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# Minimally invasive implant therapy can be implemented in many ways

**We can look back with gratitude** and pride on the successful international annual congress of the German Association of Dental Implantology, which took place this year in Berlin in Germany. A common theme ran throughout many of the contributions to the scientific programme: the demand for a minimally invasive procedure that is as gentle on the tissue as possible.

The reality has already become apparent in the past few years: the digital workflow is increasingly being integrated into oral implantology. The digital impression—whether from an intra-oral scan or derived from the dental model—the individual CAD of the required prosthetic elements and their CAM, as well as the 3D diagnostics and planning of the surgical procedure, can all be seamlessly combined digitally. The possibilities offered by reliable planning, achieved through backward planning, and consistent teamwork between the surgeon, prosthodontist and dental technician enable aesthetic, functional and durable dental restorations.

From the patient's point of view, in addition to these possibilities, the invasiveness of the planned intervention plays a decisive role. For the practitioner, the aim is to treat the patient as painlessly and quickly as possible in order to minimise additional stress for the patient, and there are very different minimally invasive approaches to employ for the individual case. Besides the use of

reduced-diameter one-piece screw implants with self-tapping threads, there are very different minimally invasive approaches to employ for the individual case. Both the patient's state of health and the desired implant restoration are central starting points for a sound therapy. In the end, which path to take is the joint decision of the practitioner and patient.

I would like to wish you an engaging read of this year's last issue of **implants—international magazine of oral implantology**, as well as a time of introspection leading up to the festive season!

Warm and friendly greetings,

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