

# ***PROSTHETIC PEARLS***

**This section of the newsletter is for the of sharing techniques, new products or ideas that will make our lives in implant dentistry simpler, more predictable, and profitable!**

## **TRANSITIONAL IMPLANT SUPPORT, WHEN YOU NEED THEM MOST!**

**By Dr. Bernard Weissman**

The art of implantology and the many fine implant devices have made common cause for patients to enjoy the comforts of tooth replacement most closely resembling their natural dentate state.

The continuous advances in surgical, prosthodontic and technological expertise hold ever greater promise of sound, predictable and aesthetic restorations. While advances continue, the formidable problems of providing patients with functional restorations during the lengthy implant healing intervals to date have been a major impediment in the great forward march in implantology.

The prospect of correcting this deficiency is at hand through the use of a novel yet lengthy tested idea employed by Dr. Victor Sendax with considerable success, who also coined the name "minis" (Dentatus Titanium Posts).

The MTI Mini Transitional Implants provide the missing link for a practical procedure of replacing instantly missing teeth. The thin 1.8mm titanium implants are installed by creating an osteotomy with a thinner profiled drill in selected safe ridge areas, and driving the self-threading implants through the tissue into the bone. The implants are immediately loaded for the support of a temporary restoration that is subjected to normal function. The thin implants can be placed in areas: between fixtures, before, during or after the surgical installation of permanent implants. The temporary prosthesis can be fabricated as a fixed or removable replacement of the missing teeth. A more durable aesthetic restoration can be fabricated by conventional methods on master casts by trained technicians and dental laboratories.

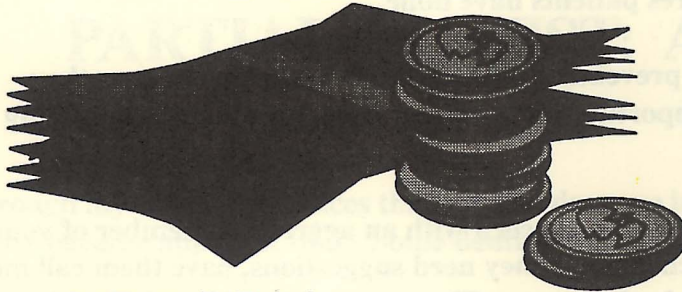
The Mini Transitional Implants are additionally useful in selecting sites and positions of permanent implants. They are helpful in testing depth and bone density. Probably its most rewarding application is in its use of replacing failing key supports before more permanent remedies can be implemented.

While its usefulness is readily evident, it is an additional comfort to know that the process is reversible by unscrewing the implants, yet with minute bone loss and with minimal patient discomfort.

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# BUILDING YOUR IMPLANT PRACTICE



by Bruce B. Baird

## ON A SILVER PLATTER

Well I just returned from a fantastic meeting in Toronto. It was the AAOMS national meeting and I must say I have never seen so many oral surgeons in one location in my life.

I had the opportunity to meet many surgeons from throughout the country and this gave me some insight into the prevailing thoughts of these surgical specialists. Many are frustrated about the lack of training of their restorative dentists and several wished they could bypass them all together. There was a time when I felt the same way. However, after working with the myriad of parts and seeing the different names for these as well as the different impression techniques, I can say the surgeons would be just as confused if they were doing the prosthetics! The problem is not who but how! How can we come up with easier ways of doing implant dentistry without compromising final results?

I had one surgeon say " I guess

they want these cases on a silver platter." My response was, "That's exactly right!" If you want to have more cases than you can ever imagine, whether a generalist or specialist, have your cases back to your restoring dentists ready to take the final impressions. That means prosthetic parts in place and tissues completely healed. If a dentist can visualize implant dentistry more like conventional dentistry you will be amazed by their willingness to refer their cases to you. Remember the average general practice sees 89 potential implant patients per month. How many are getting referred to you?

If you can serve it on a silver platter, I think you will see the results immediately.

I did find it interesting at the AAOMS meeting that their were few prosthetic lectures and no dental labs represented as exhibitors. I just found that kind of interesting.

## Prosthetic Pearls

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The MTI Transitional Implants together with the new MPS Modular prosthetic components provide dentistry with an unparalleled opportunity of maintaining patients in a dentate-comfortable, aesthetic state.

The Mini Transitional Implants' usefulness is recognized by many who employ the concept routinely and consider it indispensable. In spite of its success and great future promise, MTI should not be considered as a replacement for accepted, clinically proven implant devices and procedures.

The MTI and MPS product, available from Dentatus, are supplied in clean, non-sterilized packages and consequently all components must be sterilized in accordance with accepted standards before their use.

**I began using the MTI system about six months ago and have found numerous applications for its use. At a cost of less than \$16-20, you can provide unequalled protection for your implants during healing. I have also used this type implant to stabilize fixed crown and bridge work. I will write something later about this particular application. They can be ordered from Dentatus at 1-800-323-3136.**

**When I started the newsletter I envisioned a sharing of ideas that would help all of us in implant dentistry whether experienced or just getting started. If you have a technique or suggestion for inclusion in the newsletter fax me at 1-817-573-3764.**