Academy of Dental Research (AADR) and the American Dental Education Association (ADEA), and serves on several committees at a national level, within these organizations. Dr. Bompolaki has maintained an active clinical practice throughout her academic career, focused on fixed, removable and implant prosthodontics.

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