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# Dental implantology— the “third” chance for patients

In dentistry, implantology and oral surgery are one of the few disciplines dealing with the presumably hopeless cases. Patients have insufficient oral health due to their own neglect or serious illnesses. The daily quality of life is reduced as a result of unstable prosthetics, insufficiently treated bounded saddles and a general functional insufficiency. These health issues place an excessive psychosocial burden on many affected patients. Dentists dedicated to dental implantology are, in fact, the last hope to provide help in such cases.

Modern implantology and its individually adaptable implant prosthetics offer patients a “third” chance to integrate a fixed dentition. The restoration of single teeth, fixed complete prostheses on either four or six implants in the fully edentulous maxilla or mandible and guided bone regeneration plus soft-tissue management are just some examples of the implantological repertoire.

In addition, thorough backward planning by digital workflows and navigated surgery—may it be dynamic/virtual or by drilling template—expands this repertoire. You will find some examples how these techniques are applied in this issue.

We owe it to our patients to implement the best available solution and methods. Thus, further education is a must—either at the implantological meetings and/or by thoroughly studying specialist magazines like this one. The research articles, case reports and congress reviews

of this issue of *implants—international magazine of oral implantology* shall present you more ideas and solutions enabling you to treat your patient even better.

In addition, I would like to invite you to our **48<sup>th</sup> DGZI annual congress on the 28 and 29 September in Düsseldorf, Germany**. For the first time the meeting is taking place as “Future Congress for Dental Implantology”. According to its theme “Visions in Implantology” we will focus on future developments in dental implantology expected for the next ten coming years.

We, the DGZI, will once again set new standards in quality and latest topics of implantological education. Live streams of surgeries from chosen competence centres in Germany will be presented. The future podium and interactive table clinics are highlights of the main programme on Friday and a highly scientific presentation programme will wait for you on Saturday.

Register now and provide your patients with the best “third” chance. We look forward to welcoming you in Düsseldorf.

With best wishes for the upcoming semester,

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Vollmer'.

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