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Before the court and on the high seas...



Dear colleagues!

“Before the court and on the high seas, you are in God’s hands,” goes the oft-quoted adage. A recent verdict by the Berlin Regional Court underscores the profound resonance of this proverb. Despite the assertions of the court-appointed expert to the contrary, the ruling discounted the medical necessity of two-part ceramic implants due to purported lack of evidence. The remarkable aspect lies not merely in the court’s dismissal of expert testimony but in the consequential denial of reimbursement by various insurance companies for procedures involving two-part ceramic implants, citing this ruling.

The ensuing discourse has illuminated a persistent reality: ceramic implants remain a contentious topic in contemporary implantology, even years after their introduction. It falls upon each of us, esteemed colleagues, to discern our stance on ceramic implants, be they one-piece or two-piece, and draw informed conclusions. However, one incontrovertible truth emerges: such a verdict demands a response.

As the representative of the Implantology Consensus Conference, the DGZI (German Association of Dental

Implantology) brought this issue to the forefront during the latest meeting, known internally as the “KK”. The KK issued a succinct yet cogent statement in response. Yet, under the auspices of DGZI’s leadership, a cadre of experts convened to craft a comprehensive analysis and further statement. I urge you to turn to pages 40 and 41 of this edition of *implants* for a detailed exposition. Rest assured, DGZI remains vigilant in monitoring developments on this front and will keep you apprised accordingly.

In this vein, I extend my warm regards and encourage you to delve into this issue of *implants* with zeal.

Yours sincerely

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