RETROSPECTIVE STUDY ON BONE-LEVEL AND SOFT-TISSUE-LEVEL CYLINDRICAL IMPLANTS

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The purpose of this prospective clinical study was to evaluate the survival rate (SVR - i.e. fixtures still in place at the end of the observation period) and success rate (SCR - i.e. bone resorption around implant neck) of two cylindrical implant systems. Both systems were equipped with a tapered connection, one requiring a bone-level (BL) placement, while the other a soft-tissue-level (STL) placement. In the period between January 1996 and October 2011, a total of 150 implants (76 in females and 74 in males, mean age 60 ± 11 years) were inserted. The mean post-surgical follow-up was 84 ± 47 months. Several parameters were evaluated as potential outcome conditioners: age, gender, diabetes, smoking, periodontitis, type of edentulism, replaced tooth, jaw location (i.e. maxilla or mandible), bone graft, immediate loading, postextractive, type of prosthesis, implant diameter and length. An SPSS program was used for statistical analysis. Only two fixtures were lost, therefore SVR was 98.7%. SCR, expressed through the mean marginal bone loss, was 92%. The mean peri-implant bone loss was 0.121.47 mm for BL implants and 0.041.3 mm for STL implants. None of the studied variables had a statistical significant impact on SVR or SCR. Cylindrical implants are reliable for oral rehabilitation.

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