

# Essential guide for clinical practice in implant dentistry

**Sixty top scientists** from around the world participated in the 2018 EAO Consensus Conference, which was held in Switzerland in February. The European Association for Osseointegration (EAO) has now published an essential guide for practitioners in the field of implant dentistry. It provides an accessible summary of the findings from the 2018 conference and shines a light on many challenges currently facing clinicians.

The EAO Consensus Conference takes place every three years. During the event, leading experts are invited to discuss emerging techniques and hot topics in the field and come up with their recommendations for best practice. Their findings are then published in *Clinical Oral Implants Research* as a comprehensive, open-access supplement. In order to disseminate the findings and make them more accessible, the EAO has published its *Key points for clinical practice*. The report was written by a group of dentists who were invited to attend the conference to observe the discussions. It provides a clear summary of the findings and gives readers key facts to include in their clinical practice. The topics selected for discussion during the 2018 EAO Consensus Conference were particularly relevant to clinical practice. Par-

ticipants tackled the themes of drugs and diseases, biological parameters, reconstructions, and biomechanical aspects. These were broken down into several subtopics and debated at length. *Key points for clinical practice* follows the same structure and covers each topic in a helpful question-and-answer format.

The EAO has developed a dedicated microsite to allow users to explore the report. It has also been translated into ten languages (English, Spanish, French, Portuguese, German, Italian, Russian, Korean, Japanese and Chinese), and all editions will be available to download from the microsite ([www.eao.org/mpage/Keypoints](http://www.eao.org/mpage/Keypoints)). In addition, a version translated into Swedish will be published in the Journal of the Swedish Dental Association.

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**Fig. 1:** The drugs and diseases working group at the 2018 EAO Consensus Conference.





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