Incorporating Nano Science and Digital Technologies to Impact Peri-implantitis Prevention

Peri-implantitis is an emerging problem that affects between 11% and 47% of implant patients. It is generally accepted that peri-implant mucositis is a precursor to peri-implantitis. The anatomy of the peri-implant tissues largely depends on the position of the implant, the implant system used, and the clinical/prosthetic protocol followed. The design of the definitive implant abutment can be digitally enhanced to respect the biological space and prevent peri-implant breakdown. This program will review current knowledge about the causes of peri-implant disease, prevention strategies to prevent problems before they develop, including the selection of an implant system to help mitigate the risk of peri-implant disease.

After completion of the program, participants should be able to:

• Describe peri-implant mucositis, its causes, and treatment modalities.
• Describe peri-implantitis, risk factors involved, and potential treatment modalities.
• Understand the management protocol for treating early, moderate, and advanced peri-implantitis cases.

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