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Peri- implantitis, the known and the unknown

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Peri-implantitis is an epidemic in our implant world. It is an infectious disease that causes an inflammatory process in the soft tissues, and bone loss around Osseo integrated implants. Diagnosis is based on changes of color in the keratinized mucosa, bleeding on probing, and increase in the depth of the peri-implant pockets, suppuration, radiographic examination, and gradual bone loss. The incidence of its occurrence is increasing the more the following is noted: more implants are being placed without proper planning, more bone graft materials are being used, more implants are abundantly being produced with different surface treatments, and more neglect is shown for treating periodontitis first before proceeding to placing implants. There are known and unknown issues to us on why this disease occurs and how it can be treated. Research is ongoing on this particular subject in order develop a gold standard in treating Peri-implantitis or event better to prevent it from occurring.

Biography

Marwa B Abulhasan is an American Board certified Periodontist. She has completed her dental degree from the University of Pittsburgh and received her Masters of Science in Craniofacial Biology and a Certificate of Periodontology from the University of Southern California (USC). She enjoys combining the academic and clinical worlds. She first started teaching at USC and then moved to Kuwait where she taught at Kuwait University. She then joined the Kuwaiti Board for Advanced General Dentistry Program where she is currently the main Periodontist and Implant Surgeon Faculty. As for her clinical world, she works as a Periodontist for the Kuwaiti Ministry of Health and also at Crown, a multi-specialty private dental Center.

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