To overcome the disadvantages of staged implant surgery and treatment, immediate loading concepts as well as flapless surgery approaches have been introduced in recent years. Specifically, promising results in terms of high success rates and remarkable esthetic outcomes have been reported for implants placed in extraction sockets and immediately loaded via provisional crowns. In the anterior maxilla the extraction socket anatomy is sloped in a lingual to buccal direction and the placement of a regular implant is not optimal. A dental implant with a sloped marginal contour, OsseoSpeed™ Profile (Astra Tech AB, Mölndal, Sweden), has been developed to optimize implant placement in such situations. The study examined the clinical performance of OsseoSpeed Profile implants and the transgingival components in a one-stage procedure with immediate insertion and provisionalization in the anterior maxilla.

18 OsseoSpeed Profile implants were inserted in 13 patients. All implants were placed immediately into extraction sockets. Facial bony defects (1 total, 7 partial losses of facial lamella) were reconstructed immediately with autogenous bone chips without raising a flap. All patients received immediate prosthetic restorations. Primary outcome variables were implant survival, marginal bone levels and Pink Esthetic Score.

Mean primary stability at time of implant insertion was 24 Ncm; 3 further implants had to be excluded because of insufficient primary stability for immediate provisionalization (below 15 Ncm). Mean follow-up was 12 months (range 8 to 16 months). There was one implant loss. Cumulative survival rate according to Kaplan-Meier was 94.4%. Marginal bone levels remained stable from the time of implant insertion to the final follow-up. In 82% of the implant sites it was possible to keep the gingival esthetics stable or even to improve it from the pre-operative examination to the final follow-up.

Results of survival rate, marginal bone stability and esthetic improvement suggest proof of principle for immediate provisionalization of Astra OsseoSpeed Profile implants.

Conclusions

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