Prosthodontist’s Perspective

Our implant planning process needs to be restoratively driven. We plan the implant treatment working from the proposed final restoration backwards. Are all “empty spaces” best treated with an implant retained restoration?
Implant Planning

Using the clinical crown of the adjacent tooth to align the implant worked well here.

However, in this case using the clinical crown of the adjacent tooth to align the implant posed a problem. When a tooth has been crowned, we can’t be sure that the anatomical root of the tooth lines up with the apparent long axis of the tooth determined by the use of the crown restoration.

Source: Jeff Shotwell, University of Michigan, 2008

Implant Planning

Here, the alignment of the implant looks pretty good if we compare it to the angulation of the restored crown of the adjacent tooth. Fabrication and use of a radiographic guide could help avoid this result.

Source: Jeff Shotwell, University of Michigan, 2008
Pre-Surgical Planning

Appropriate planning makes results like this predictable. Communication and co-ordination of the surgical and prosthodontic aspects of treatment are necessary to achieve consistent favorable results.

Source: Jeff Shotwell, University of Michigan, 2008

Pre-Surgical Planning

Implant Planning For Replacement of a Lost Primary Molar

Source: Jeff Shotwell, University of Michigan, 2008
Pre-Surgical Planning

Occlusal View of Proposed Site

Source: Jeff Shotwell, University of Michigan, 2008

Pre-Surgical Planning

Verification of Root Angulation of Adjacent Teeth With a Radiograph

Source: Jeff Shotwell, University of Michigan, 2008
Pre-Surgical Planning

Secure a good alginate impression and pour a study cast.

Source: Jeff Shotwell, University of Michigan, 2008

Pre-Surgical Planning

For a patient we would have a radiograph of the area to aid in our orientation for the surgical guide. Here I have placed a dot to mark “center mass” of the clinical crown and my estimate of the center of the root.

Source: Jeff Shotwell, University of Michigan, 2008
Pre-Surgical Planning

The lines placed on the cast are used to orient the model with the use of a dental surveyor.

Source: Jeff Shotwell, University of Michigan, 2008

Pre-Surgical Planning

The dental surveyor is also used to orient the cast bucco-lingually. We use the buccal plate as well as the proximal surfaces of the adjacent teeth if present.

Source: Jeff Shotwell, University of Michigan, 2008
Pre-Surgical Planning

The Use Of A Radiographic Guide For Evaluation Of The Proposed Angulation And Location of The Implant Placement

Source: Jeff Shotwell, University of Michigan, 2008
Pre-Surgical Planning

The Successive Sizes Of Drills And Drill Blanks For The Fabrication Of The Surgical Guides. From Top To Bottom, The Sizes Are 2.2mm, 2.8mm, and 3.5mm.

Source: Jeff Shotwell, University of Michigan, 2008

The Radiographic Guide

Source: Jeff Shotwell, University of Michigan, 2008
Radiograph Of Patient Taken With Guide

Adjustment Of Proposed Angulation Of Implant If Necessary / This Is Not Commonly Needed, But Is Included In Case You Find It Necessary
Determination Of The Amount Of Correction Needed For More Ideal Implant Placement

Note The Angle Created By The Drill And The Radiographic Image Of The Dowel. This Is The Amount The Cast Needs To Be Re-Angled To Provide A More Ideal Implant Placement

Source: Jeff Shotwell, University of Michigan, 2008

We First Remove The 10mm Dowel From Our Radiographic Guide

Source: Jeff Shotwell, University of Michigan, 2008
The Dowel Pin Is Replaced With A Longer Drill Blank And We Orient The Surveyor Table As Necessary To Align The Cast With Our Current Radiograph

The New Orientation Moves The Apex Of The Implant Toward The Molar

Source: Jeff Shotwell, University of Michigan, 2008
The Radiographic Guide Is Ground Out To Allow The Placement Of The Drill Blank At The New Orientation

We Use Triad Gel To Surround The Drill Blank In The New Orientation And Cure It With A Hand Held Curing Light
We replace the 2mm x 10mm dowel in the radiographic guide and take another PA film to verify our new angulation with the patient.

The corrected angulation is now verified and we may proceed to fabricate our drill guides.
**Verification Of The Superior - Inferior Placement Of The Implant**

The radiographic guide may also be fabricated such that it can be used as a ridge crest preparation guide.

Source: Jeff Shotwell, University of Michigan, 2008

**Verification That The Implant Is Not Placed Too Far Occlusally**

The radiographic guide may be used for this purpose. Having this function separated from the radiographic guide is for the clarity of this presentation only. This guide is used to contour the crest of the ridge if necessary at surgery prior to performing the osteotomy for the implant placement.

Source: Jeff Shotwell, University of Michigan, 2008
We Estimate The Final Position Of The FGM For Our Restoration As A Guide To The Superior-Inferior Placement Of Our Planned Implant

The RCP guide uses the FGM height of the adjacent teeth to determine the desired height of the FGM on the completed restoration.

Pre-Surgical Planning

During surgery the junction of the “smooth-rough” surface of the implant is placed at the osseous crest. The Straumann Esthetic Plus implant extends 1.8mm above the “smooth-rough” junction. The soft tissue will form 3mm above the osseous crest after healing. This will place our crown margin 1.2mm below the healed gingival margin.

Source: Jeff Shotwell, University of Michigan, 2008
Pre-Surgical Planning

Reviewing: The soft tissue will heal 3mm higher than the bone.

Of this 3mm of space from the gingival margin and the bone, 1.8mm is the smooth portion of the implant and 1.2mm is the amount the margin of our crown will be below the crest of the gingiva.

Source: Jeff Shotwell, University of Michigan, 2008

Pre-Surgical Planning

After laying a flap, the surgeon will ensure that the osseous crest is 3mm apical to the RCP stent. If there is LESS room than 3mm, this may create a problem with the final restoration in that the margin / collar of the implant may be exposed.

Source: Jeff Shotwell, University of Michigan, 2008
Pre-Surgical Planning

Assuming there is less than 3mm between the guide and the alveolar crestal bone, the surgeon will use a high speed diamond to recontour the crest of the ridge until adequate space is created between the guide and the ridge crest. At this time, the drill guides may be used to create the osteotomy for the implant.

Source: Jeff Shotwell, University of Michigan, 2008

Pre-Surgical Planning

Our next task is placing the cast on a dental surveyor and determining the orientation for the preparation of the osteotomy for implant placement.

Source: Jeff Shotwell, University of Michigan, 2008
We will use the drill press as a surveyor. For your purposes, the dental surveyor may be used for this procedure as well. The cast has been placed in a surveyor table and there is a 3.5mm drill blank in the drill press to use as an “analyzing rod”. Using your surveyor, this could be done with a 2.8mm drill blank.
Pre-Surgical Planning

We refer to the radiograph to help with the orientation.

Source: Jeff Shotwell, University of Michigan, 2008

Pre-Surgical Planning

The use of a large drill blank helps evaluate that the proposed placement shows equal clearance with the adjacent teeth.

Source: Jeff Shotwell, University of Michigan, 2008
Pre-Surgical Planning

Checking survey relative to the buccal plate as well as with the adjacent teeth.

Source: Jeff Shotwell, University of Michigan, 2008

Pre-Surgical Planning

This view shows the proposed placement. Note the view from the occlusal places the implant somewhat buccal to the center of the ridge crest.

Source: Jeff Shotwell, University of Michigan, 2008
Pre-Surgical Planning

The 2.2mm surgical drill guide viewed from the buccal and occlusal.

Source: Jeff Shotwell, University of Michigan, 2008

Pre-Surgical Planning

The complete set of pre-surgical and surgical guides include:

- Radiographic stent with 10mm marker
- RCP stent (Ridge Crest Preparation)
- Remember, the Radiographic stent and the RCP stent are usually combined
- 2.2mm surgical drill guide
- 2.8mm surgical drill guide
- 3.5mm surgical drill guide

Source: Jeff Shotwell, University of Michigan, 2008
Surgical Phase

Pre-Surgical Planning (Left)
Surgical Phase (Right)

Source: Jeff Shotwell, University of Michigan, 2008
Lab Phase of Final Restoration

Final Restoration Placed

Source: Jeff Shotwell, University of Michigan, 2008
Final Restoration Placed

Abutment Options For The Straumann System Used In The VIC Clinics

RN stands for regular neck or regular platform implant abutments. This is the 4.1mm x 4.8mm implant or the 4.8mm x 4.8mm implant. Used in the bicuspoid area and at times in the molar area depending on anatomic requirements.

WN stands for wide neck or wide platform implant abutments. This is the 4.8mm x 6.5mm implant. This implant is used in the molar areas only.

Source: Jeff Shotwell, University of Michigan, 2008
A Schematic Drawing Of The Placement Of The Abutment And The Orientation Of The Impression Components

Source: Jeff Shotwell, University of Michigan, 2008

Review Of The Impression Components Used With The Straumann System After Placement Of The Solid Abutment

The impression components used for the 4mm tall solid abutment. Both sets of components shown here are for the regular neck implant.

The components used for the 5.5mm tall solid abutment.

Source: Jeff Shotwell, University of Michigan, 2008
When taking our impression, we always orient our white basket so that the tabs face to the buccal and lingual.

Also note the orientation of the flat side of the solid abutment after torquing to place. In this case it is oriented toward 12 o’clock (straight to the buccal).

The White Basket Snaps Over The Margin Created By The Implant. The insert orients the flat side of the abutment for the impression.
We may then pre assemble the insert and the basket prior to placing them on the abutment for impression making.

In this situation, the pre assembled impression basket would have the tab indicating the flat side of the insert placed at the 12 o’clock position, not the 3 o’clock position as shown in the image at the left. After taking the impression, an analog is placed in the impression basket prior to pouring the impression in dental stone.

The Use Of An Analog For Making Our Provisional Restoration After The Final Impression For Our Patient

This procedure may also be done using a coping made ahead of time on a spare analog and a hollowed out plastic tooth. We can use an aluminum crown form filled with self cure acrylic to make the plastic tooth ahead of time as well. We then just hollow out our plastic tooth after peeling the aluminum crown form off the self curing acrylic.

Source: Jeff Shotwell, University of Michigan, 2008
Finalized Margins Of The Provisional Restoration For The Patient

The provisional will help form the emergence profile of the gingival sulcus for the final restoration.

Source: Jeff Shotwell, University of Michigan, 2008

Provisional Restoration Cemented

Source: Jeff Shotwell, University of Michigan, 2008
Another Patient Three Months Post Placement

Cover or Healing Abutment

Source: Jeff Shotwell, University of Michigan, 2008
Healing Abutment Removed And A 4mm Tall Regular Neck Solid Abutment Placed In The Implant And Torqued To 35Ncm

PVS Impression

Source: Jeff Shotwell, University of Michigan, 2008
Provisional Removed At Time Of Crown Placement

Definitive Crown On Working Cast / Note Removal Of Silicone Gingival Area
6 Months Post Placement

Clinical And Radiographic Appearance At 6 Months

Source: Jeff Shotwell, University of Michigan, 2008
12 Months Post Placement

Clinical And Radiographic Appearance At 12 Months

Source: Jeff Sholevich, University of Michigan, 2008
24 Months Post Placement

Clinical And Radiographic Appearance At 24 Months

Source: Jeff Shotwell, University of Michigan, 2008