



IMPLANTS IN ESTHETIC AREAS: THE ROLE OF SOFT TISSUE MANAGEMENT

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Successful management of oral soft tissues, before, during and after implant insertion requires a set of well-defined goals that have to be achieved. These can be defined based on biological, functional, esthetic and patient-centered outcomes. It is a common notion that success in periimplant mucosal management ultimately depends on the precise execution of the surgical intervention and factors such as critical thinking and decision-making are usually badly neglected.

It is the aim of the present lecture to define the goals of periimplant mucosal management. Based on the healing characteristics of the different surgical sites, appropriate options of interventions will be presented and illustrated by clinical cases. After summarizing the key messages, a critical appraisal of periimplant mucosal surgery will round out the presentation.