SOFT TISSUE GRAFTING FOR THE GENERAL PRACTITIONER

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Soft Tissue grafting is now a necessity in various stages of a dentist’s treatment plan.

Soft tissue enhancement prior to orthodontic treatment or prosthodontic rehabilitation offers a safer and more stable long term result. Bone grafting surgery sites are poorly planned without the existence of strong keratinized gingiva. The benefits of having resistant keratinized tissues around implants and implant supported crowns are well documented. Root coverage procedures allows you to offer your patients different options to address root sensitivity, aesthetic concerns, abfractions and abrasions.

This course introduces the participants to various aspects of soft tissue grafting and periodontal plastic surgery. Topics covered will include autogenous connective tissue grafts (CTGs), autogenous free gingival grafts (FIGGs), utilizing allograft materials from the market, pedicle flaps, etc. An emphasis is placed on treatment planning and patient selection criteria through evidence based lectures and handouts. The program will include interactive video presentations of surgeries by the instructor(s). All dentists will perform hands-on surgeries in simulation on animal mandibles.

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

1. Identify various types of recession and mucogingival deficiencies and the impact they have on your treatment plans
2. Understand the methodology and rationale for using allograft materials vs. autogenous grafts
3. Develop protocols for patient selection and when to refer
4. Demonstrate the techniques and skills required for the surgical management of simple FGG and CTG cases
5. Maximize the outcome of your implant cases by incorporating soft tissue grafting in your treatment plans
6. Identify and manage the postoperative phase and complications

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FARZIN GHANNAD, DDS, MSc, Dip.Perio, FRCDC(C) earned his dental degree from the University of Goettingen, Germany in 1996. He moved to Ottawa in 1997 where he maintained a successful general dental practice until 2004. In 2007, Dr. Ghannad completed his 3 year Masters Specialty training in Periodontics and Implant Surgery at the University of British Columbia earning a diploma in Periodontics & Master of Science. He is one the two founders of Implant Perio Centre in Vancouver and Implant Perio Centre in North Vancouver. Dr. Ghannad held the position of Associate Director of Graduate Periodontics and Implant Surgery at the University of British Columbia from 2010-2015. During that period, he was also affiliated with Vancouver General Hospital and performed periodontal and implant treatment on medically compromised patients. Currently, he works in his private practices in Vancouver, North Vancouver and serves in Kamloops and Yellowknife. As an assistant professor at the University of British Columbia, he is involved in training of periodontal residents. Dr. Ghannad actively lectures nationally and internationally in study clubs and hands on courses on the subject of periodontics and implant surgery.