



## CONNECTIVE TISSUE GRAFT: HOW TO INCREASE SOFT TISSUE THICKNESS AROUND IMPLANTS

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Soft tissue defects deriving from tooth extraction for periodontal reason are frequently complex and involve the interdental papillae of the adjacent teeth which may also have some loss of attachment and bone. Soft tissue augmentation procedures and particularly the connective platform technique, may compensate such defects and provide the ideal soft tissue conditions at the time of the completed bone healing. Different levels of bone healing will address different approaches for implant installation. Good esthetic outcome and improvement of the perimplant papillae can be achieved with minor or no bone augmentation procedure.