

# Making Fixed Prosthesis Installation Safer by Preventing Several Risk factors for Peri-implant Disease



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# Understanding the Microscopic Nature of Dental Diseases

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# Dr. Arlin: “Implant Dentistry has Many Risk Factors for Peri-implant Disease” – It’s Complicated (Dr. Svoboda)

## Host / Systemic

- Patient Age
- Health / Medications
- Periodontitis History
- Smoking / Dosage
- Genetic Factors

## Host / Local

- Bone:**  
Quality/Quantity
- Soft Tissue:**  
Biotype /Keratinization
- Plaque Control**
- Excessive Load**

## Dentist/Operator

- Experience/Expertise
- Surgical  
Techniques/Protocols
- Prosthetic Systems**  
Screw-in (Hygiene Access /Fit)  
Cement-in (Cement/Fit)

## Biomaterial

- Biocompatibility
- Implant Material
- Implant Surface
- Implant Design

## Excessive Load

- Host Related  
Transmucosal
- Parafunction/Bruxism

## **Prosthetic Systems**

- Implant: Size / # / Distribution
- Materials / Occlusion
- Splints / Cantilevers / Ratio / Fit / Hygiene Access /
- Early vs Late Effects
- Mechanical Effects
- Biological Effects

## Surgical Techniques

- Sterile vs Aseptic
- Prophylactic Antibiotics
- Surgical Incision
- Surgical Trauma  
Excess Heat  
Excess Compression  
Inadequate Congruency
- Malpositioned Implants  
Oro-facially  
Mesio-distally  
Apico-occlusaly  
Invasion of Anatomy

## Surgical Protocols

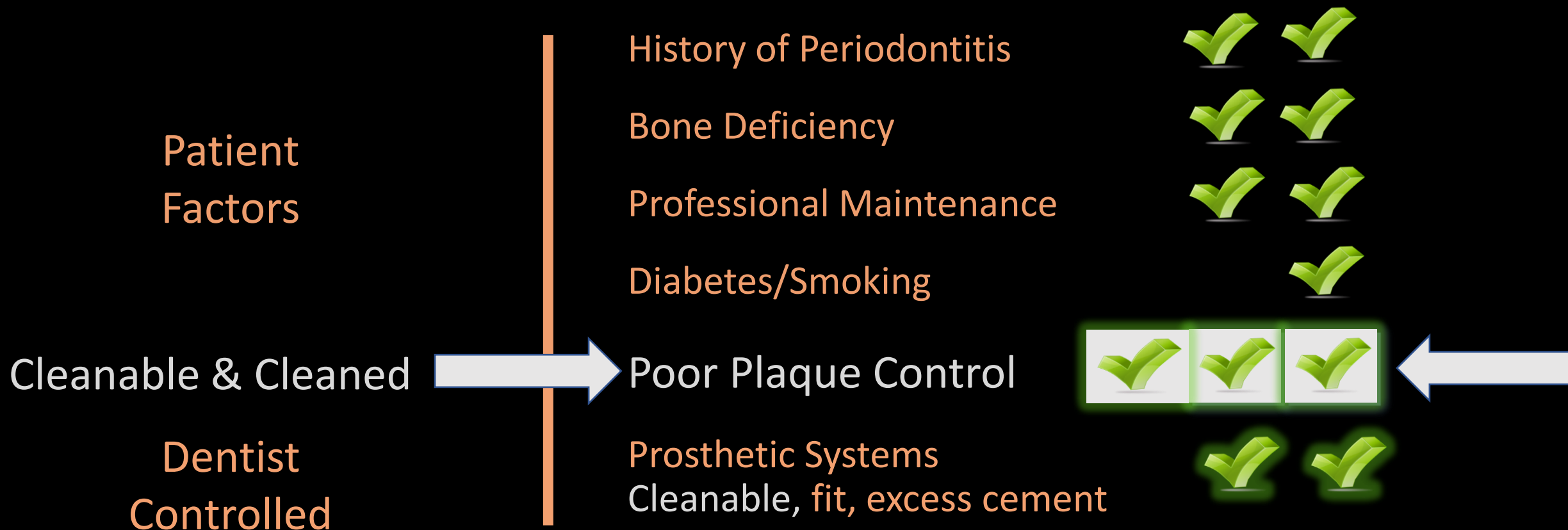
- Flap vs. Flapless  
-1 vs 2 stage
- Immediate Placement  
-Early Placement
- Delayed Placement
- Failed Replacement  
immediate / early / delayed
- Immediate Loading
- Number of Implants
- Implant Connection to  
Natural Teeth

## Implant Design

- Crestal Module
- Platform Shift
- Fracture Risk  
Material  
Diameter  
Load  
Connection
- Narrow Implants
- Wide Implants
- Tapered Implants

# Compilation of Publications + Dr. Arlin's Experience as a Periodontist

## Specific Risk Factors for Peri-implantitis







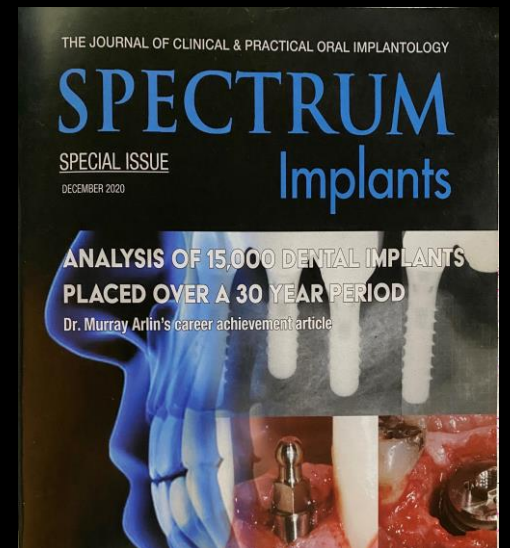
## Dr. Arlin's Implant Survival Rate (Still in the Mouth)

5 % lost by 2 years

8 % lost by 10 years

These results are like many other studies

Looks pretty good at the Implant Level  
What About the Patient's Experience?



# Patient's Experience over 10 years



Implant Failures 14%

Peri-implantitis 20%

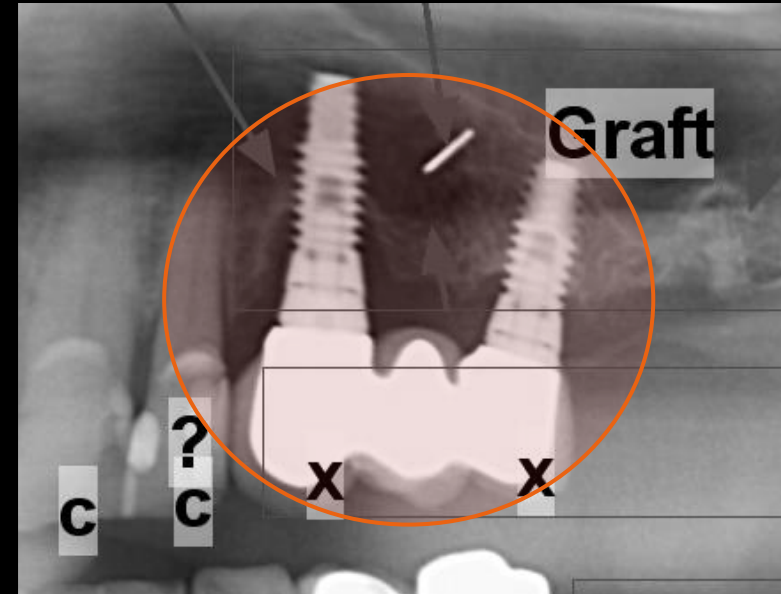
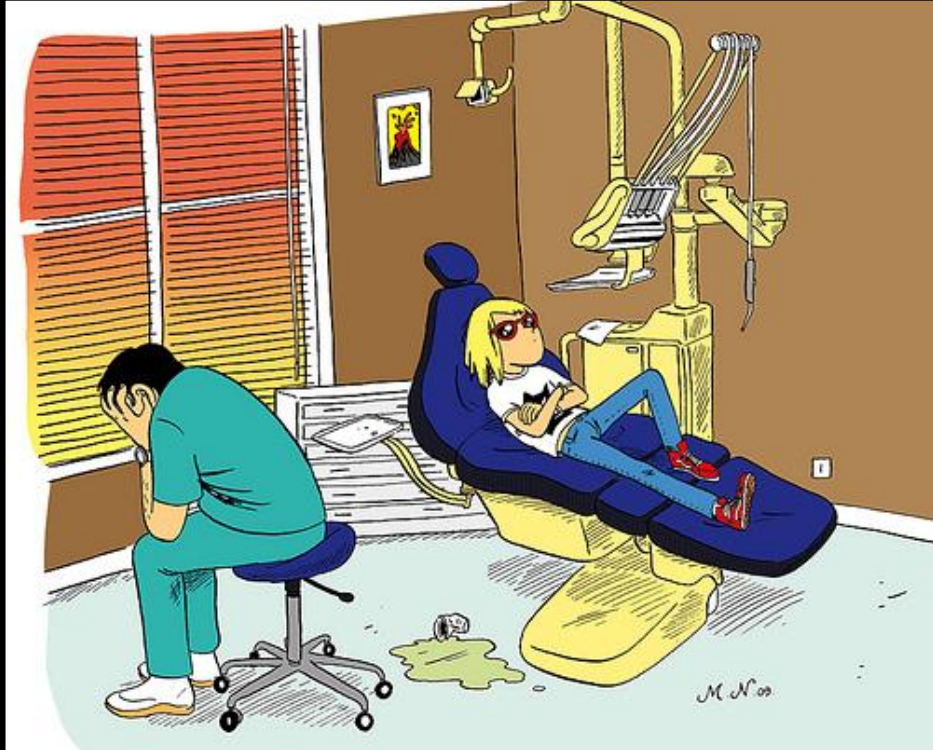
Mucositis 47%

**\*Peri-implant Disease  
&/or Failure 81% Ouch!**

Same for Cement-in & Screw-in Installation **Interesting!**

Evidence Based Research Results - Rokaya D et al. Peri-implantitis Update: Risk Indicators, Diagnosis, and Treatment. European J of Dentistry **2020**: V14, No.4:672-682. A Review

# Complications Disappoint Patients & are Not Good for Business



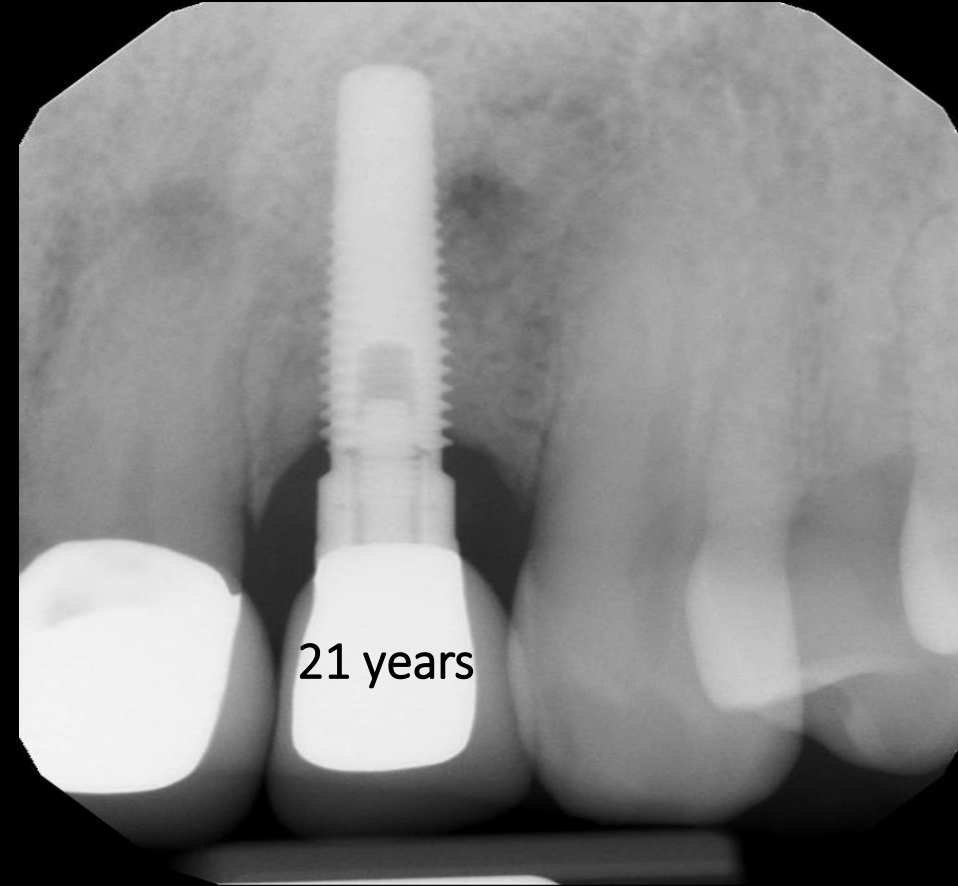
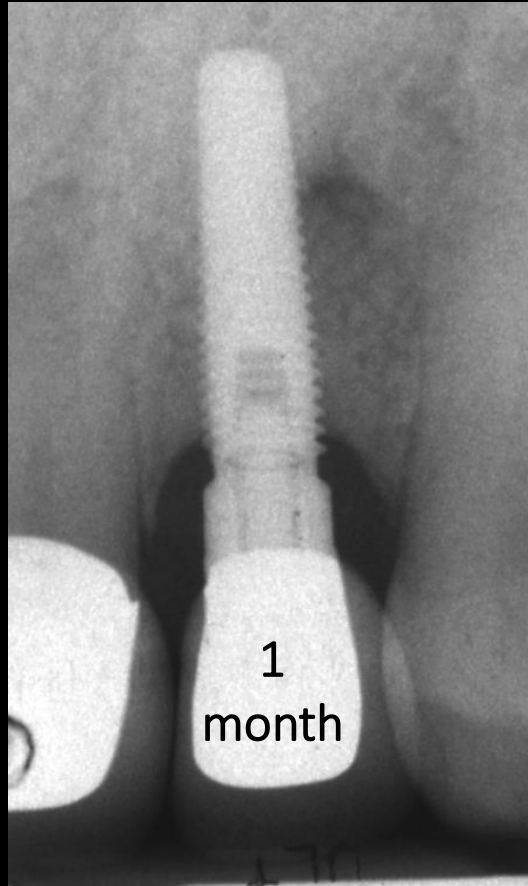
Stimulate a Whole Cascade of Liabilities for  
Dentists, Referral Sources, Labs, Implant Companies

Some implants in some patients  
can last a long time & tissues can look nice



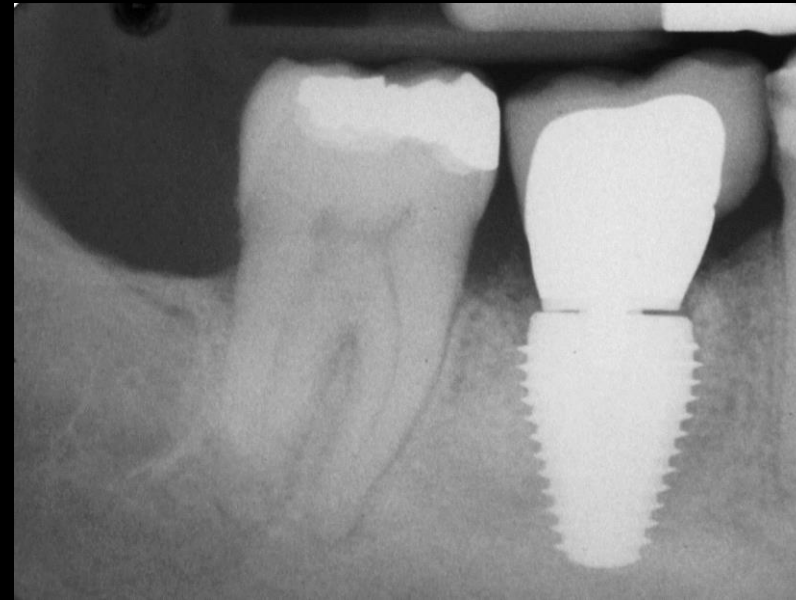
From Dr. Murray Arlin's & referring Dentists' Cases

# Connections & bone levels appear to be stable





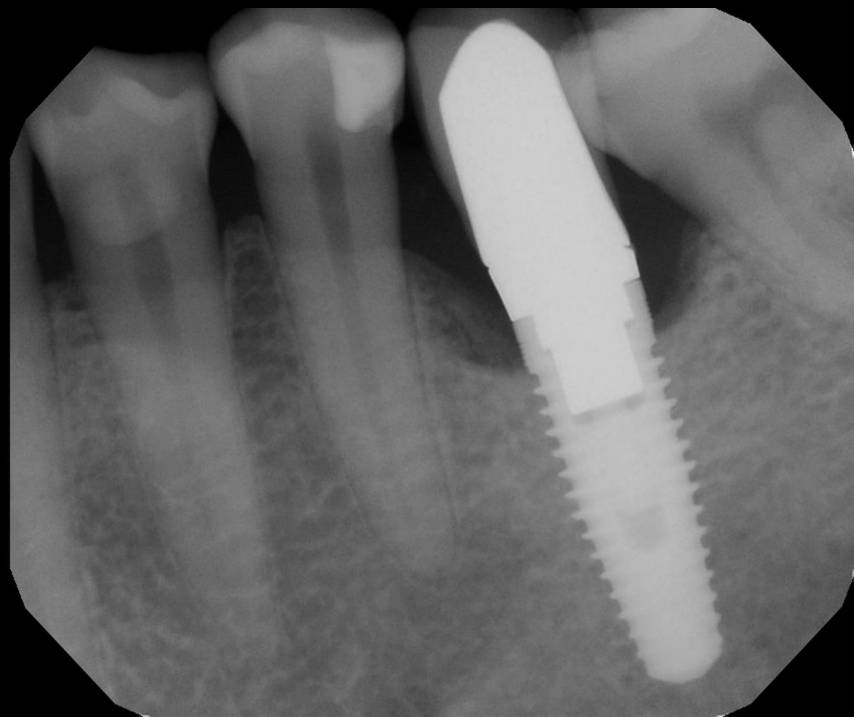
These misfit connections are Macroscopic  
& easy to see in x-ray images.



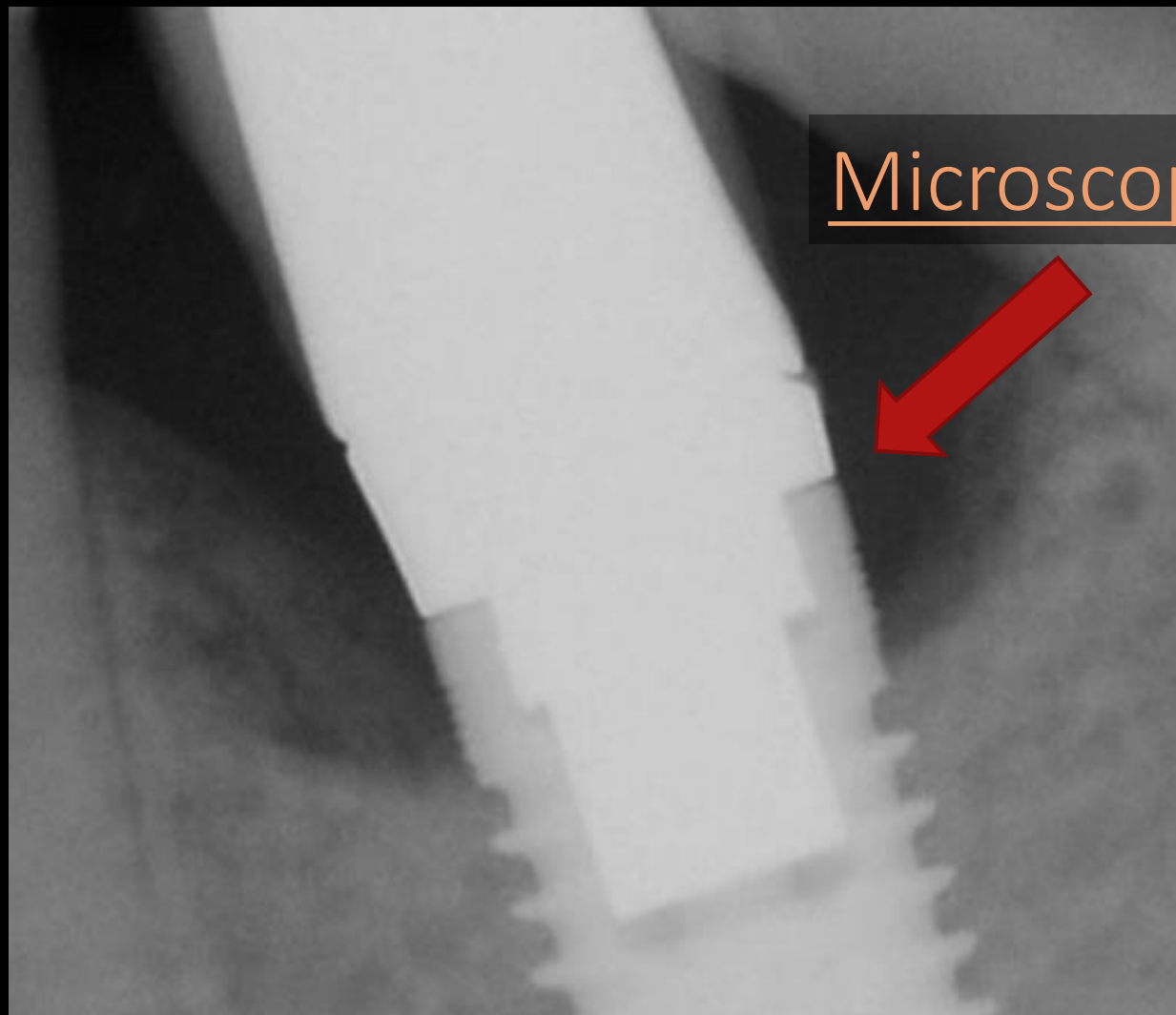
What causes these problems?  
How can we prevent them?

# Most Implant-abutment misfits are NOT easy to see

Mobile Abutment: Pockets > 9mm

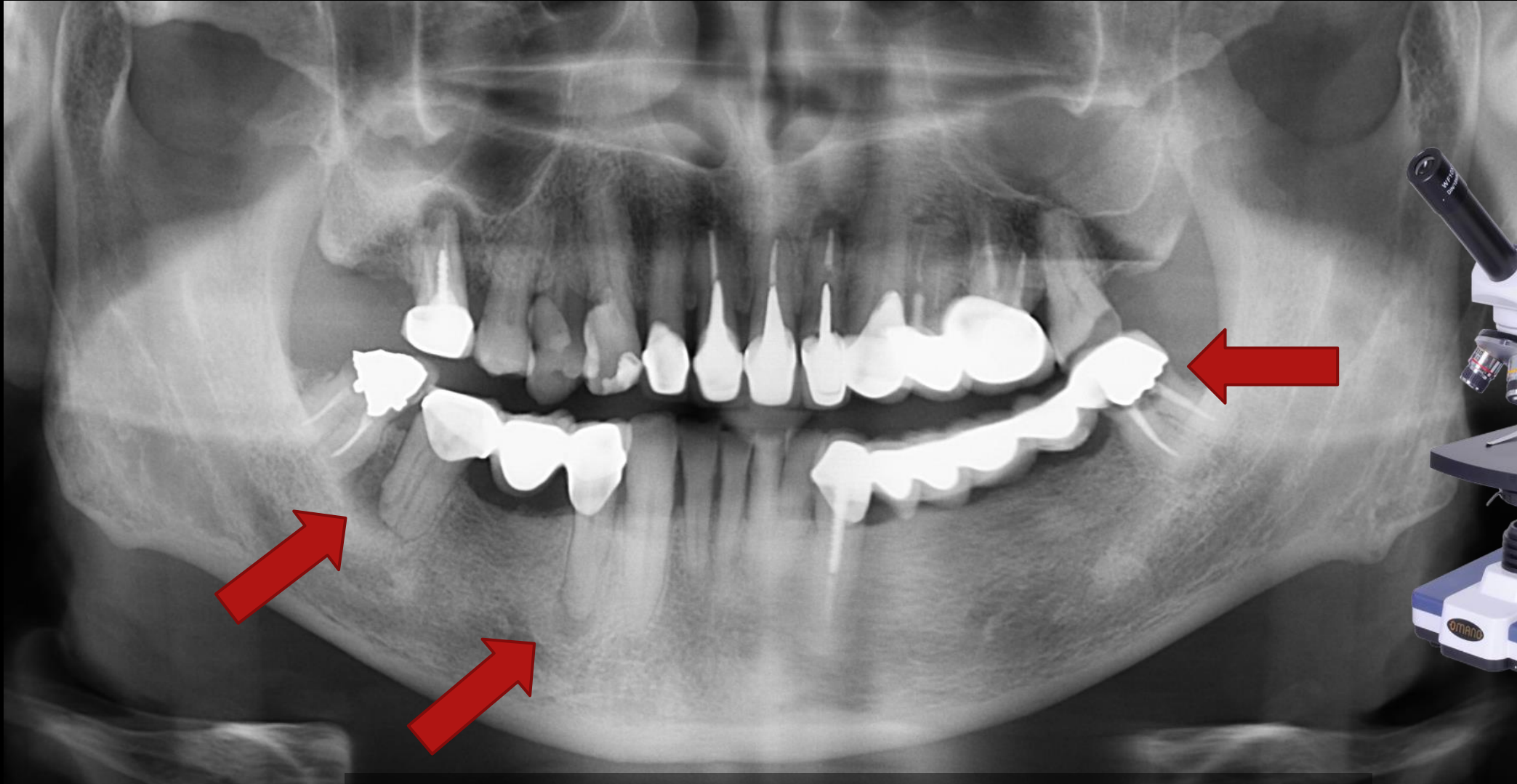


Damage is easy to see



From Dr. Murray Arlin's Cases

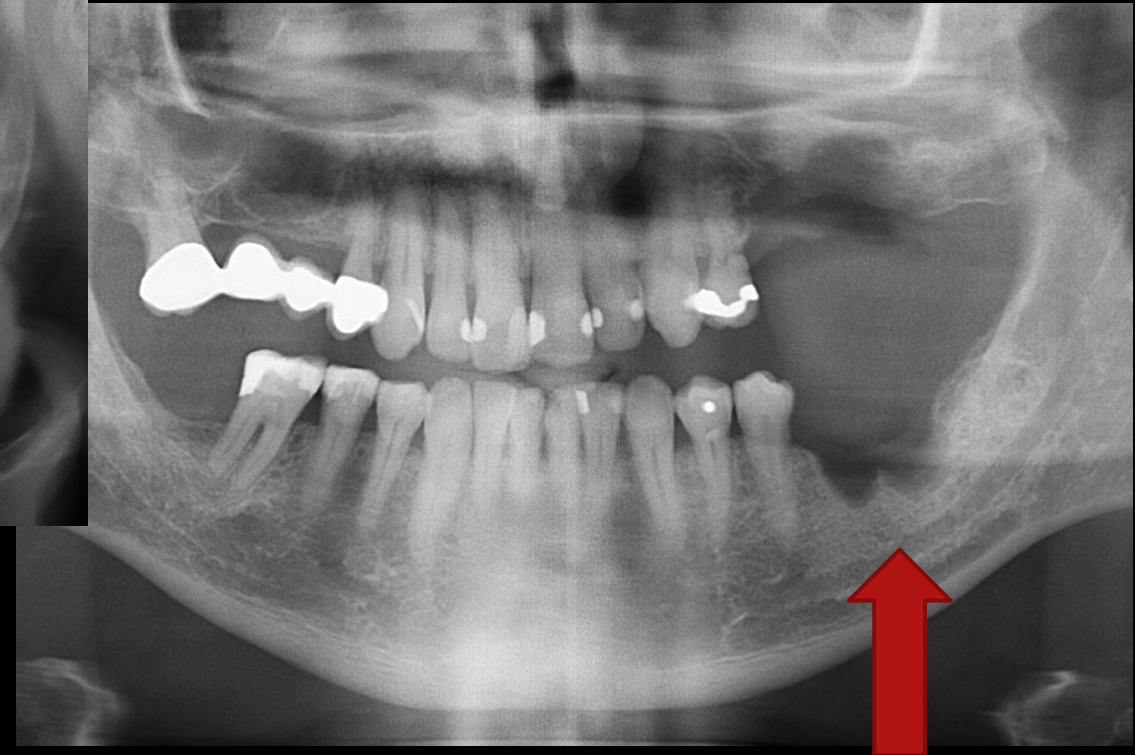
# All these diseases originate Microscopically



Their extensive damage is easy to see



# Peri-implant Disease originates Microscopically



Its extensive damage is easy to see

## Some Like Arguing for an Acceptable Amount of Implant-Abutment Misfit

10  $\mu$  (Branemark 1985), 150  $\mu$  (King et al 2002)

*BUT ... Bacteria can colonize a 1  $\mu$  gap (Herman et al 2001)*

**Adverse consequences include:**

Peri-implantitis (O'Mahoney et al 2003)

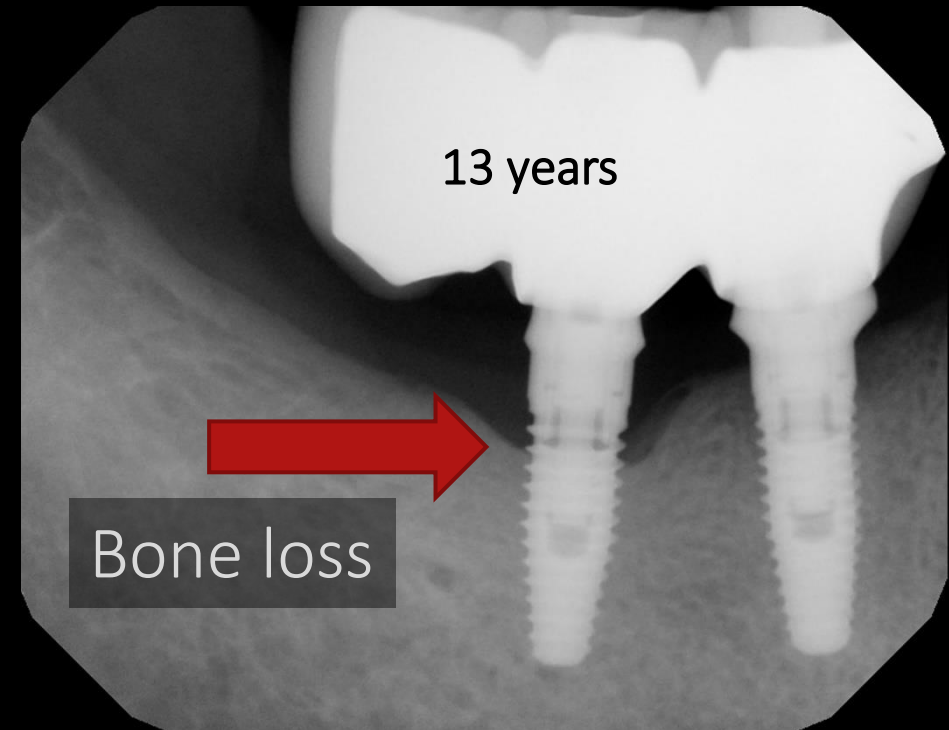
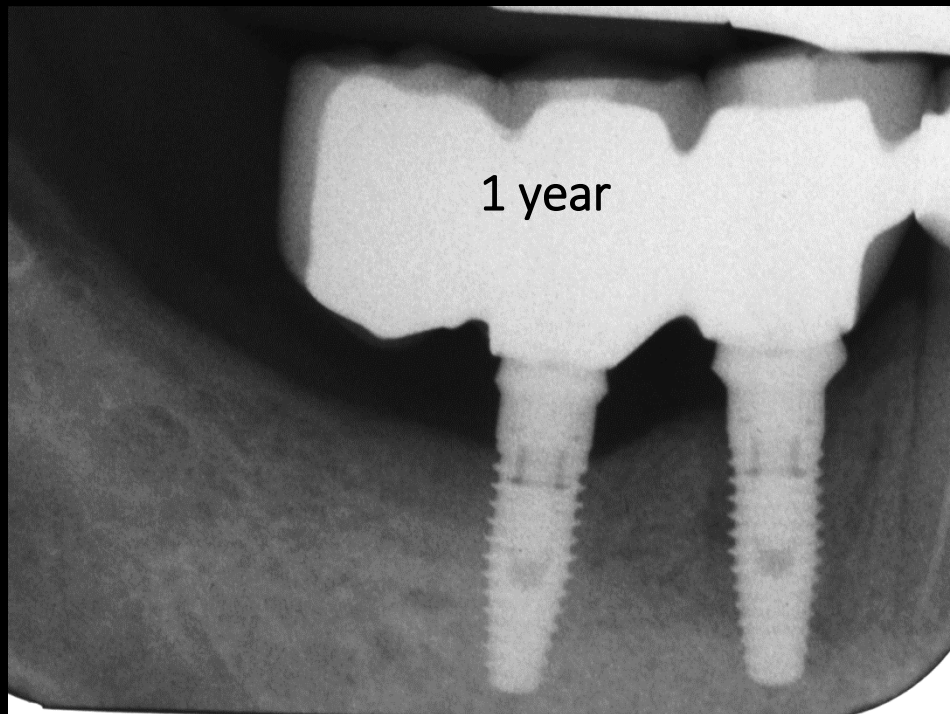
Screw loosening / fracture (Steinebrunner et al 2008)

Wouldn't Patients expect Connections be Optimized in the Mouth  
to be predictable according to Health Canada & FDA Test results?

**Are Preventable Misfits Really Acceptable?**

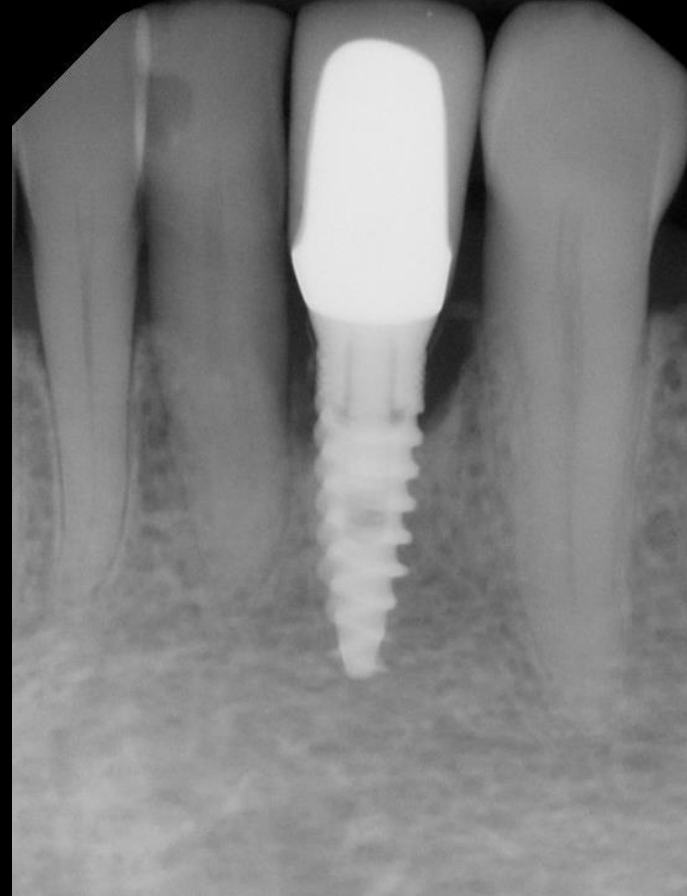
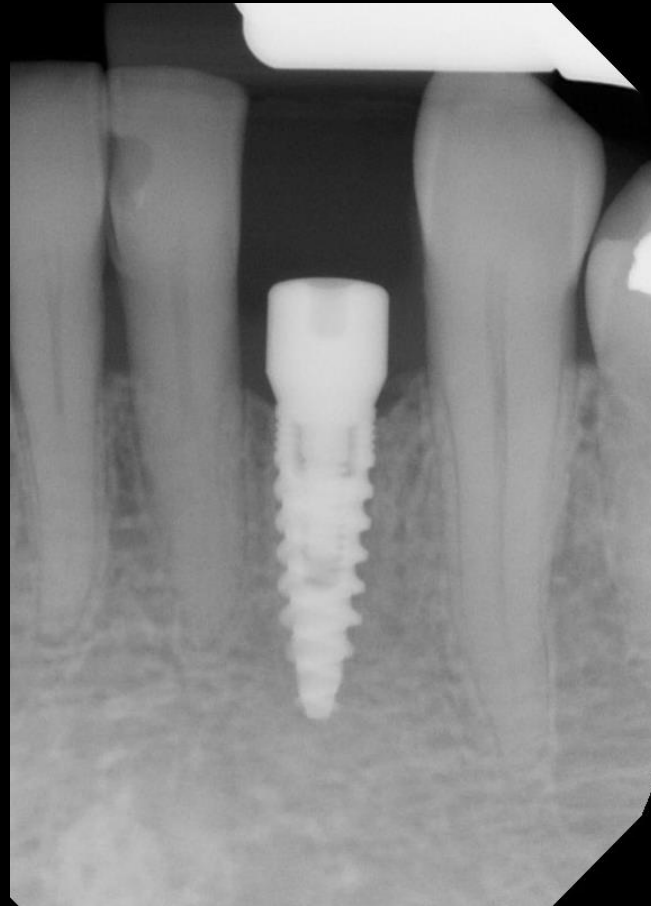
# Unseated Prosthesis/Open Margins

## Is there also Subgingival Cement?



What causes these problems?

# Why has the peri-implant bone resorbed?



Can this be prevented?



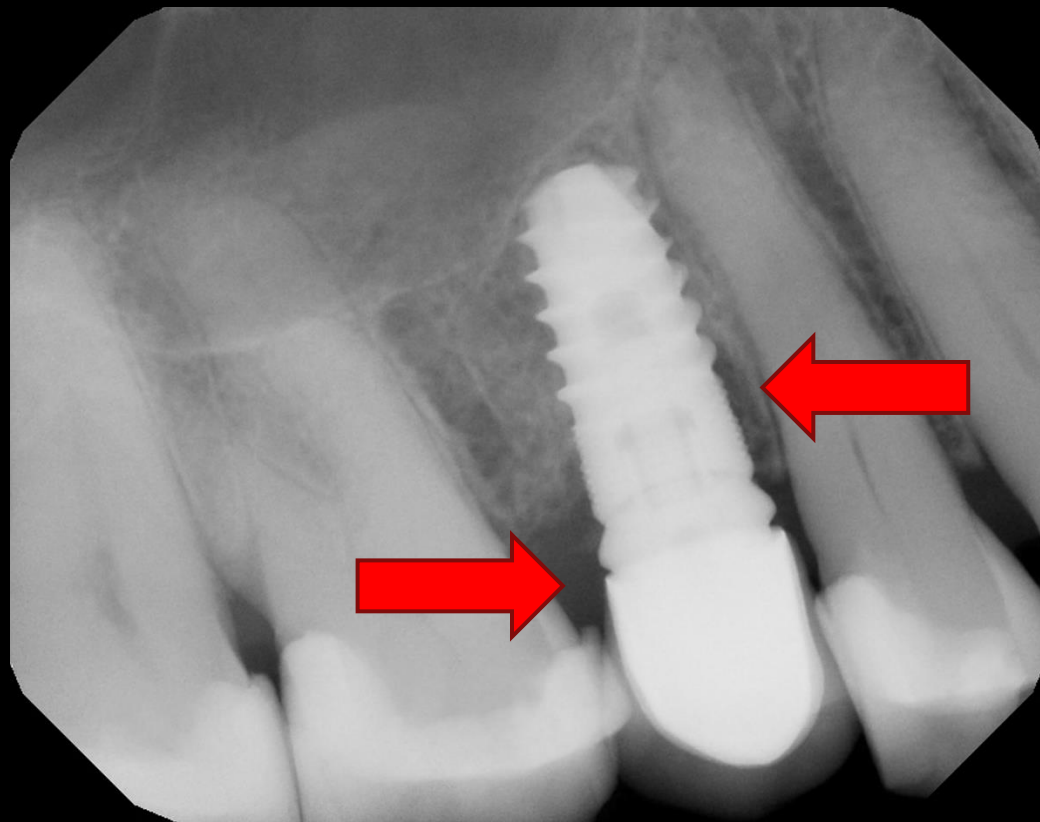
# Residual Subgingival Cement can be difficult to see on x-ray images

The Damage  
is easy to see



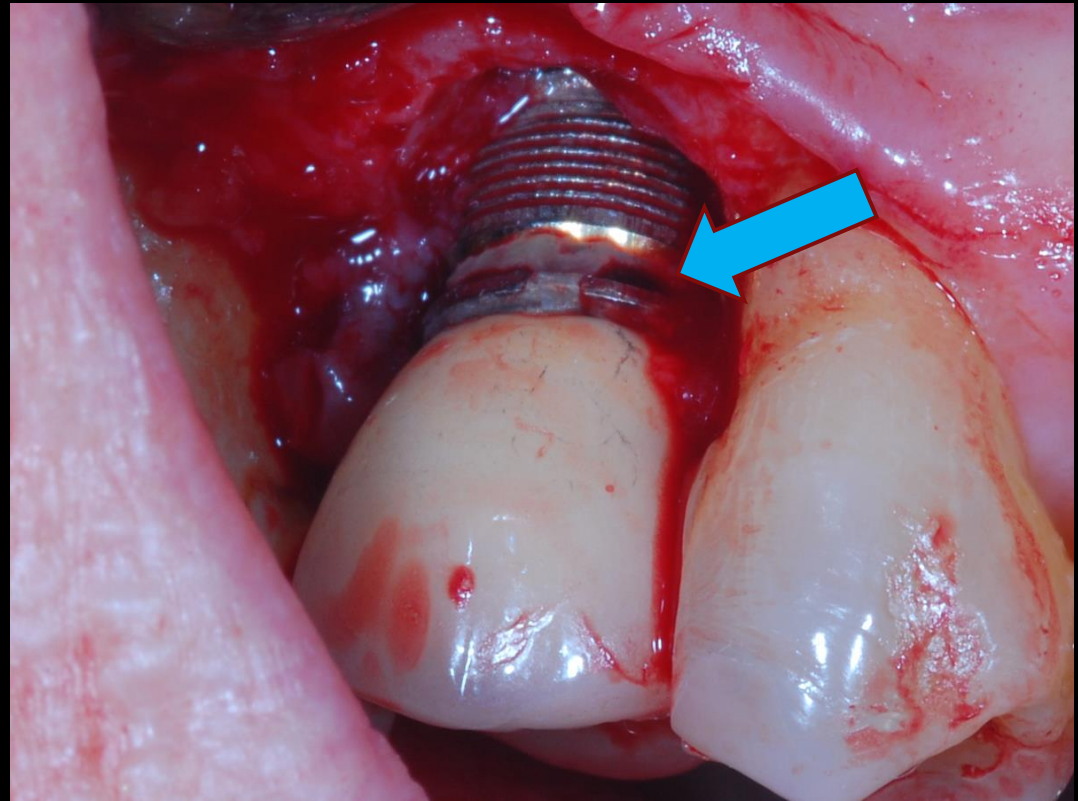
Why is this type of problem still so prevalent?

# Open margin, subgingival cement & bone destruction



Why is this still such a common problem?

# Open margin, subgingival cement & tissue destruction



To prevent problems, we need to know their root causes!

# NO Predictable Treatment For Peri-Implantitis

78% of their sample Screwed-in Prosthetics



Primary Prevention of peri-implantitis: Managing peri-implant mucositis  
Jepsen S et al. J Clin Periodontol 2015;42 (Suppl. 16) S152

## Prevention is Key!



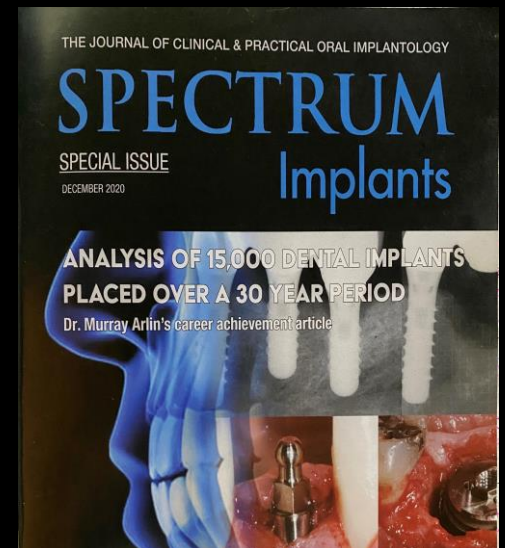


# Why didn't Dr. Arlin's Implant Survival Rate improve over 30 years?

5 % failures by 2 years &  
8 % by 10 years

1999 Group ~ 2019 Group

## Are we still missing something important?

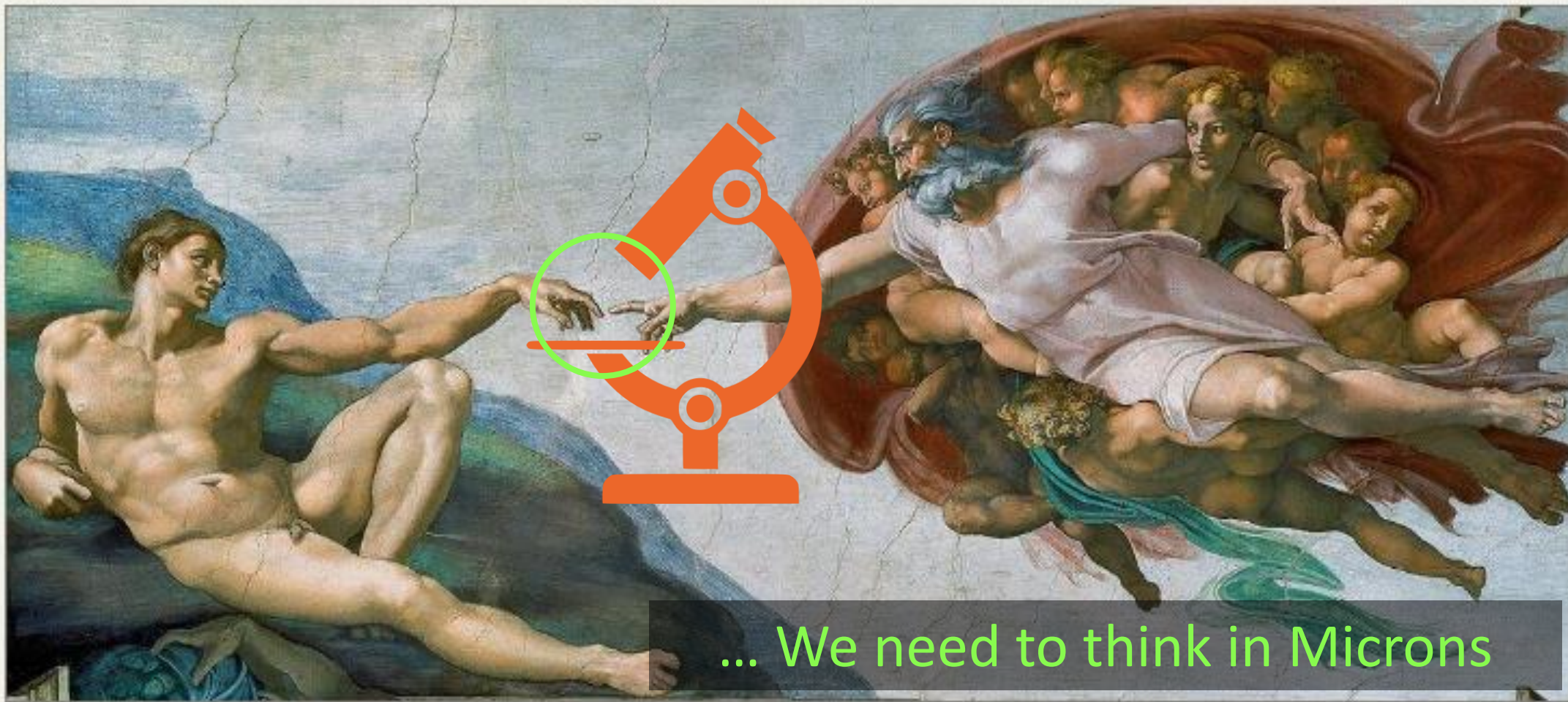


What Frustrates the Dentist's Efforts to do a better job?  
What are the Flaws in our current installation systems?  
Who suffers the complications most?



When Patients Suffer, Dentists Suffer TOO!

To reduce complications .....



... We need to think in Microns

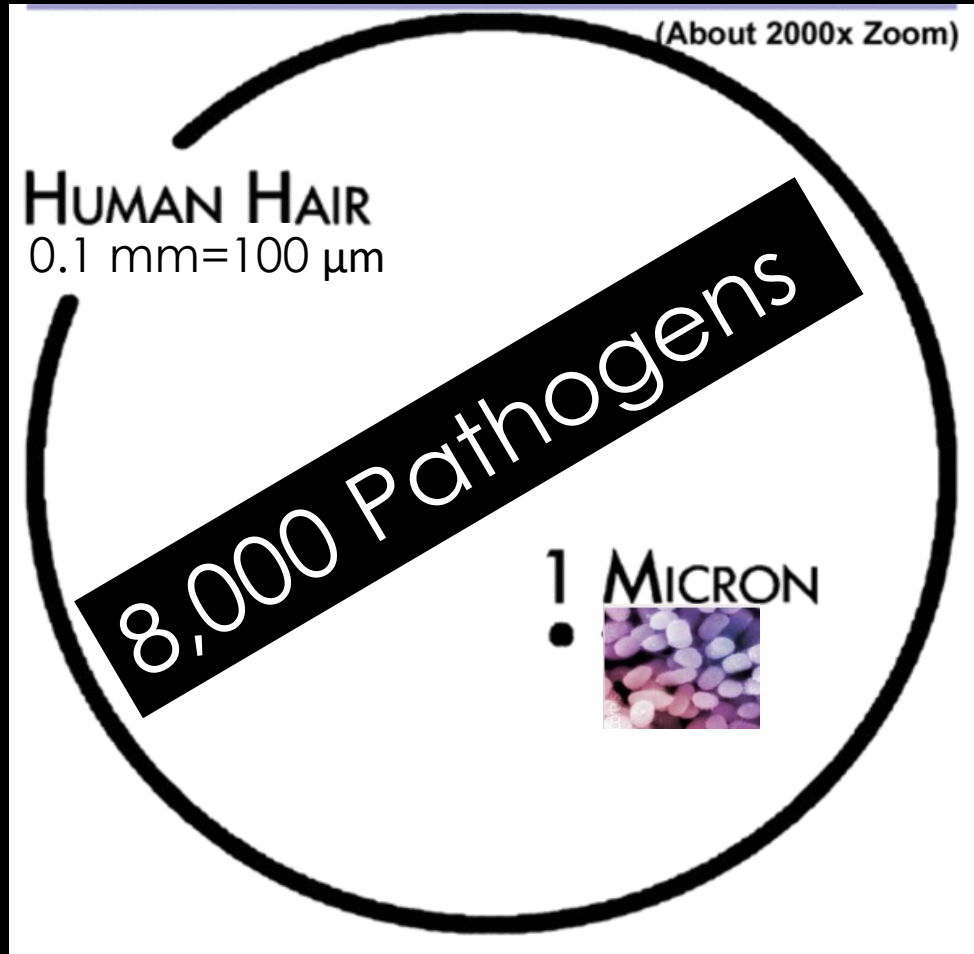
Courtesy of [www.Michelangelo.org](http://www.Michelangelo.org)



... because even Microscopic Mechanical problems predispose our patients to diseases caused by Microbes



# Microscopic



8 Million/mm



32 mm perimeter



A Billion Pathogens

# In Microbiology SIZE MATTERS!



Size of Inoculum

Disease

too many  
too weak  
too strong

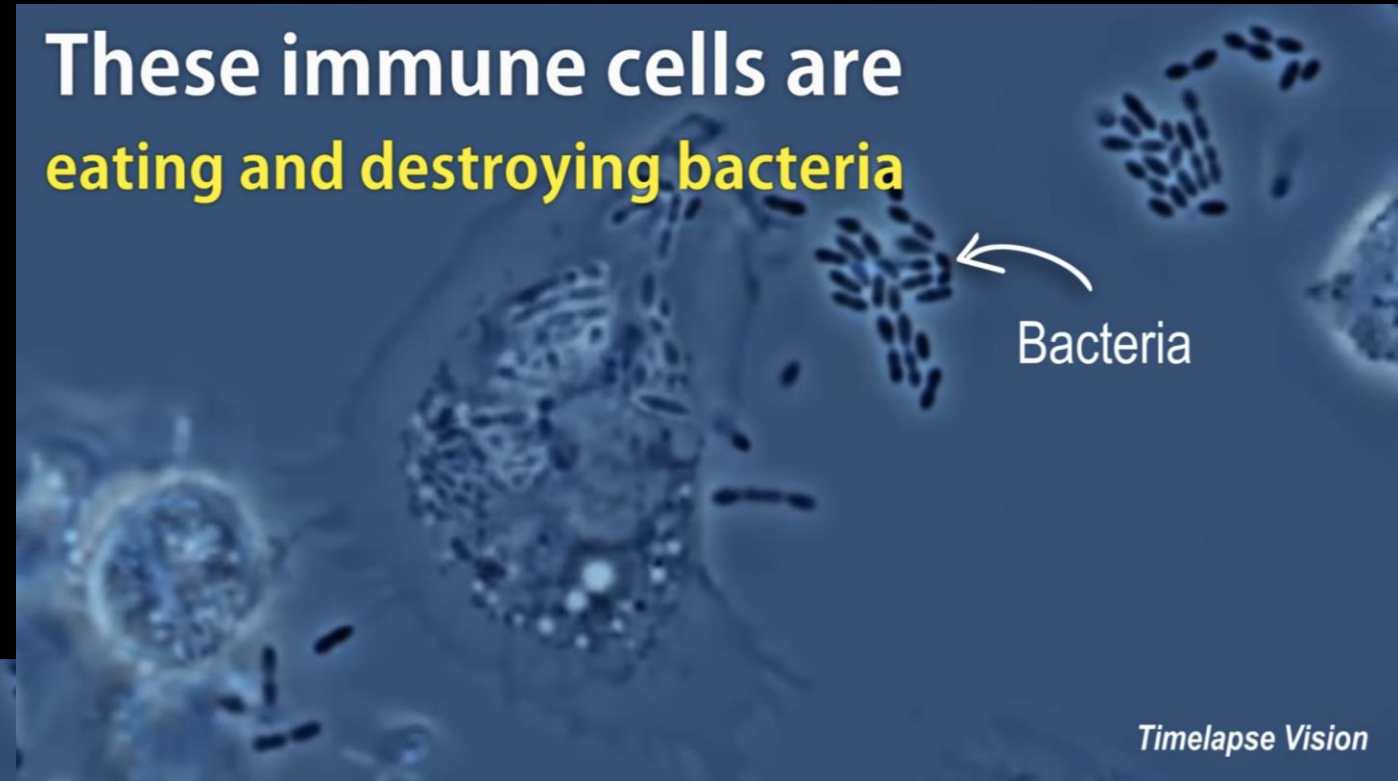
Host Resistance

Pathogen Virility



# Phagocytosis

These immune cells are  
eating and destroying bacteria

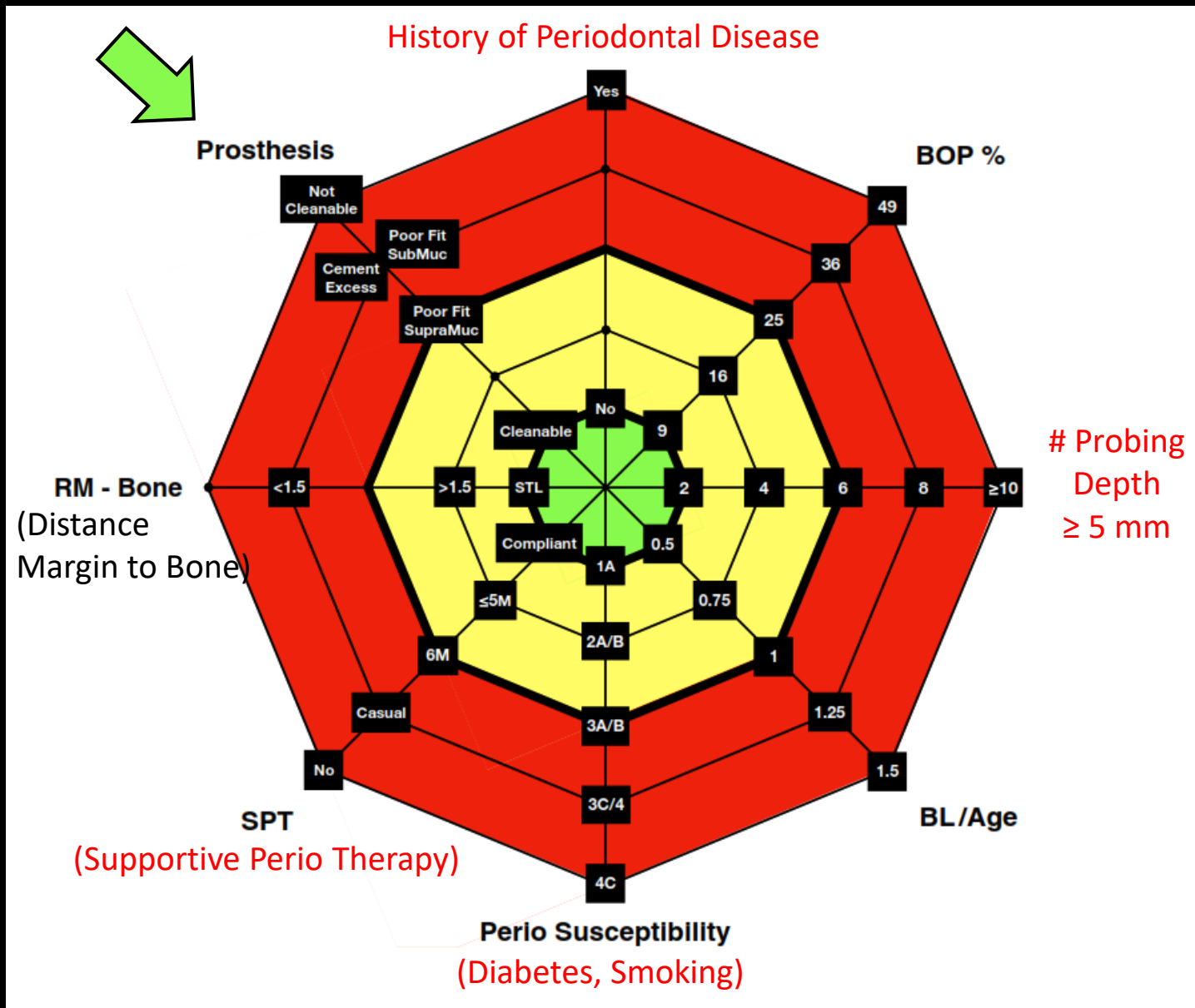


eating and destroying bacteria



Too many  
to eat &  
Too difficult  
to clean





# Peri-implant Disease Risk Assessment

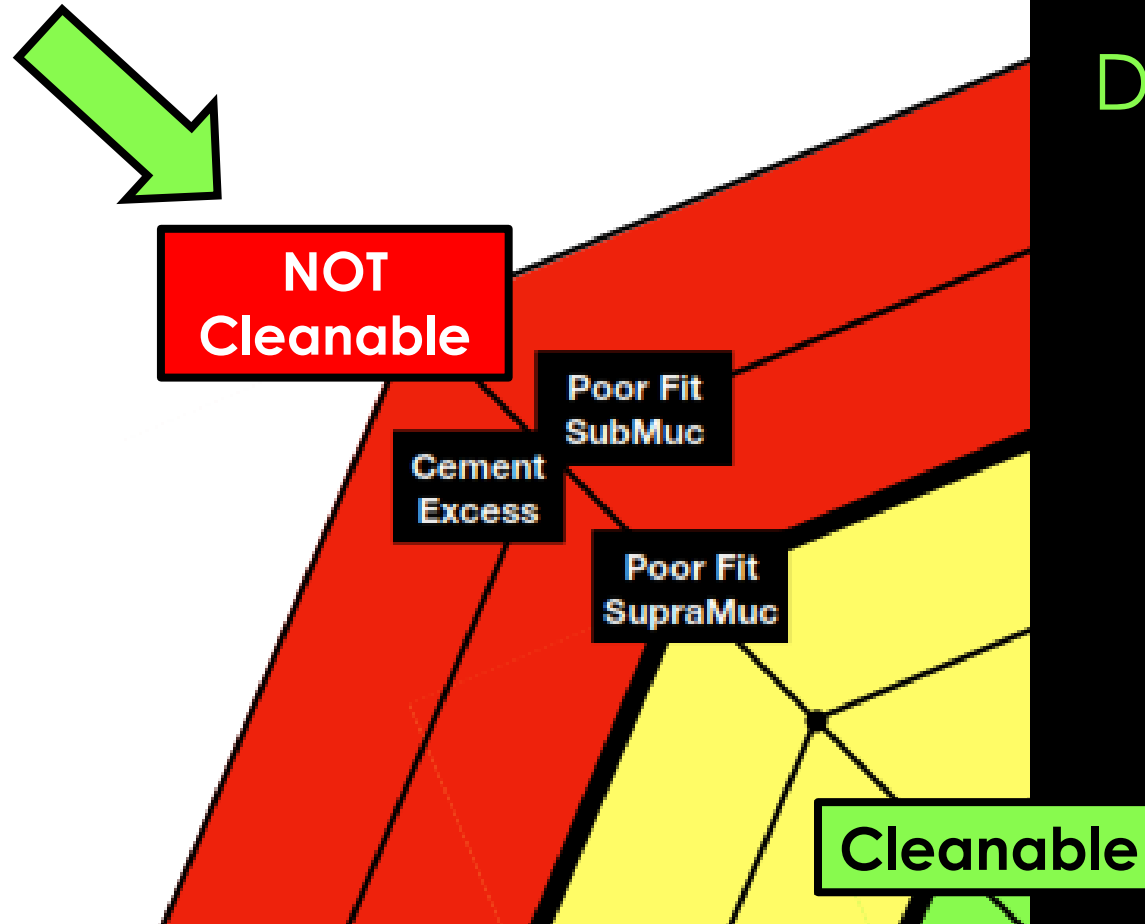
Where do Dentists need to Focus their Attention?

Heitz-Mayfield LJA, Heitz F, Lang NP.

Implant Disease Risk Assessment IDRA - a tool for preventing peri-implant disease. Clin Oral Impl Res. 2020;31:397-403.



# Prosthesis is Dentist Controlled



Peri-implant  
Disease Prevention  
by  
Reducing  
these  
known  
Risk Factors  
for  
Disease



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Identifying the Root Causes  
of  
Mechanical Risk Factors for Peri-Implant Disease  
inherent to current  
Prosthesis Installation Systems

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# What causes Treatment Complications?



Let me tell you about the  
Root Causes  
of  
**Mechanical Problems**  
that expose  
Our Patients to Risk Factors for  
Peri-implant disease

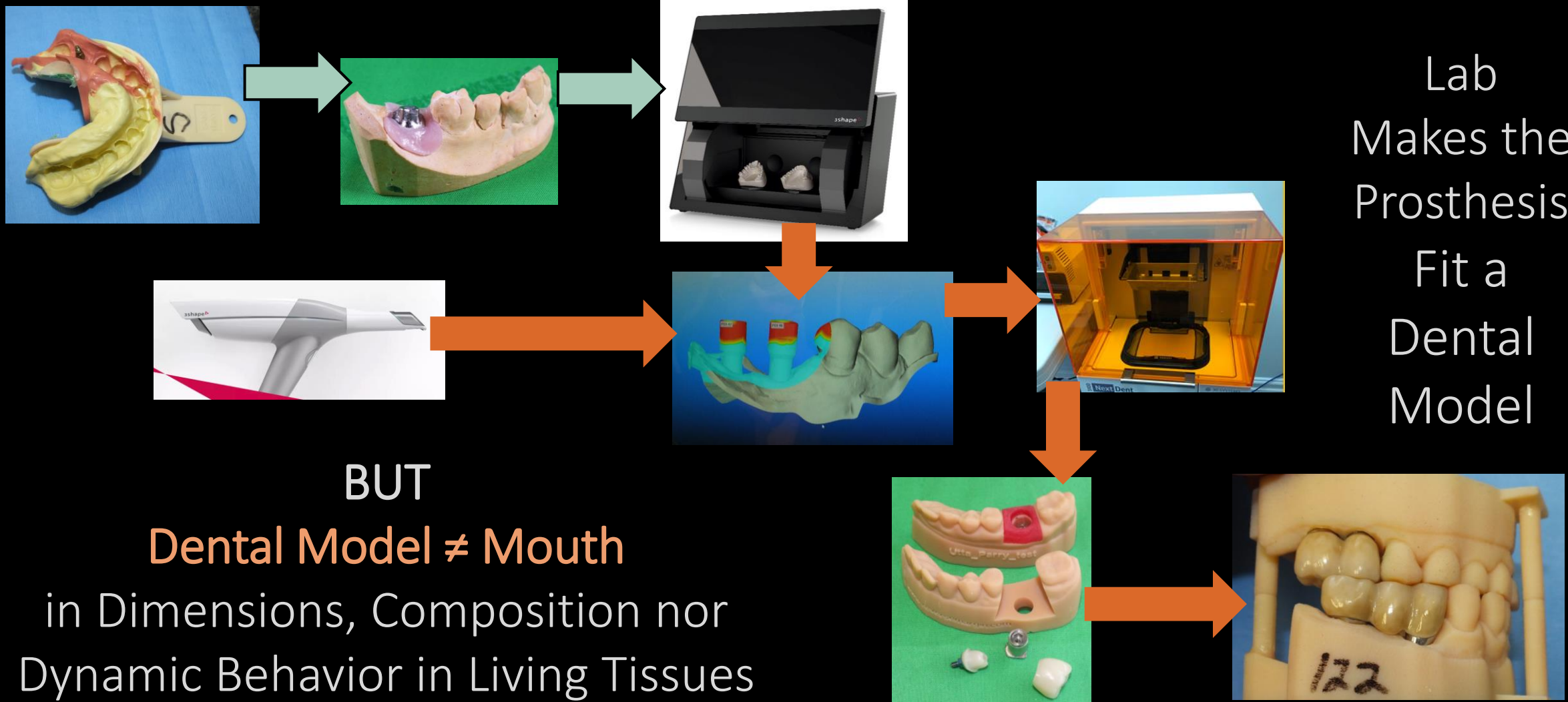
**Knowledge is the  
Foundation of Prevention**

## What are the ROOT causes of these Mechanical Problems ...

- Loose and tight contacts
- Misfit implant parts (joint instability, implant & screw breakage, spaces for oral pathogens to breed and attack adjacent tissues)
- Hyper-occlusion
- Poor prosthesis margins (open, overhanging & overextended margins & subgingival cement)

... that predispose patients to Peri-implant Disease?

# Indirect Prosthesis Manufacture has many finicky steps & poor tissue management tools



Lab  
Makes the  
Prosthesis  
Fit a  
Dental  
Model

**BUT**  
**Dental Model ≠ Mouth**  
in Dimensions, Composition nor  
Dynamic Behavior in Living Tissues

# Implant Manufacturing is BIG Business



## Digital vs Reality Tolerances

Henrik Andersen  
PhD

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Andersen, Henrik. PhD. Influences Affecting Print. 2021 Webinar:  
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/3t1jqlgzp6owwdx/influences%20affecting%20print%20%281%29.mp4?dl=0>



# Prosthesis Dimensional Error is the sum of all the errors inherent in the making of a prosthesis (Errors are 3-D)

Passive fit of a dental restoration is influenced by the following tolerance stack up:

- Position tolerance of Scan Body in implant.  $\pm 5 \mu\text{m}$
- Tolerance of Scan Body.  $\pm 8 \mu\text{m}$
- Scanning tolerance.  $\pm 15 \mu\text{m}$
- Print tolerance of 3D printer.  $\pm 75 \mu\text{m}$
- Position tolerance of Model analog in 3D printed model.  $\pm 25 \mu\text{m}$
- Tolerance of Model Analog.  $\pm 10 \mu\text{m}$
- Position tolerance of Hybrid base in Model analog.  $\pm 5 \mu\text{m}$
- Milling and sintering tolerance of  $\text{ZrO}_2$  bridge.  $\pm 15 \mu\text{m}$
- Hybrid base on implant.  $\pm 5 \mu\text{m}$

**PDE  $\pm 163 \mu\text{m}$**

*This is from an in vitro study & error terminology is 2-D*

Andersen, Henrik. PhD. Influences Affecting Print. 2021 Webinar:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/3t1jqlgzp6owwdx/influences%20affecting%20print%20%281%29.mp4?dl=0>

Industry can produce connecting parts with

Verified Tolerances  $\pm 5 \mu\text{m}$

DENTISTS need to learn to exploit this amazing technology ...



... BUT educators & clinicians are still stuck with ancient designs & protocols cannot work





# Are crowns and bridges accurate and precise?

Dentists usually  
need to adjust  
Contacts, Fit & Occlusion  
on installation day

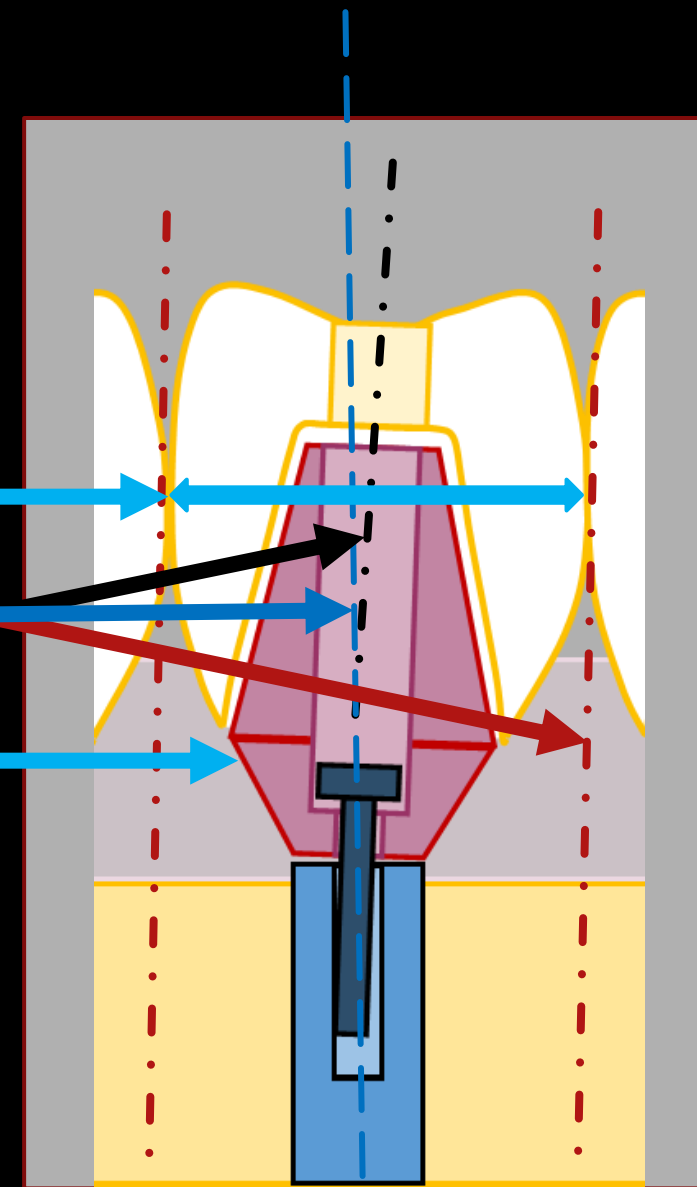


Do you really think dentists can adjust at  $\pm 5 \mu\text{m}$  with these tools?

# The ROOT causes of Mechanical Complications

1. Prosthesis Dimensional Error
2. Incongruent Paths of Insertion
3. Tissue Effect-Resistance to Displacement

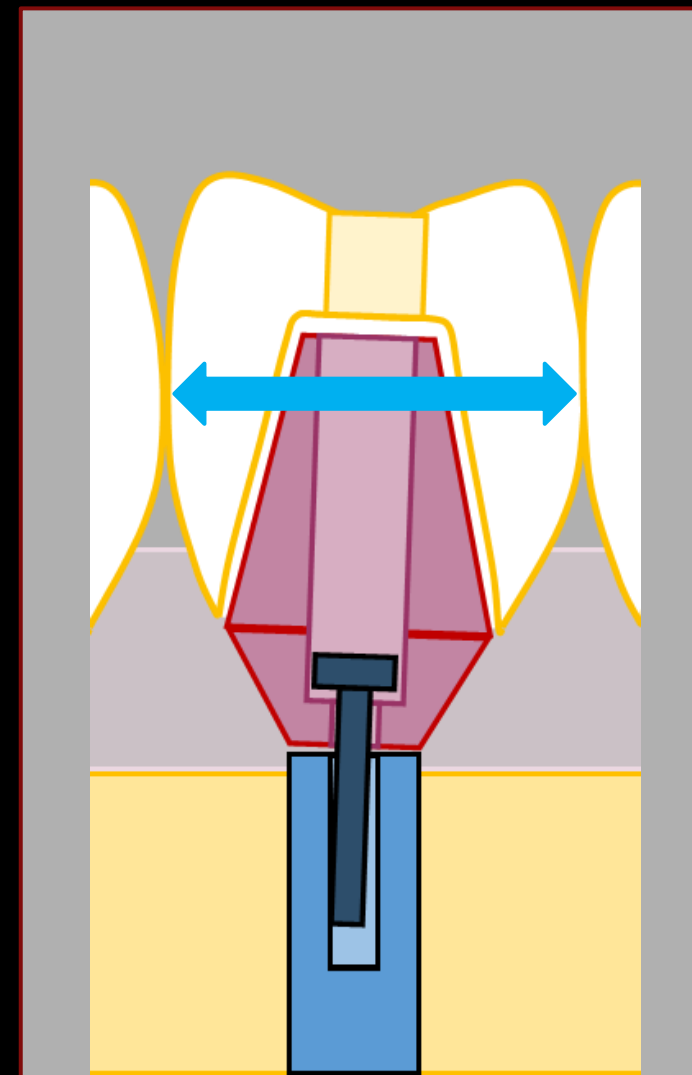
These Predispose patients to Biological Problems



# 1. Prosthesis Dimensional Error (PDE)

PDE is the culmination of all the 3-D errors involved in the construction of a prosthesis.

Prosthetic systems that are to be installed by the Screw-in System are simply not designed to safely manage expected PDE within the potential tolerances of their embedded connecting parts



Svoboda ELA. New Dental Terminology for Exposing and Mitigating the Root Causes of Installation Related Treatment Complications. Aug 2021: [www.ReverseMargin.com](http://www.ReverseMargin.com), pg 1-13.

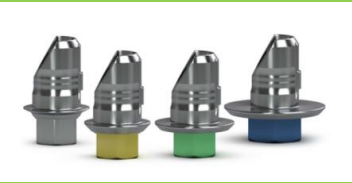
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# PDE & the Screw-in System of Installation



PDE  $\pm 150 \mu$

Flawed Concept: Let's embed abutments into a prosthesis ( $\pm 150 \mu$ ) on a dental model & hope to make those abutment connectors ( $\pm 5 \mu$ ) fit into/onto implants ( $\pm 5 \mu$ ) fixated in the mouth



Tolerance  $\pm 5 \mu$

How can this system be expected to work properly?  
How can dentists prevent misaligned/misfit joints?

Andersen, Henrik. PhD. Influences Affecting Print. 2021 Webinar: (In vitro)  
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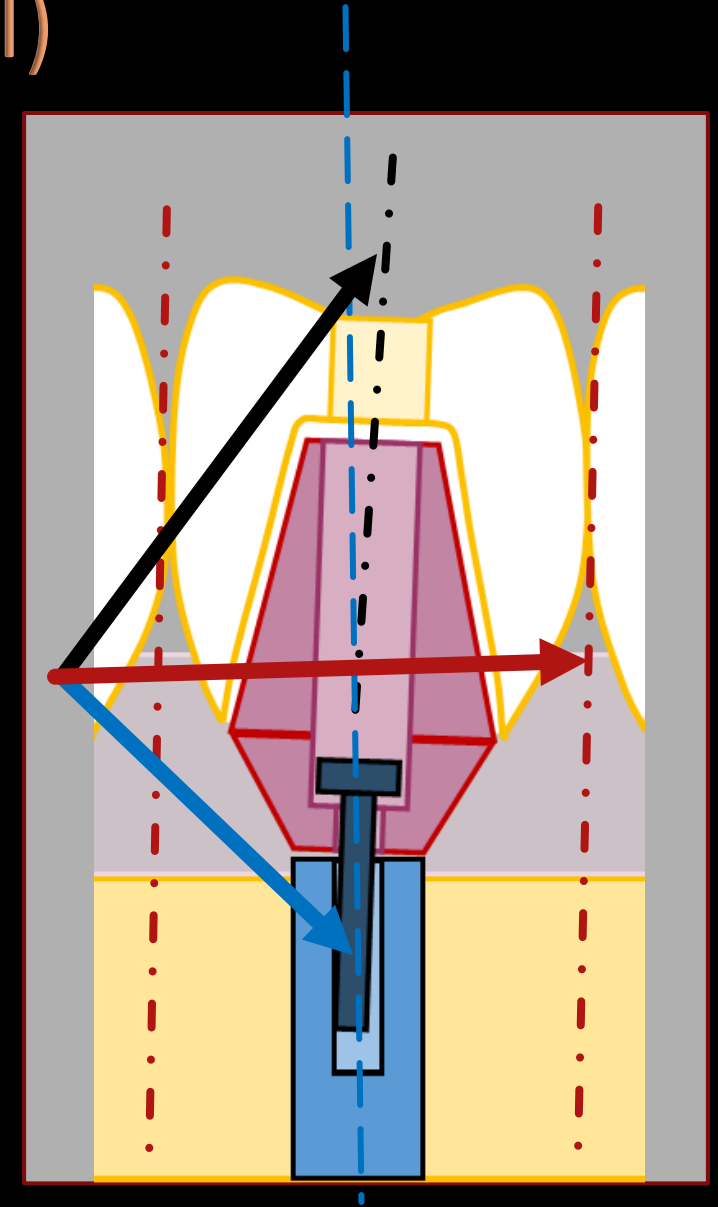
## 2. Incongruent Paths of Insertion (ICPOI)

A **Screw-in Prosthesis** has a specific path of insertion (POI) determined by their embedded abutment(s), adjacent teeth and fixated implant(s)

It is highly unlikely that all these POIs will be congruent at  $\pm 5 \mu\text{m}$  and that it is possible to optimize the fit of the embedded abutments!

An **abutment** without a prosthesis attached will have its POI determined by the position and orientation of its complimentary implant.

It is possible to make the position and POI of each abutment congruent with its complimentary implant and to optimize its fit



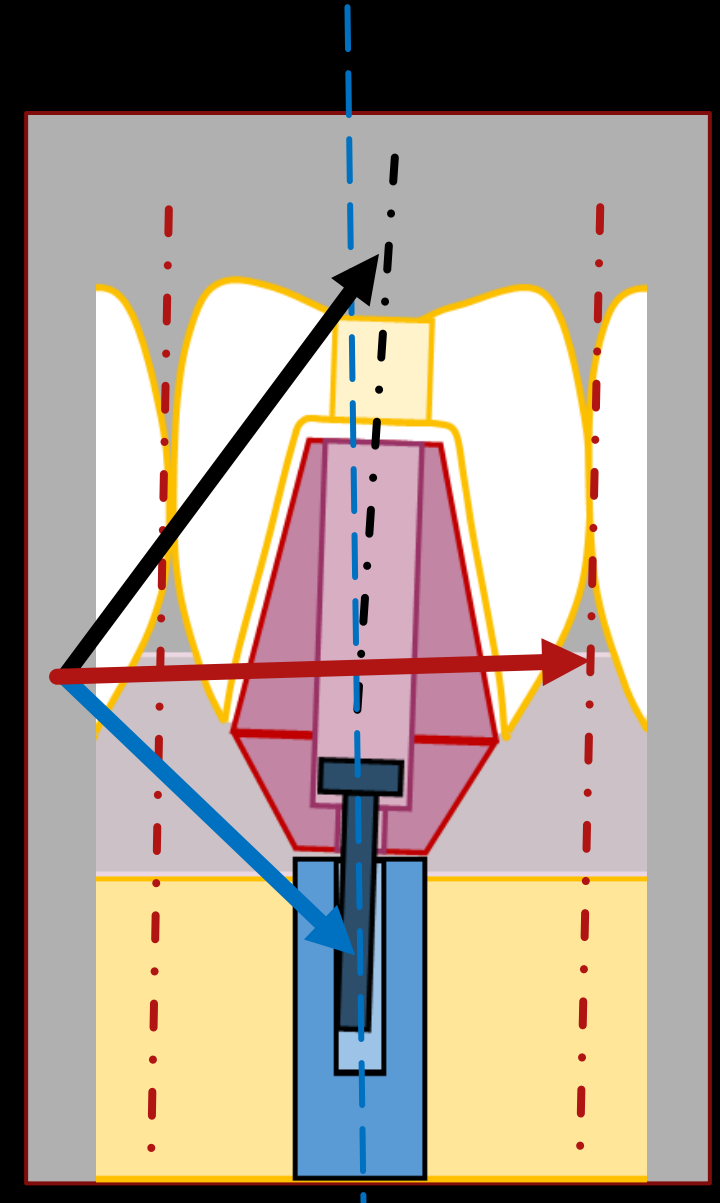


“Easy Retrievability by screw removal requires congruency of connectors or tolerance to expected error”

Congruency is almost impossible to achieve among the many elements involved in the making and installation of a Screw-in prosthesis.

Retrievability without congruency requires Manufacturers to create “sloppy fits” to help dentists “fake the precision fit of their components”.

These sloppy fits and misfit parts create space and joint instability that exposes the patient to infection and peri-implant disease

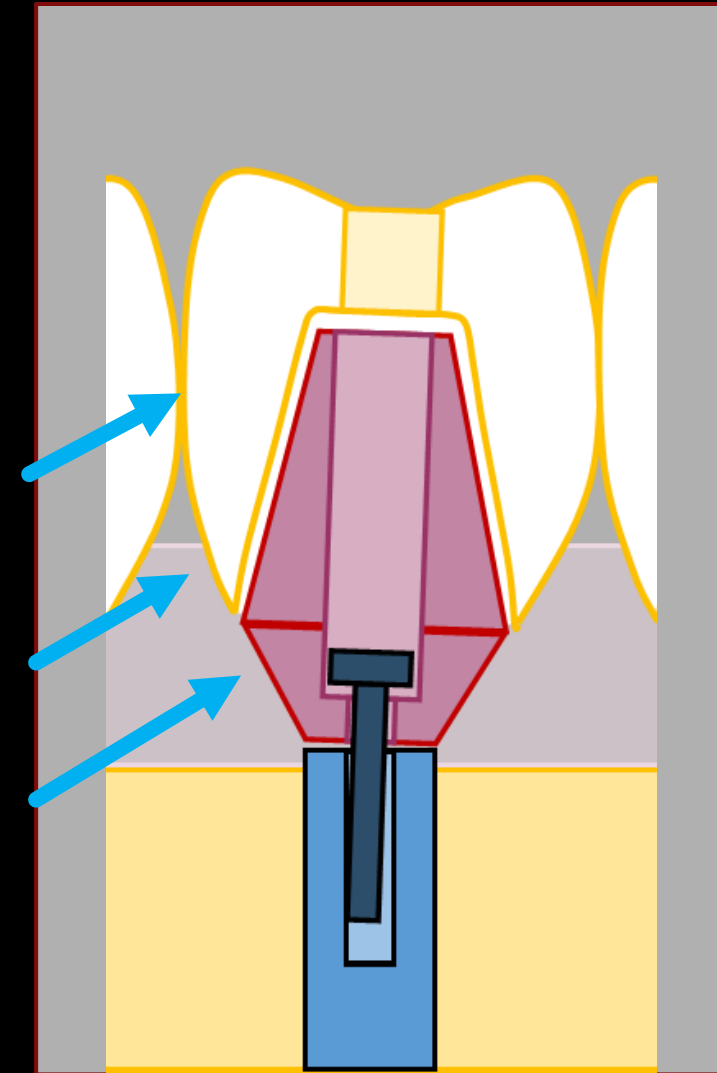


Easy Retrievability can be very expensive for the Patient!

### 3. Tissue Effects

**Resistance to Displacement Effects (RTDE)** can impede the proper seating of the abutment and prosthesis by tissue entrapment and/or displacement, and can thus cause misfit connections

**Gingival Effects (GE)** are a major cause of excess cement in the subgingival environment



# These Root causes of Mechanical Problems can act individually or together to cause ...

1. PDE (Tight contact(s)?)
2. ICPOI (Tight contact(s)?)
3. RTDE (Tissue resistance?)

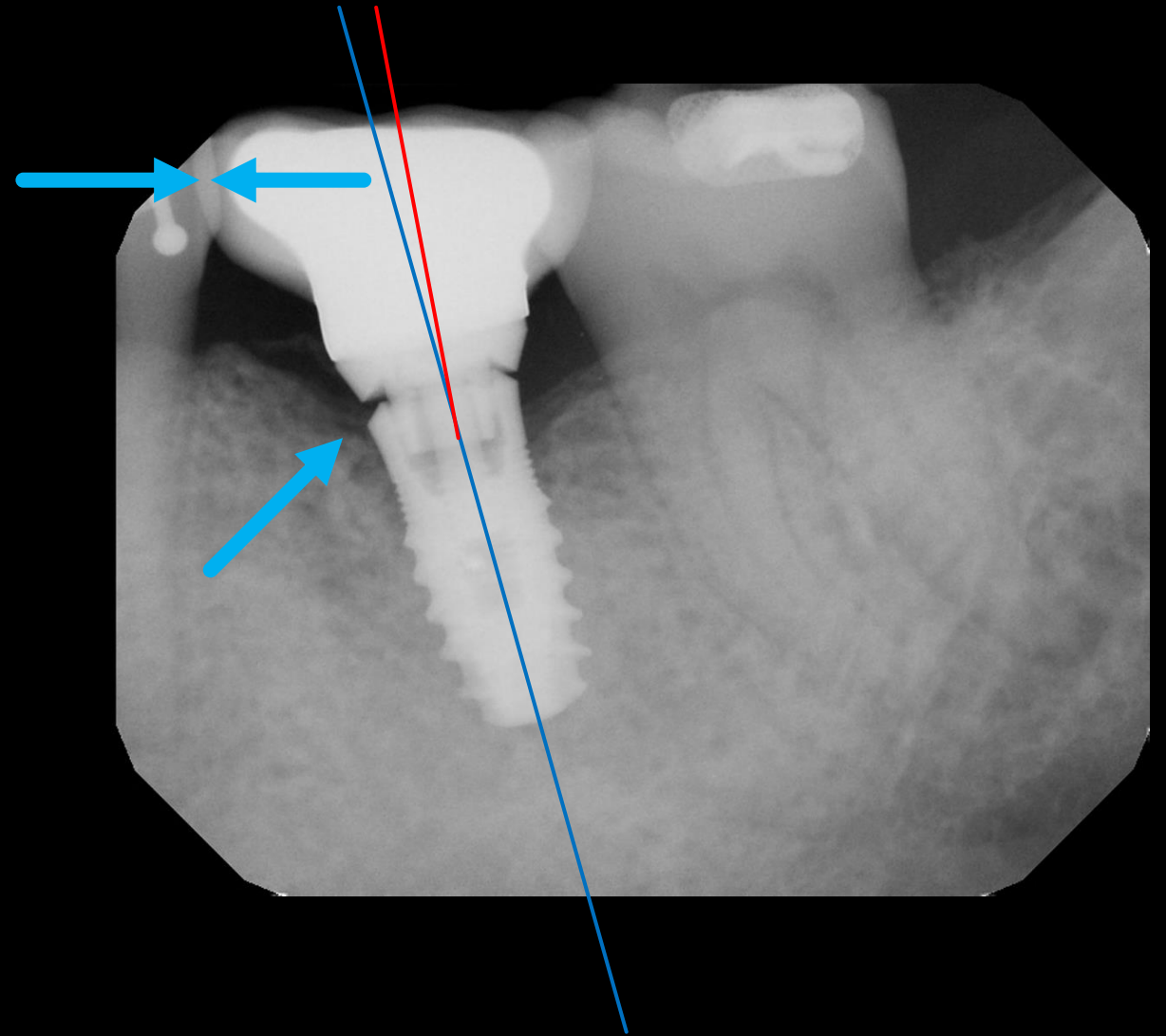


... separation of the Zirconia abutment shape from its Titanium base  
 Carl Misch: 35 Ncm torque is enough to draw 2 boxcars together on a level track



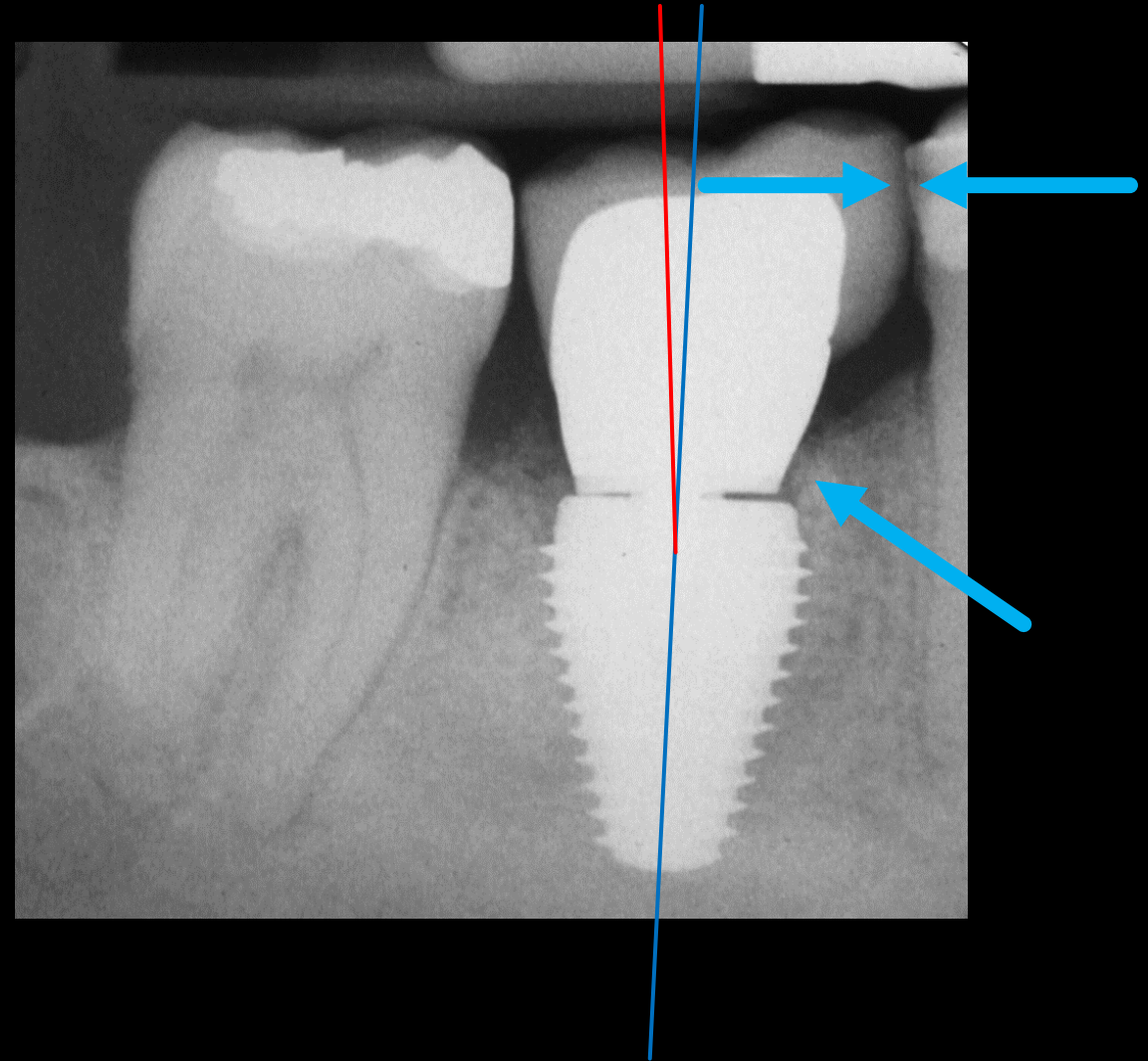
# These Misfits are Macroscopic & Easy to See

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2. ICPOI (Tight Mesial contact?)
3. RTDE (Mesial Tissue entrapment?,  
Tight Mesial contact?)



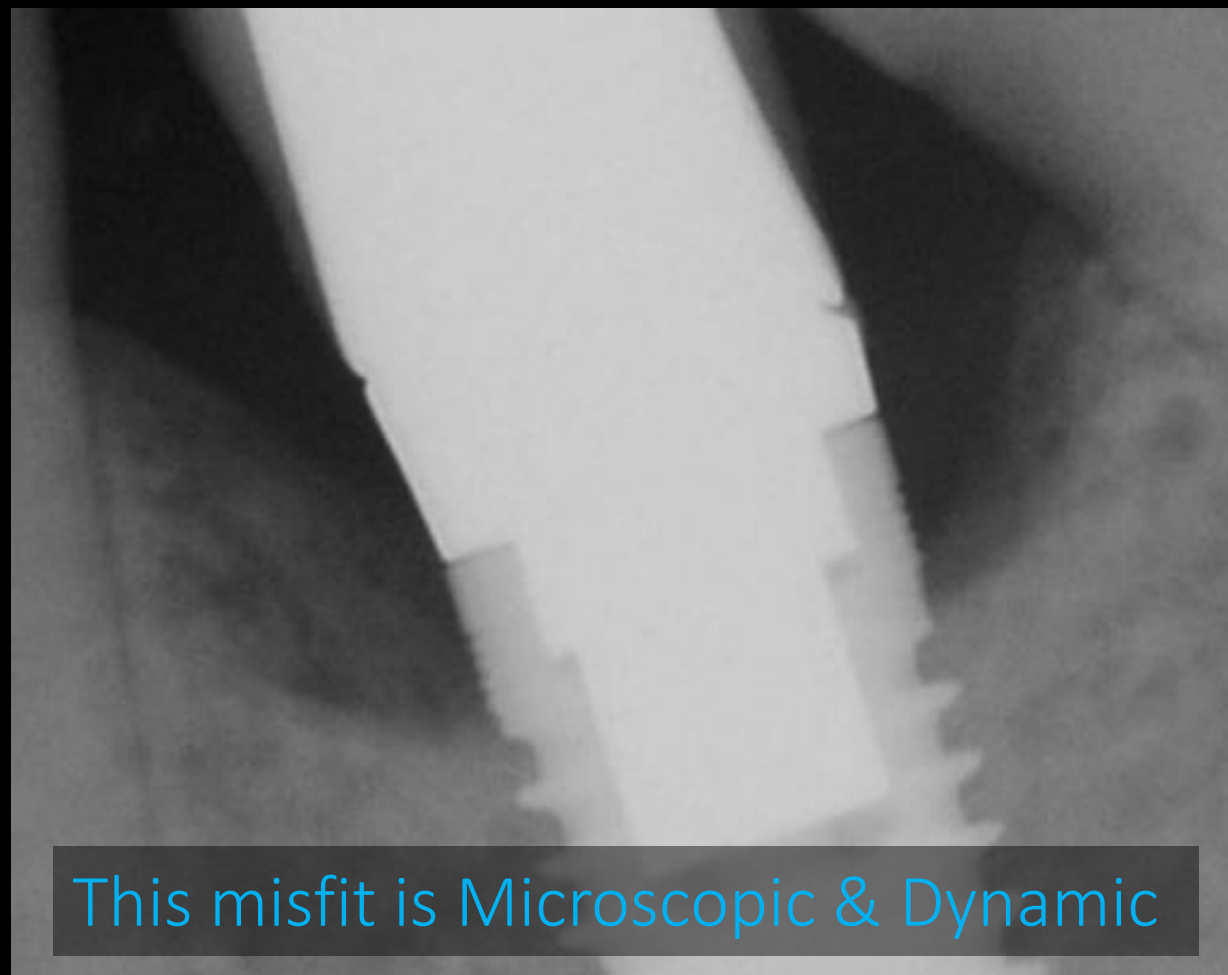
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2. ICPOI (Tight Mesial contact?)
3. RTDE (Mesial Tissue entrapment/resistance to displacement?)



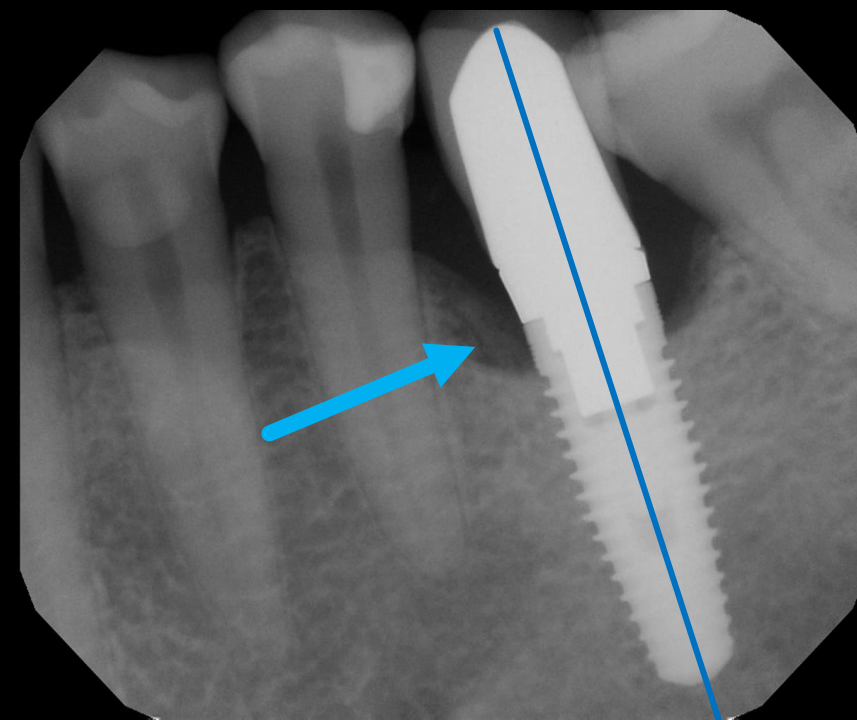


# Implant-abutment misfit is NOT easy to see



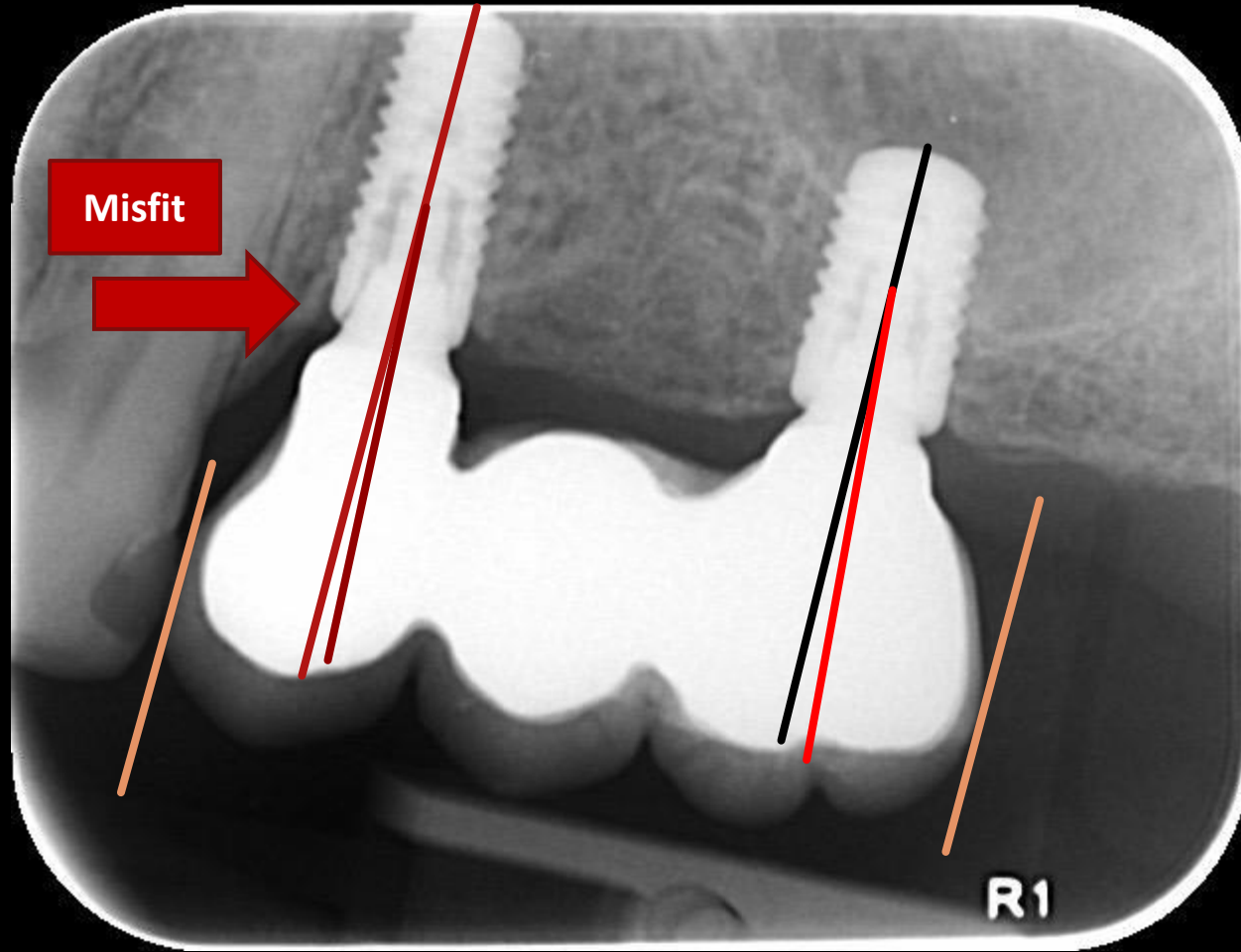
“Tooth moves when I push on it”

Mobile Abutment-Crown Complex  
Pockets > 9mm



The damage is easy to see

# Current Screw-in Technique is Fatally Flawed!

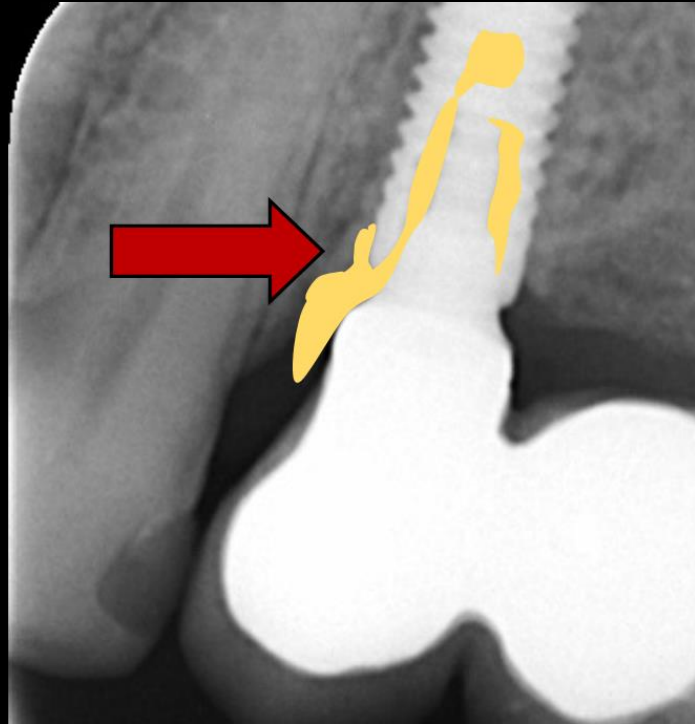


Can Dentists Optimize the  
Implant- Abutment  
joints with  
Multiple Units?

**NOT this Way!**

PDE, ICPOI & RTDE make it  
impossible to prevent misfits

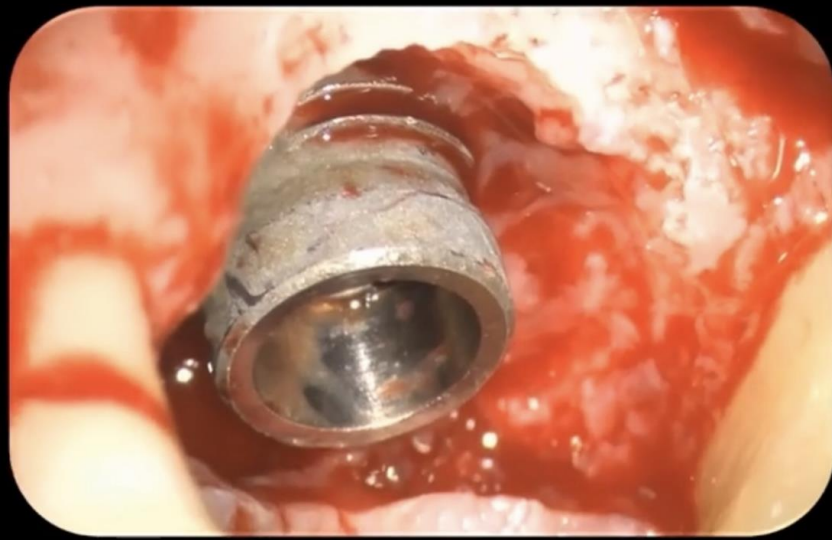
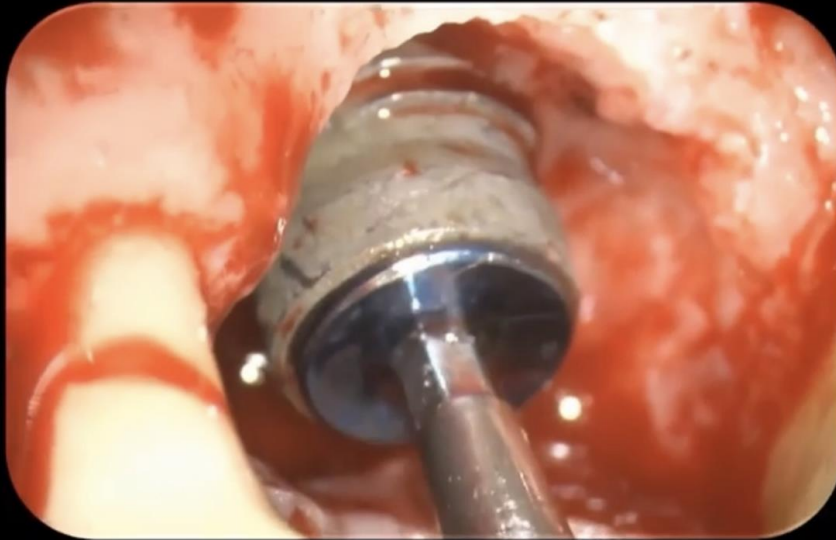
# Current Screw-in installation technique



Misfit joints are  
NOT  
optimally stable  
& are  
reservoirs for  
oral pathogens

Pumping pathogens with every BITE

Dr. Markus Schlee: “How should we handle this infection?”



decontamination? implantoplasty? augmentation? re-osseointegration? apical reposition?

“A Brilliant Invention: Electrolytic cleaning with Galvosurg”

BUT: How can we Prevent  
Contamination & Recontamination  
of the Peri-implant environment?



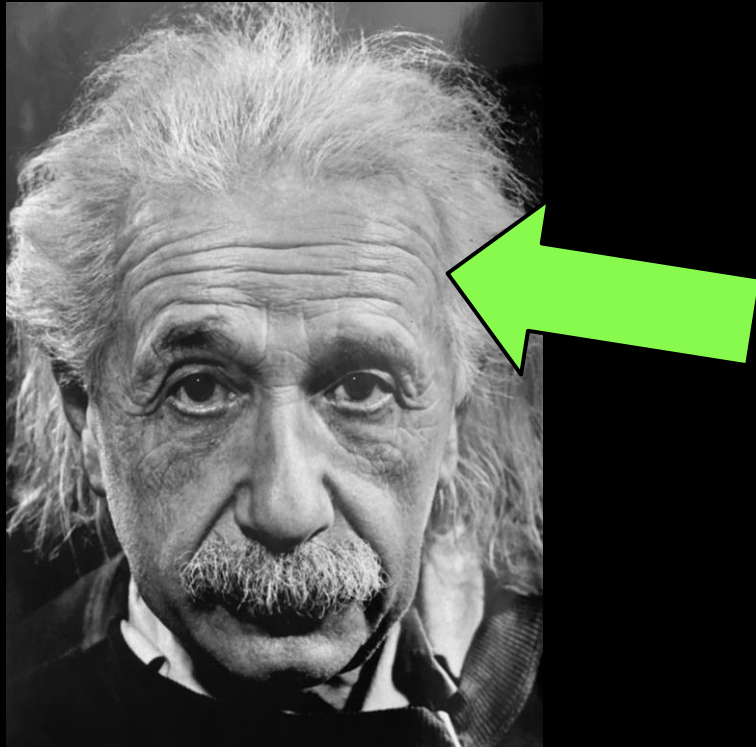
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Preventing Peri-Implant Disease  
and its  
Dire Consequences

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If Dentists cannot usually see MISFITS (microscopic)  
How can they connect parts optimally at the microscopic level?



Knowing the  
Root Causes of a Problem,  
Having a Desire to Improve  
& Using Logic  
Allows us to achieve results  
beyond our sight



# Dentists can

Make the peri-implant environment cleanable  
Optimize the fit of implant parts  
& Prevent subgingival cement

to Reduce Risk of Peri-implant Disease & make treatment better

Let's learn how to do this routinely!



## Single Screw-in Crown Challenge – With Contacts

After tightening the abutment screw & adjusting contacts  
“The crown just snaps into place”

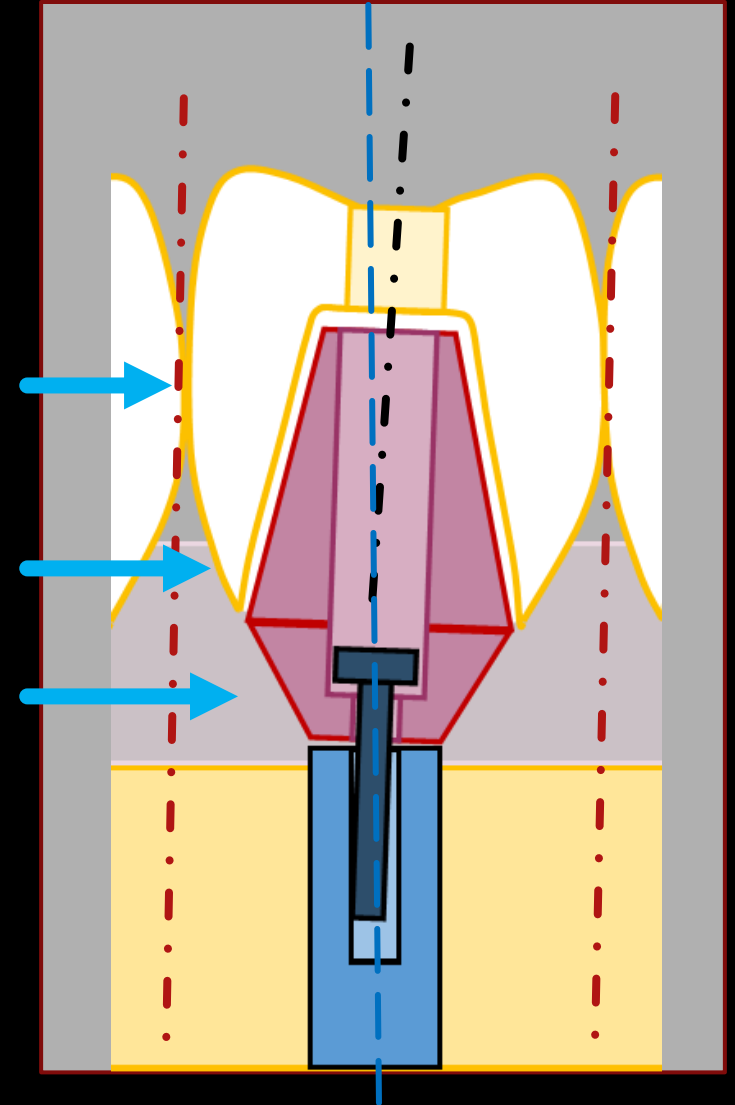


Should the  
dentist be  
**HAPPY**  
??????

## Danger! Misfit Joint Likely!

Contacts may have forced the abutment-crown complex into a path of insertion other than that required for an optimized implant-abutment connection (ICPOI)

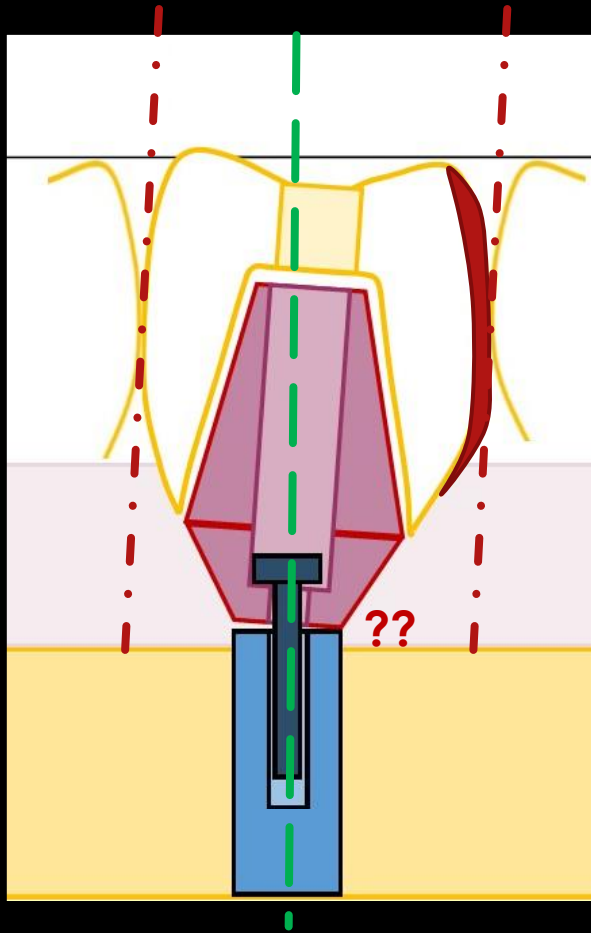
Contacts with gingiva, bone, dentition are difficult to manage & fit is very difficult assess  
(PDE & RTDE)







# Open Contact – Transport to Lab



Lab technician - Put in oven to disassemble, add porcelain to contact (overbuild), reassemble on the inaccurate model & transport back to Dentist

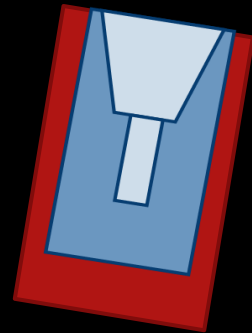
Dentist reappoints patient, adjusts contacts to seat the crown complex & screws it into place ... & hopes for the best



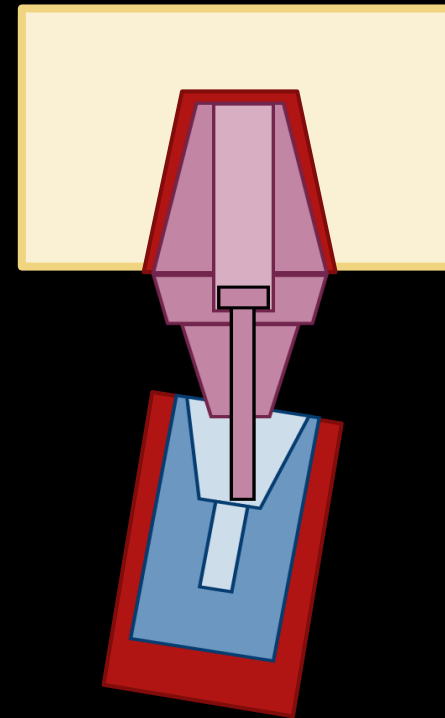
# Screw-in technique – the PROBLEM

FIT determines joint stability & its ability to exclude oral pathogens

Implant  
Fixed in Jaw  
(cannot move  
& never congruent with other implants)



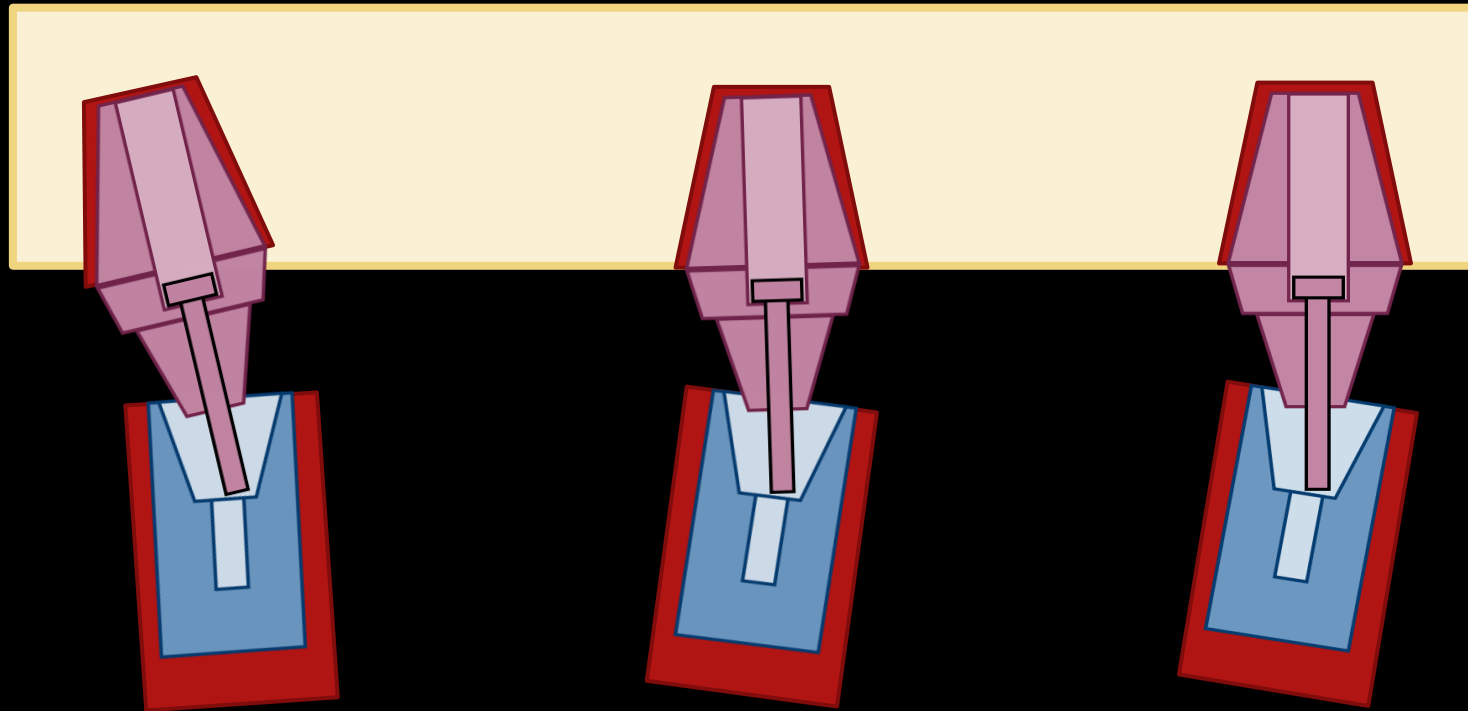
Abutment  
Fixed in Prosthesis  
(cannot move relative to Prosthesis)



# Screw-in Technique – the PROBLEM

FIT effected by 3-D location, angulation & rotation of embedded abutments

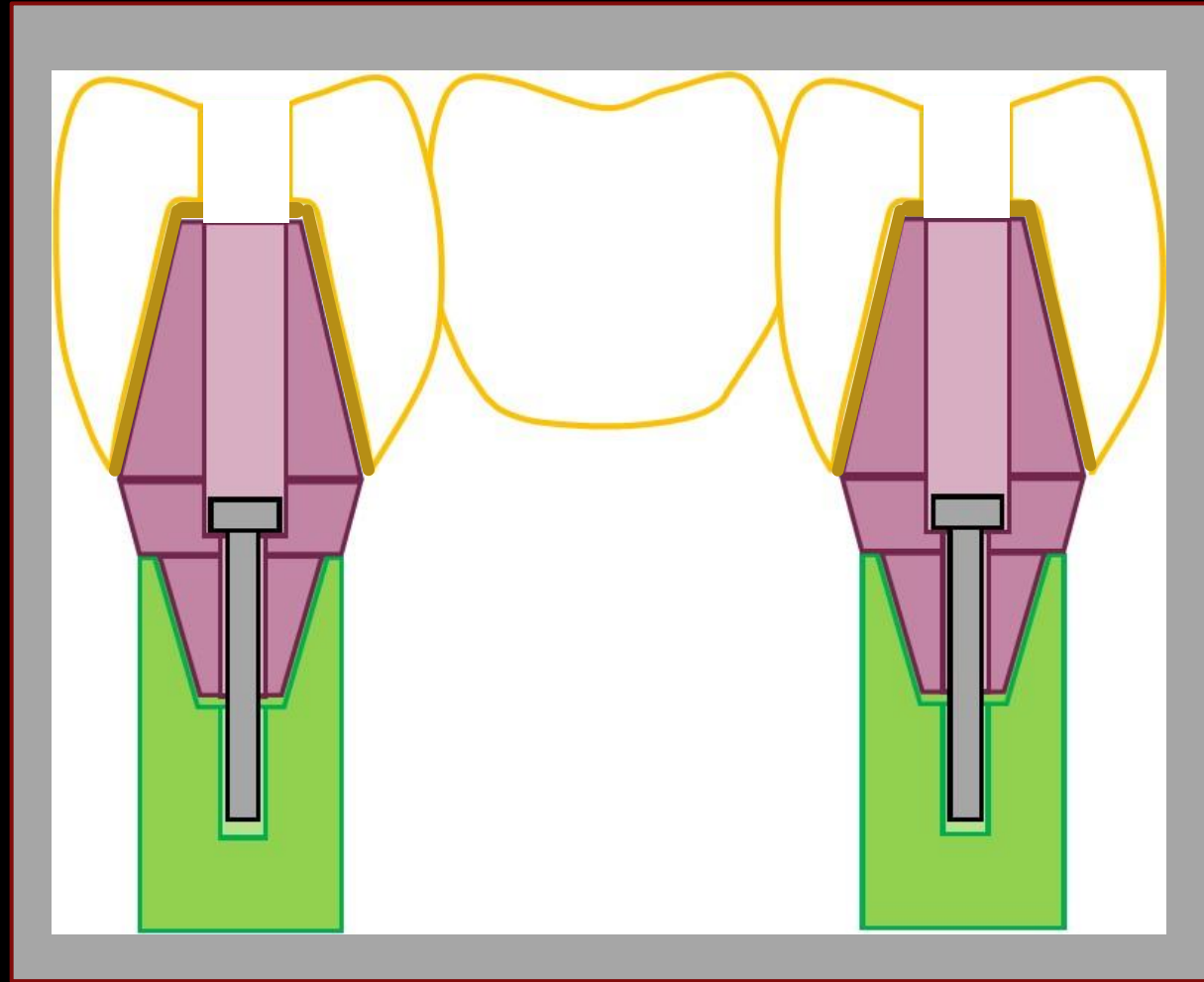
Implants and abutments are Fixed in Place & cannot adjust themselves during installation – Misfits Guaranteed because of PDE, ICPOI & RTDE!



Model  $\pm 150 \mu\text{m}$

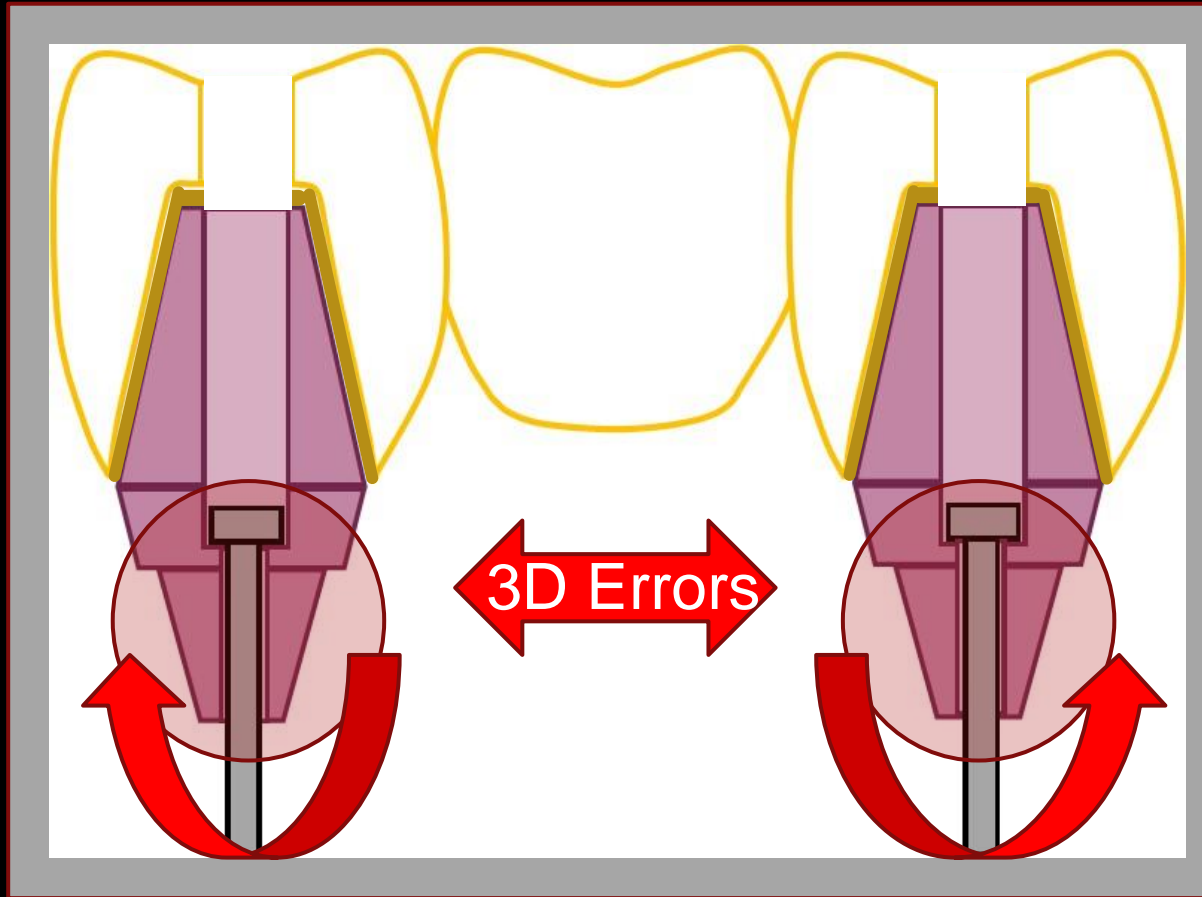
## Screw-in System 3-unit bridge

The Lab  
Joins the  
Prosthesis  
to its  
Abutments  
to fit the  
Model



Connectors  $\pm 5 \mu\text{m}$  (30X more accurate) than Model

# Prosthesis constrains the abutments



Malpositioned  
connectors  
Not Free  
to  
self-adjust



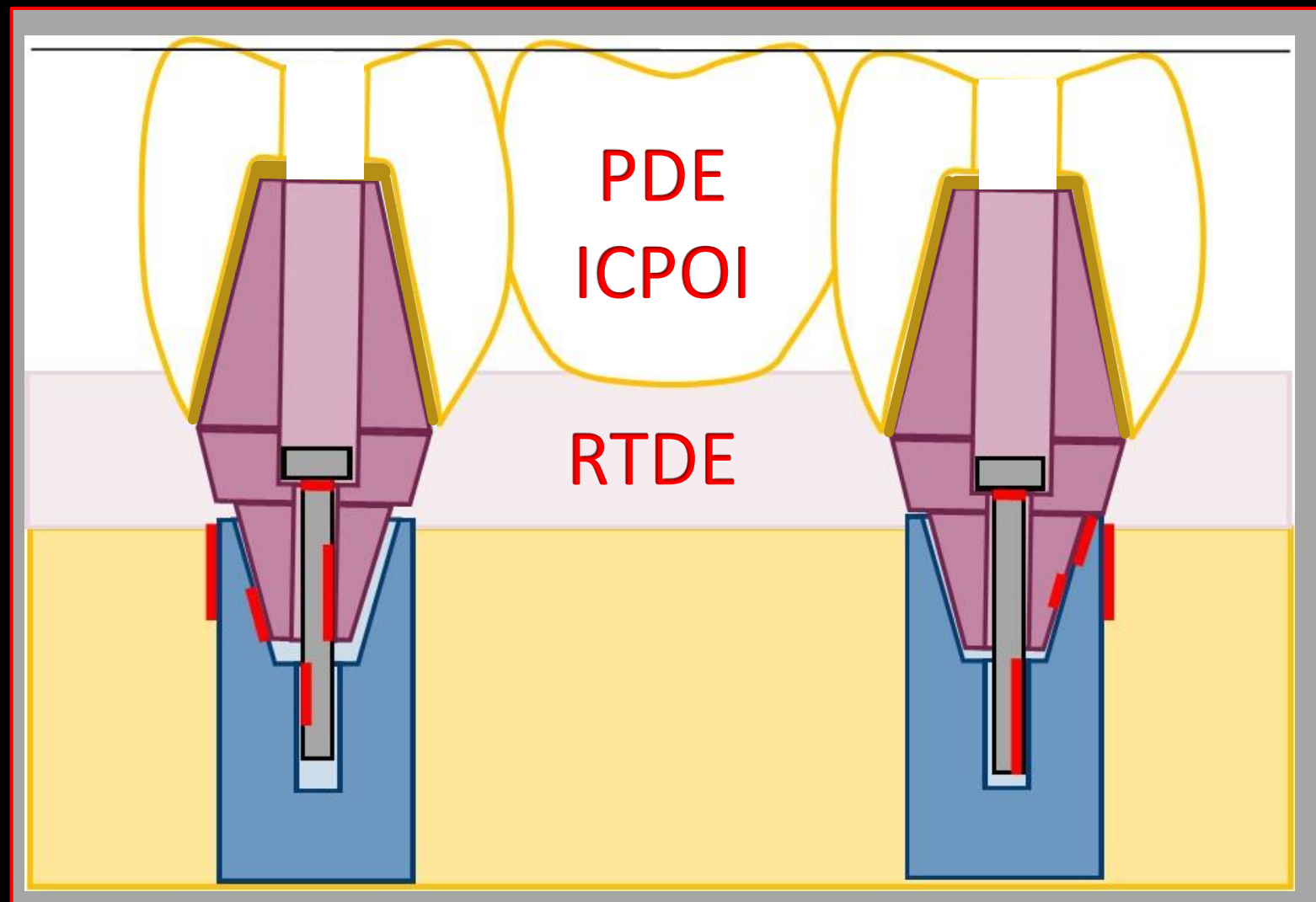
# Multiple Units – Misfits Guaranteed!

## Mechanical Problems

- Tight & Open Contacts
- Misfit of Components
- Deformation of Parts
- Broken Retaining Screws
- Broken/Splayed implants
- Unstable Joints
  - Micropump  
(Zipprich, YouTube 1,2)

## Biological Problems

- Stress on Bone
- Invasion of Voids  
by Oral Pathogens



AO – DocMatter: Discussion Site November 22, 2022

Experiencing more fractures than reported?

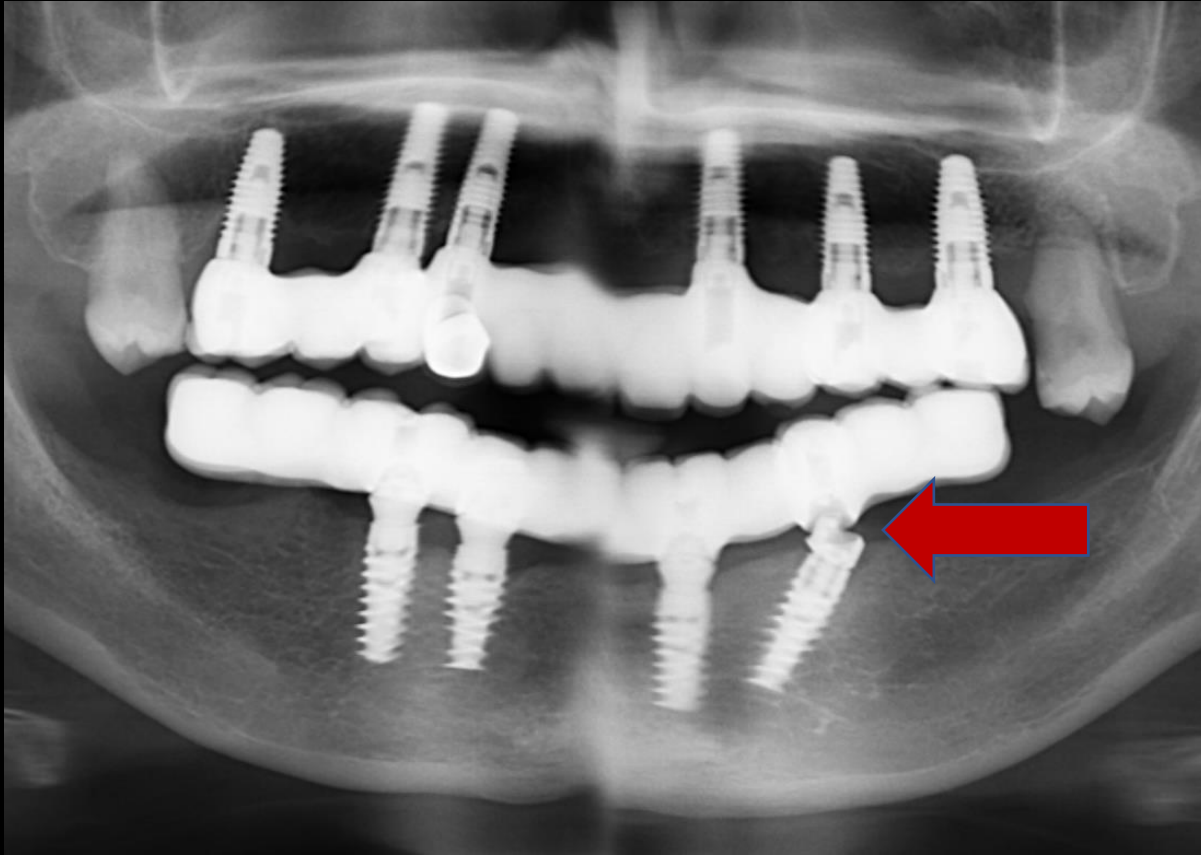
“In response to Rapid Bone Loss around implants from one visit to the next. More recently, I’ve been removing the prosthesis and checking the internal conical connection and found a surprising number of fractured implants.”

Bernard Longbottom – Periodontist

Conical and other connectors are not designed to be connected to implants in a misfit manner. They work best when installed Optimally. This is almost impossible with the Screw-in System of Prosthesis installation. So, fractured implants and peri-implantitis should be no surprise.

Emil L A Svoboda PhD, DDS

# Bigger the Screwed-in Prosthesis



The Bigger  
Misfits  
Guaranteed



(misfits are usually  
microscopic)



# The Dreaded Macrogap

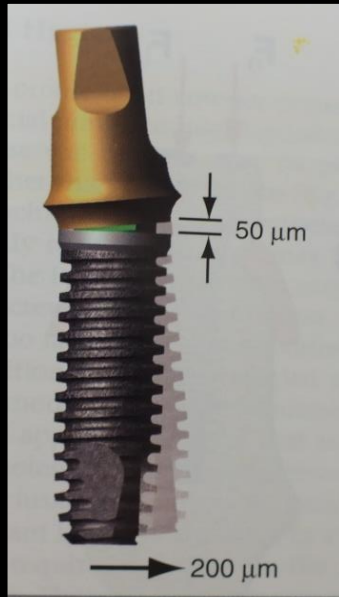
1. Inaccurate impressions/models
2. Tight contacts
3. Tissue interferences
4. Cheaper inaccurate parts
5. Use of engaging abutments
6. Trying to re-insert an abutment that has been previously misfit

“When **bacteria** colonize a **Macrogap**, implant failure can result due to biologic failure such as **peri-implantitis**. (4)

In addition, **misfit** can lead to **mechanical failure** of the implant system because of factors such as **screw fracture** and/or implant fracture. (5)”

Top factors leading to dental implant abutment/implant fixture misfit: The dreaded microgap.  
**Scott Froum**, Perio-Implant Advisory, Feb 6, 2017. Clinical Associate Professor – Periodontist NYU

# \*Passive Fit could not be achieved with Screwed-in Prosthetics!



## Including the Expensive “Master Cast Technique”

\*Passive Fit in Screw Retained Multi-unit Implant Prosthesis Understanding and Achieving: A Review of the Literature. MM Buzaya, NB Yunus. J Indian Prosthodont Soc. **2014**, Mar;14(1):16-23

Comparison of the Accuracy of Different Transfer Impression Techniques for Osseointegrated Implants. Zen BM et al. JOI Vol 41 No 6 2015: 662-667.

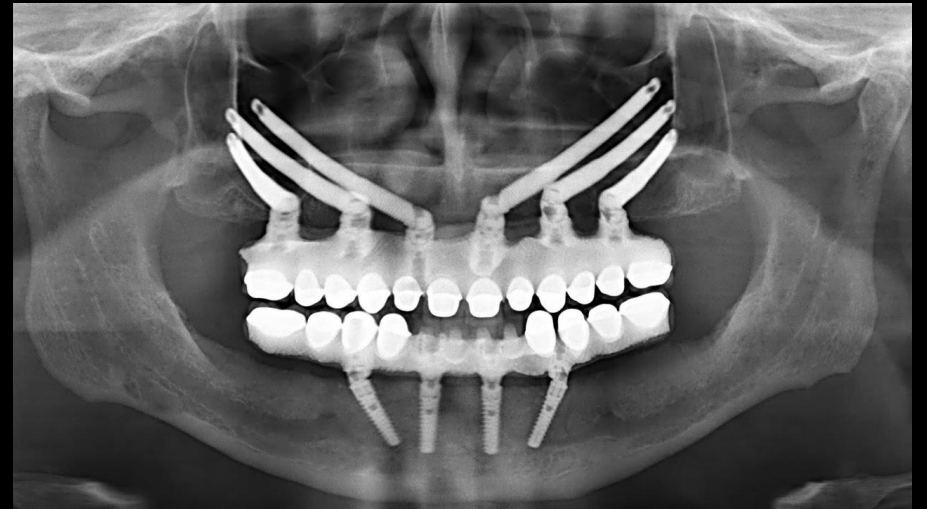
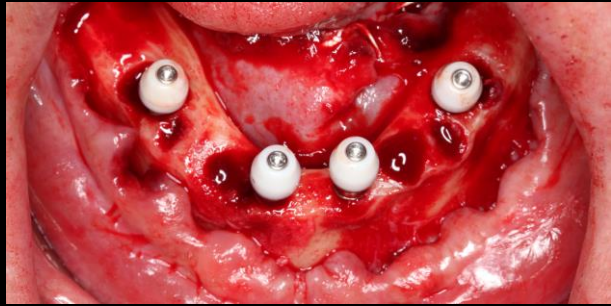
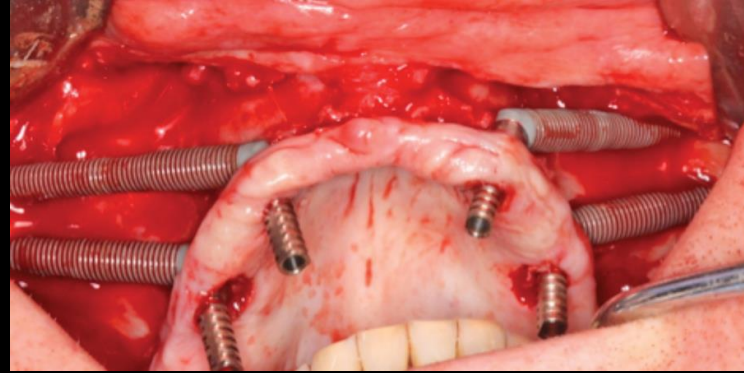
Tissue -integrated prostheses. Branemark PI, Zarb GA, Albrektsson T. Chicago: Quintessence; 1985. p. 253

Comparing the accuracy of master models based on digital intra-oral scanners with conventional plaster casts. C Vogtlin et al. Physics in Medicine. June 2016. Volume 1, 20–26

Misch CE. Dental Implant Prosthetics, Elsevier Mosby, 2015; 2<sup>nd</sup> Edit: Ch 28:724-752



Shouldn't we optimize fit of parts & provide access to care



... before increasing risk & liability?

# Patients with 4 or more implants retaining a prosthesis 15X rate of Peri-implantitis

Effectiveness of Implant Therapy Analyzed in a Swedish  
Population: Prevalence of Peri-implantitis.

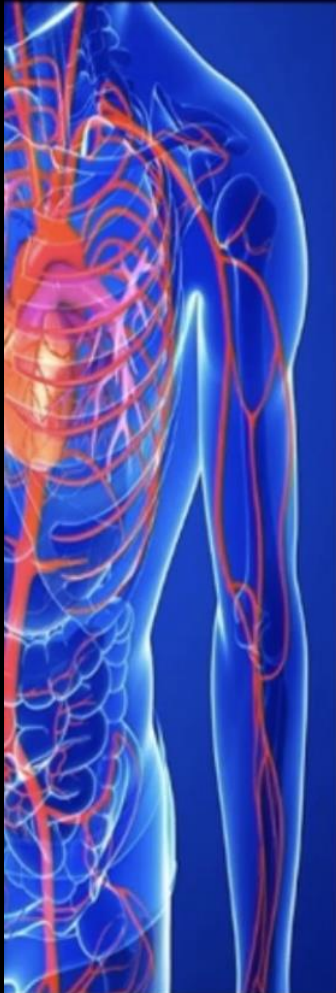
Derks et al. J Dental Research, 2016 Vol 95(1):43-49

(588 patients with 2,277 implants )



From Dr. Markus Schlee at FOR.org

## THE IMPACT OF PERIMPLANTITIS ON SYSTEMIC CONDITIONS



### PERIIMPLANTITIS

- increases number of white blood cells in a dog model
- increases proinflammatory cytokines
- has systemic impact
- is associated to squamous cell carcinoma



*Chaushu L, Tal H, Sculean A, Fernández-Tomé B, Chaushu G. Peri-implant disease affects systemic complete blood count values-an experimental in vivo study. Clin Oral Investig. 2020 Dec; 24(12):4531-4539.*

*Carcuac O, Berglundh T. Composition of human peri-implantitis and periodontitis lesions. J Dent Res. 2014 Nov; 93(11):1083-8.*

*Jeelani S, et al. Squamous cell carcinoma and dental implants: A systematic review of case reports. Dental Science. 2015, 7, (6) 378-380*



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## RESULTS IN TREATMENT OF PERIIMPLANTITIS – SYSTEMATIC REVIEWS

### CONCLUSIONS

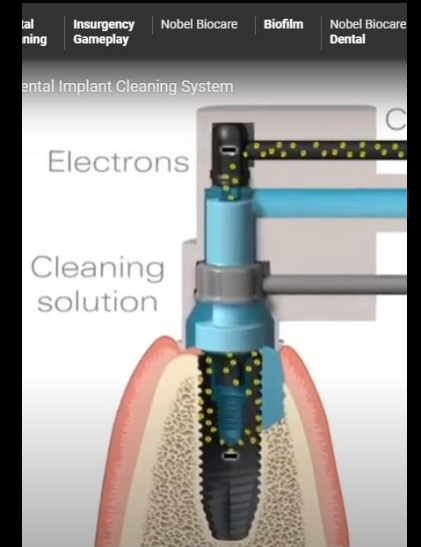
- No reliable evidence suggesting a superior treatment modality
- Therapy + regular supportive therapy improve clinical parameter and allow implant survival in the majority of cases
- Longer follow up points out a relapse of peri-implantitis in up to 100% of the cases

Roccuzzo M, Layton DM, Roccuzzo A, Heltz-Mayfield LJ. Clinical outcomes of peri-implantitis treatment and supportive care: A systematic review. Clin Oral Implants Res. 2018 Oct;29 Suppl 16:331-350

Heltz-Mayfield LJ, Mombelli A. The therapy of peri-implantitis: a systematic review. Int J Oral Maxillofac Implants. 2014;29 Suppl:325-45.

Esposito M, Grusovin MG, Worthington HV. Treatment of peri-implantitis: what interventions are effective? A Cochrane systematic review. Eur J Oral Implantol. 2012;5 Suppl:S21-41

Infection and relapse of infection is what you should expect when a new or old prosthesis is installed in a way that exposes the patient to similar risk factors for peri-implant disease ... like poor access to care, misfits, subgingival cement?



Amazing  
tool!

# Screw-in Systems are in Vogue Again Today

A Specific  
Prosthodontist:  
“99% of the prosthetics  
I install are screwed-in”



We must acknowledge problems to improve results





# Misfits are Preventable!

Misfit implant parts and poor margins are the Standard of Care for implant prosthetics.  
Is anyone conflicted about this?

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Free Download:  
[www.ReverseMargin.com](http://www.ReverseMargin.com)

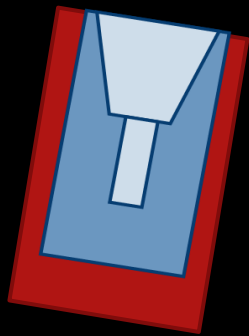


Fixing the All-on-X  
Screw-in System the Svoboda Way  
by separating the  
installation of implant parts  
from  
installation of the final prosthesis

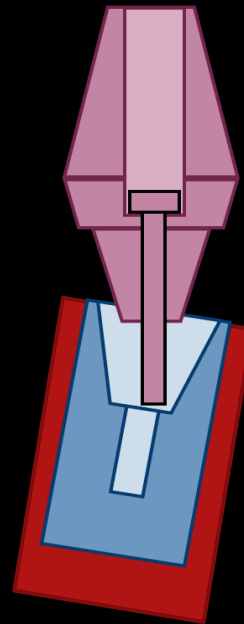
Svoboda ELA. All-on-X: A New Standard of Care. 2020, [www.ReverseMargin.com](http://www.ReverseMargin.com)

# The Solution: Optimizing FIT is Important ( $\pm 5$ microns)

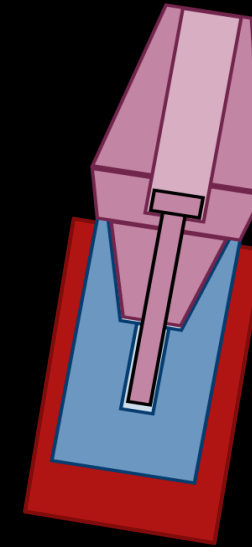
Implant  
Fixed in Jaw  
**cannot move**



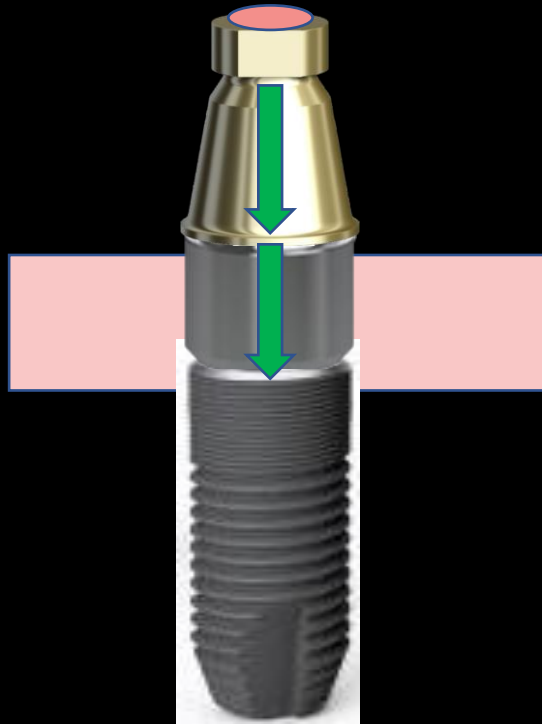
Abutment  
**free to move**



Abutment  
**Moves to Optimize Fit**  
Step 1 of 2



Dentist  
assembles all  
implant components  
in the mouth  
&  
plugs the  
screw access hole with  
Teflon

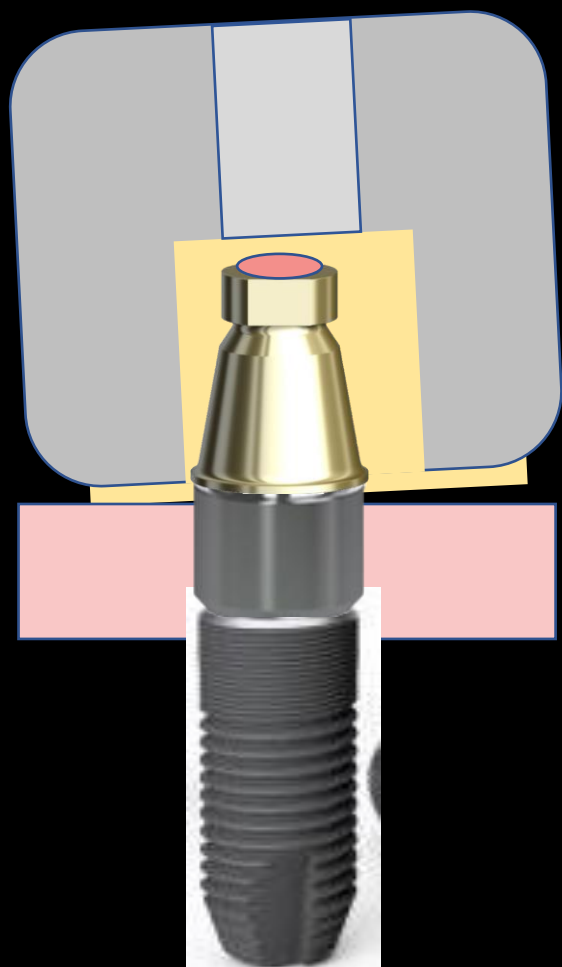


PDE  
ICPOI  
RTDE



Fit of these parts are now optimized

# Cement space between prosthetic-connector and prosthesis safely tolerates expected PDE



Excess cement  
extrudes from  
offset joint

PDE



ICPOI



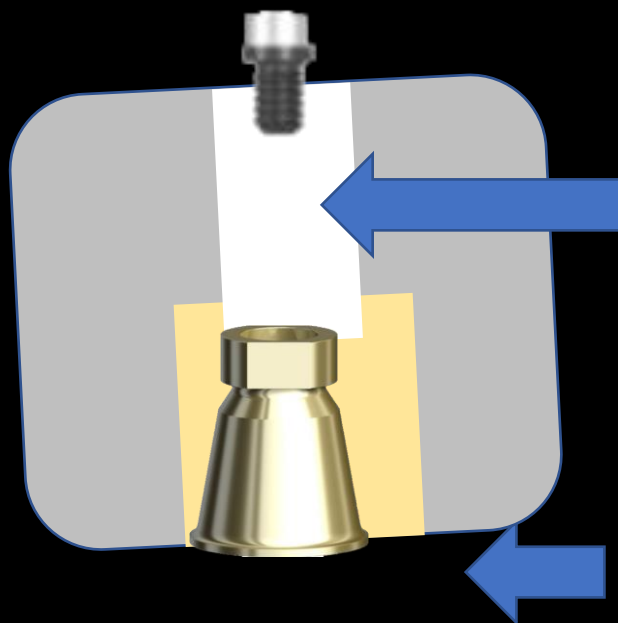
RTDE



Passive fit of the prosthesis  
is accomplished



Prosthesis is unscrewed from the mouth with the prosthetic-connector(s) attached

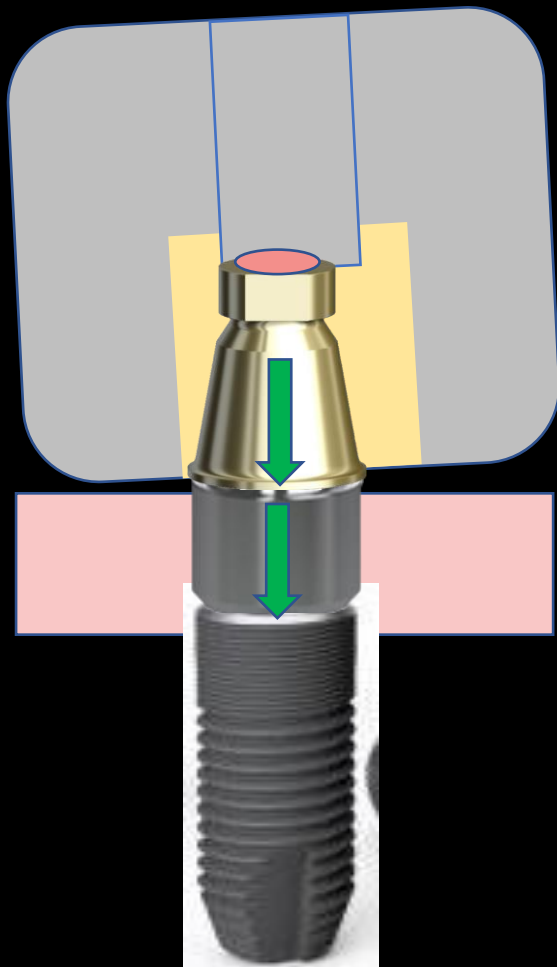


Connectors-Prosthesis Complex is unscrewed from multi-unit abutment(s)

Tissue surface of the prosthesis is refined

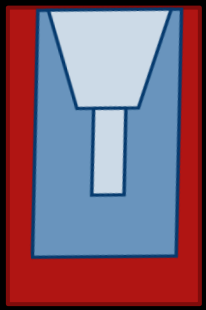
Today  
dentists can consistently  
optimize  
the fit of parts  
& deliver a  
passive fitting prosthesis  
The Svoboda Way

WOW!

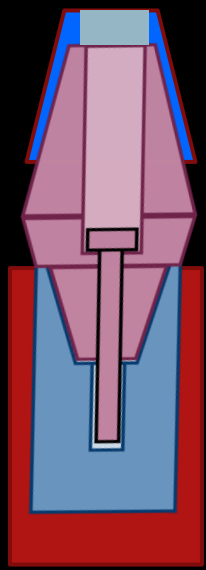


# The All-on-X Svoboda Way Review

Implant  
Fixed in Jaw  
(cannot move)

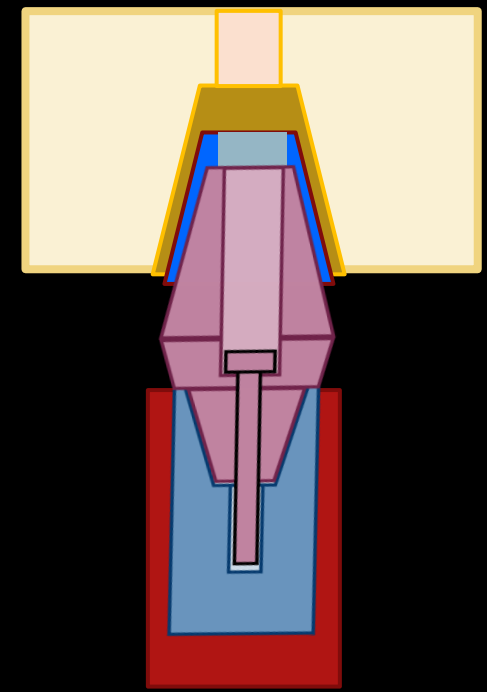


Screw-in parts  
(No Prosthesis)



Parts Optimized

Cement pickup of Connector  
with Prosthesis, refine & reinstall



Prosthesis Passive

- PDE ✓
- ICPOI ✓
- RTDE ✓

# The Svoboda Way Hybrid

Is it cleanable?

Do parts fit optimally?

Have we prevented subgingival cement?

YES, YES, & YES

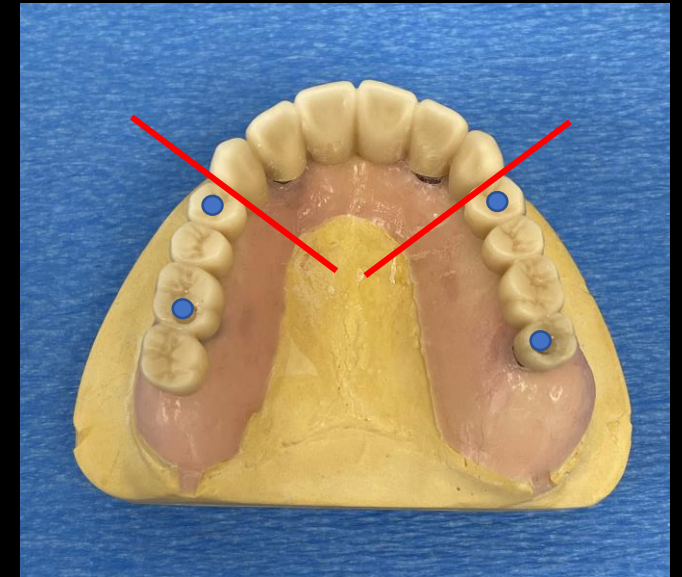
Prosthesis is

Retrievable, Fit is Passive

and

Segmented to reduce impact of implant failure

Narrow Profile



# What Advantages can Cemented Connections Provide (that Non-Cemented Joints Cannot)

- 1) Cement can fill the space between parts and prevent the movement of oral pathogens into that space and the large spaces inside the bodies of implants & abutments. Oral pathogens can breed in great numbers in any spaces they have access to and chronically reinfect the peri-implant tissues.
- 2) Cement can fixate parts to one-another and prevent their movement that can cause the redistribution of oral pathogens and their toxic byproducts into the peri-implant environment to perpetuate disease.
- 3) Cement space filled with cement can be used to safely tolerate expected Prosthesis Dimensional Error (PDE) and Incongruent Paths of Insertion (ICPOI) and can mitigate the Tissue Effects (TE) by separating the installation of implant parts from the prosthesis. This can enable the dentist to optimize the fit of all implant parts and achieve a passive fitting prosthesis. This prevents several known risk factors for mechanical complications and the dreaded peri-implant disease.

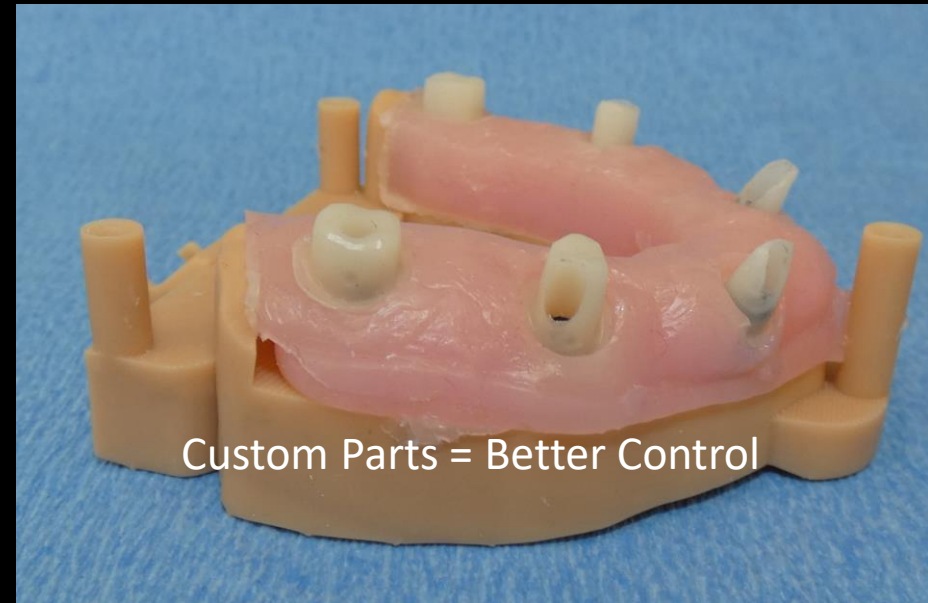
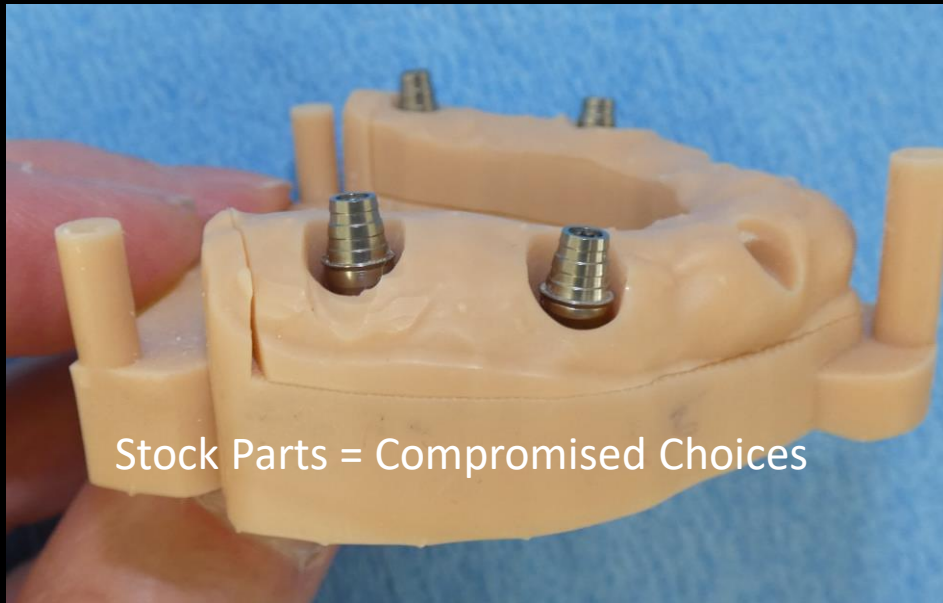




Yet another  
**BIG PROBLEM**  
remains  
with this “all-on” type of  
Screw-in System

All-on-X relies on a limited selection  
of **Stock Parts**

Current CAD/CAM Technology can make  
“Site Specific Custom Abutments”



Custom Parts offer better control of emergence profile, screw access position, margin design & material choice



CAD/CAM Custom Parts = Better Control  
Easy Segmentation = Reduced Impact of Implant Complications

Part 4 of 4

Understanding Why  
the KEY to  
Better Prosthetic Treatment  
includes a  
Safer Intra-Oral Cementation Step

Slides 85 - 131

# Cement-in Systems

can consistently optimize implant-abutment connections



PDE

ICPOI

RTDE



... because abutments are installed without the prosthesis attached



“Why do we (at ELOS MEDTECH)  
recommend cementation in the mouth?”

*“Cementation in the mouth actually uses the patient as reference, so you cancel out all the parts of the tolerance chain ... and by doing the cementation in the patient you will actually have the perfect passive fit”*

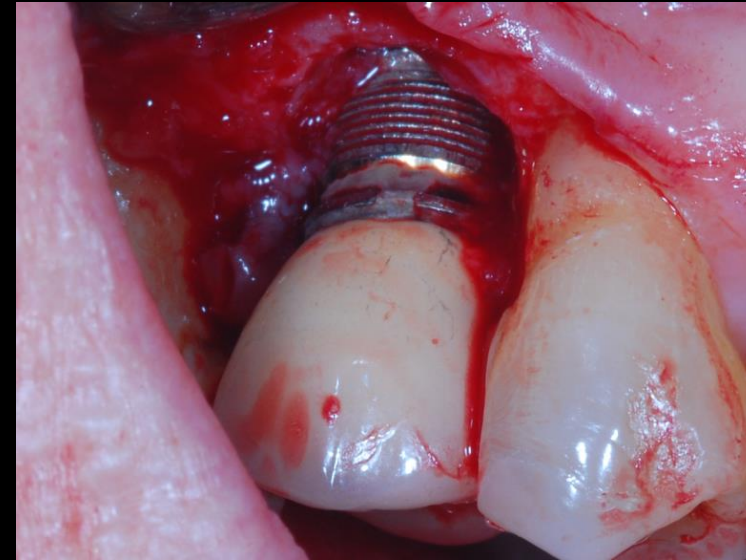
**They don't seem have a system for safer intra-oral cementation**

Andersen, Henrik. PhD. Influences Affecting Print. 2021 Webinar:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/3t1jqlgzp6owwdx/influences%20affecting%20print%20%281%29.mp4?dl=0>



# Open Margin & Residual Subgingival Cement



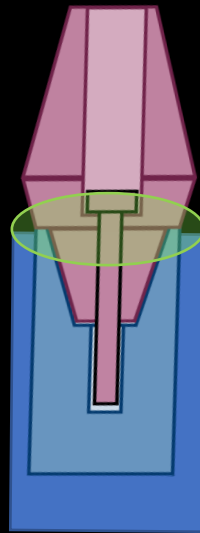
Do you think you are able to prevent these problems without mitigating the Tissue Effects ... RTDE & GE?

# Cement-in protocol has Two Steps

## Abutment Installation

### Step 1

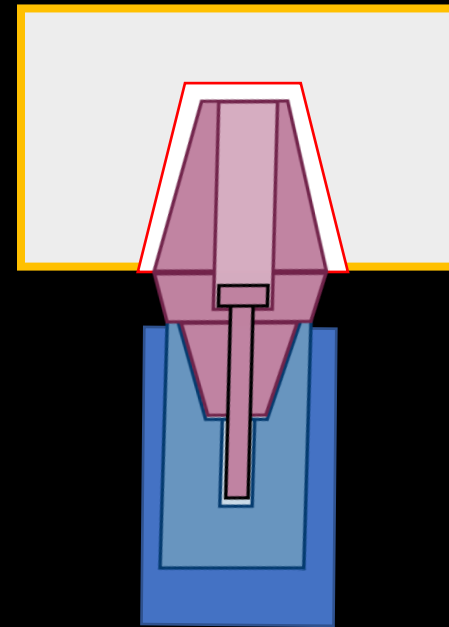
Fit Optimized &  
Fixed in Place



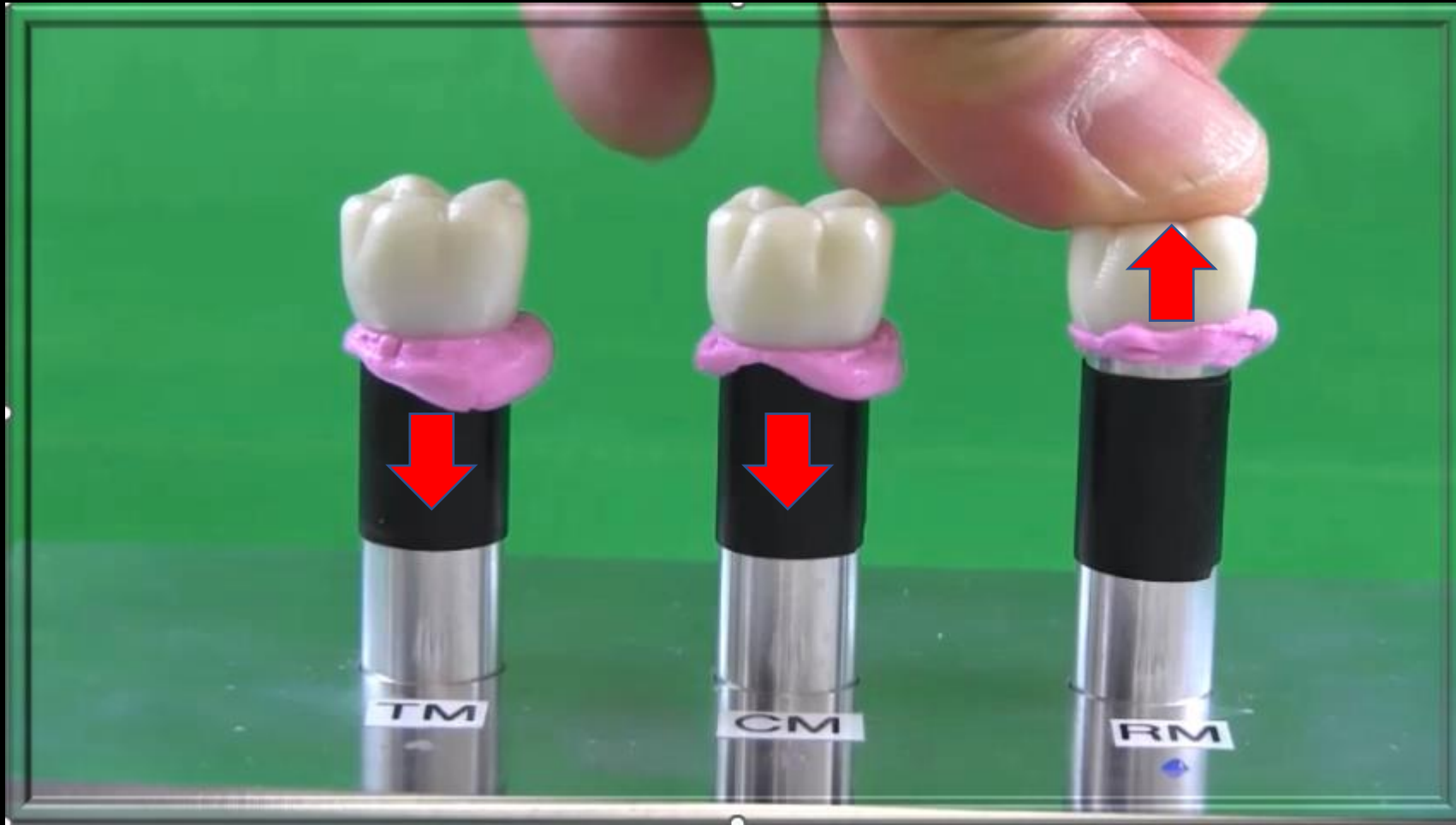
## Prosthesis Installation

### Step 2 – Intraoral Cementation

Can we prevent Subgingival Cement  
& Open Margins?

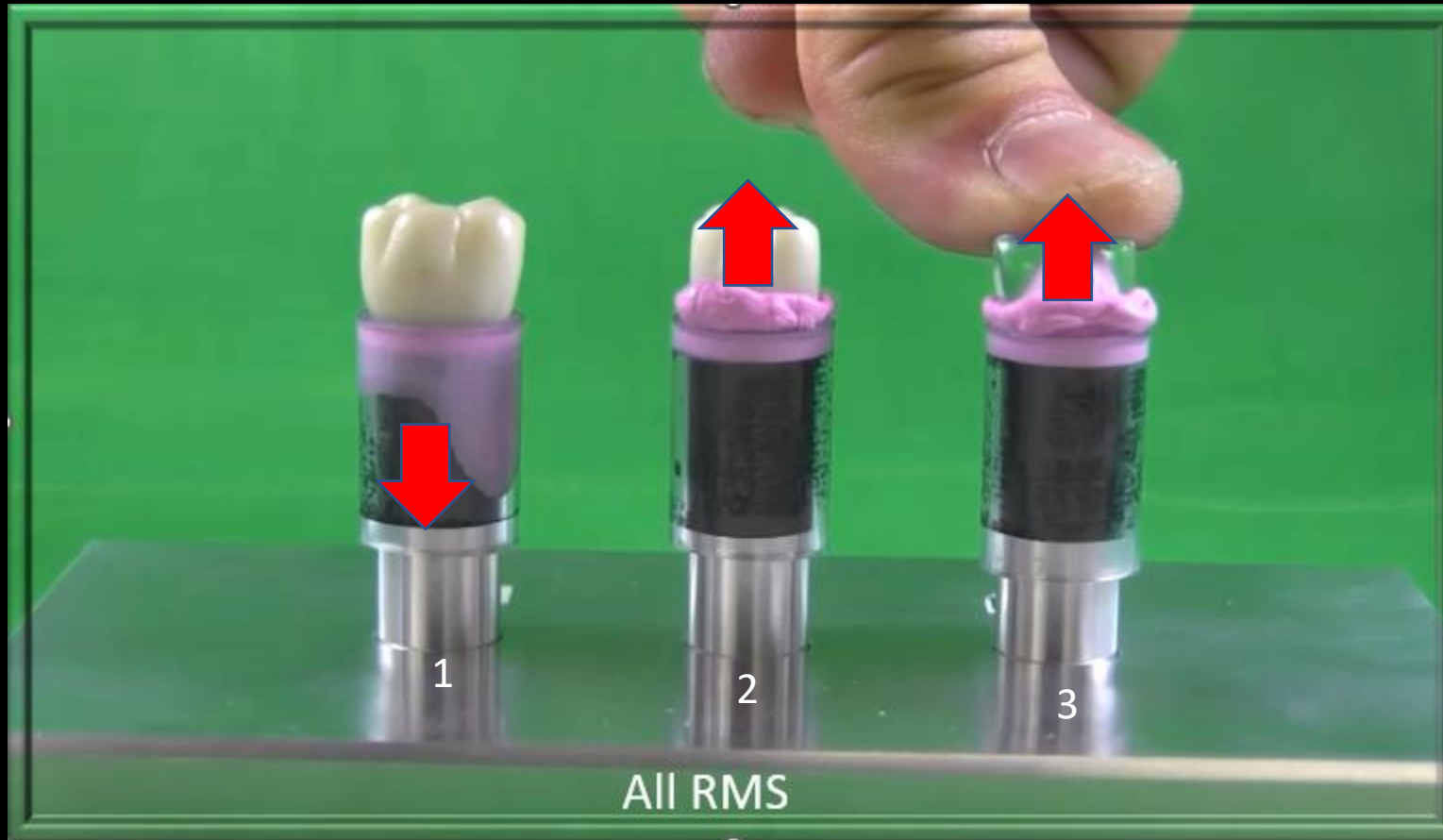


# Effect of Margin Design on Cement Flow Direction



During crown cementation the Tapered (TM) & Chamfer Margin (CM) shapes direct cement towards the tissues. The Reverse Margin (RM) shape redirects cement away from tissues. This video is available for view at [www.ReverseMargin.com](http://www.ReverseMargin.com)

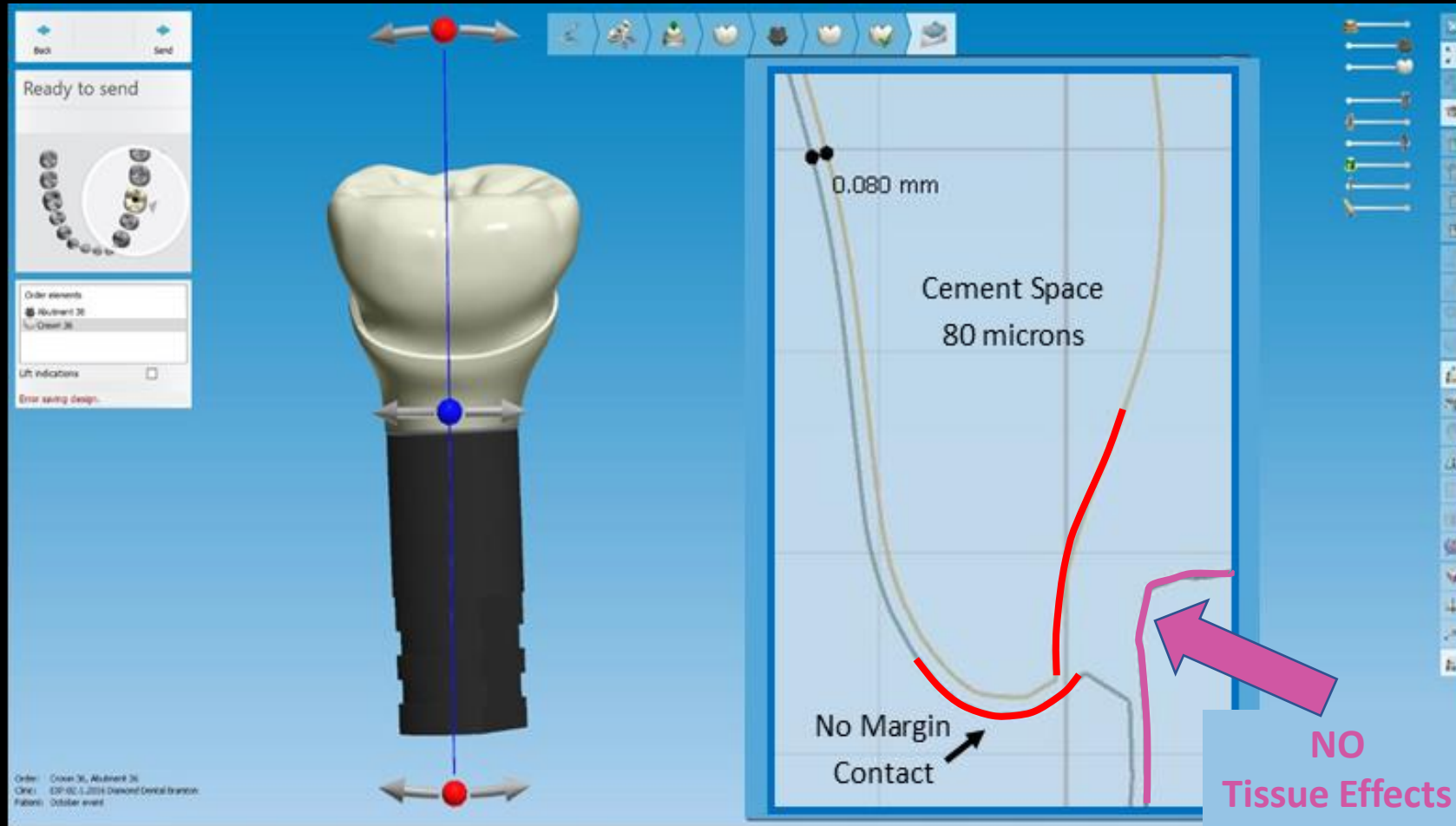
# Overcoming the Gingival Effects (GE) & RTDE by RMS Design



During RMS crown cementation the full contour crown (1) contacts the simulated gingiva prior to being seated. This stimulates the GE and causes much subgingival cement. RTDE by gingiva also resists seating of the crown and causes dentists to exert maximum pressure to seat a crown and prevent open margins. Red arrows show direction of cement flow

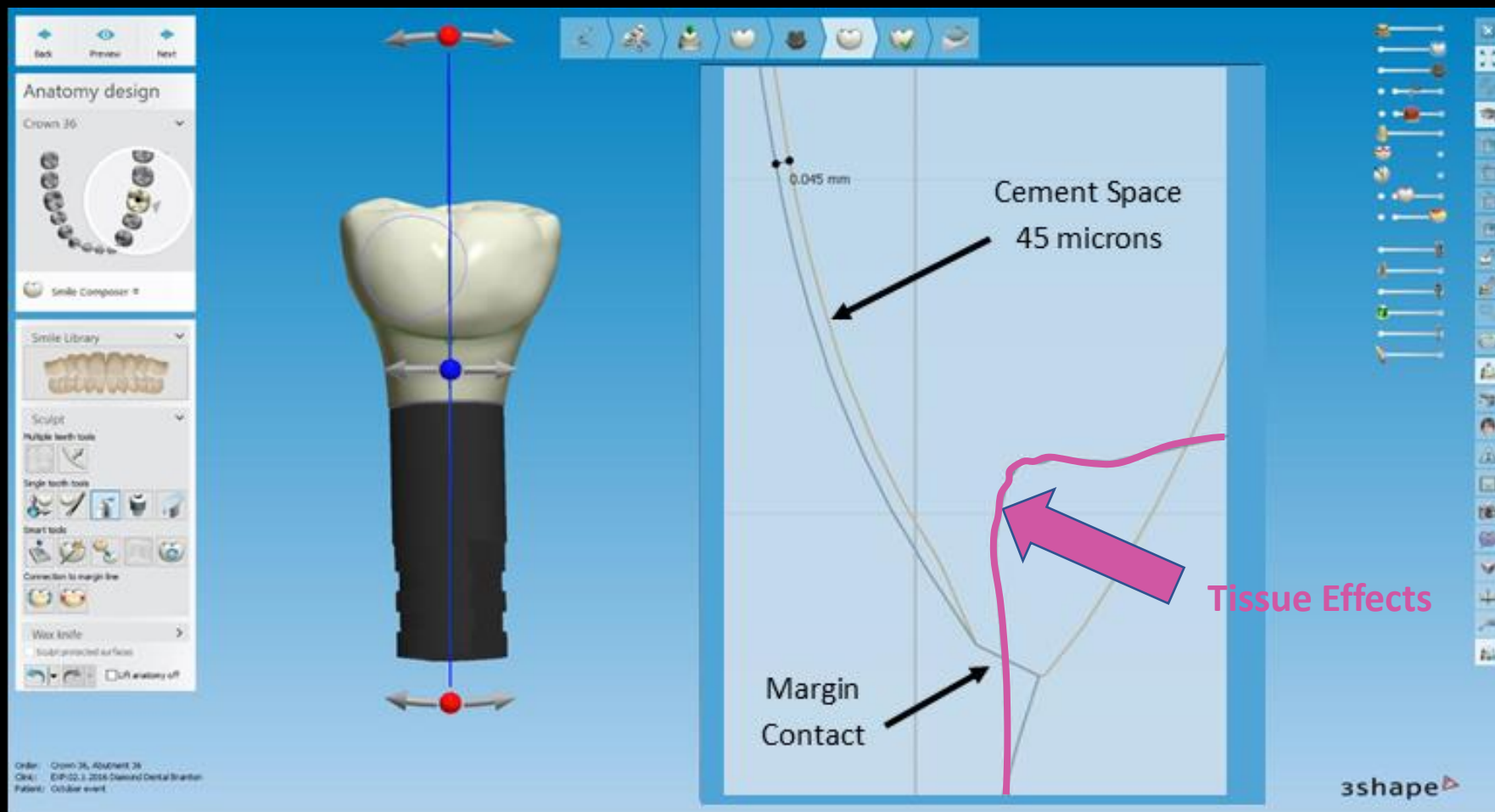
RMS crown 2 is narrow and does not touch gingiva, and crown 3 is only narrow in its subgingival position. Both provide space for the redirected cement to exit the subgingival space. View video at [www.ReverseMargin.com](http://www.ReverseMargin.com).

# RMS Design Mitigates Both Tissue Effects ... Crown does not interact with Gingiva



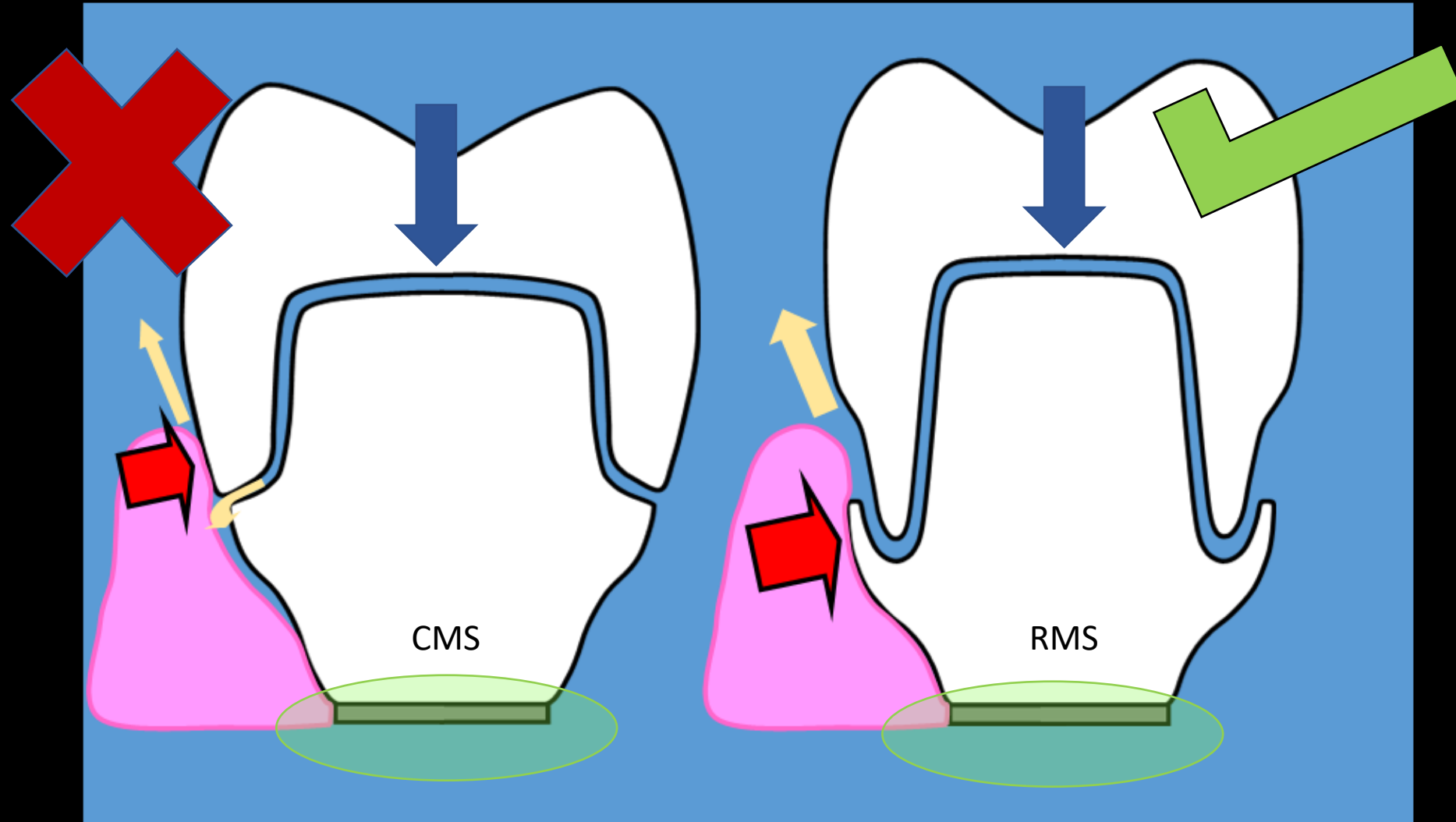


# CMS Design Stimulates Both Tissue Effects ... Crown Wider than Abutment & Interacts with Gingiva

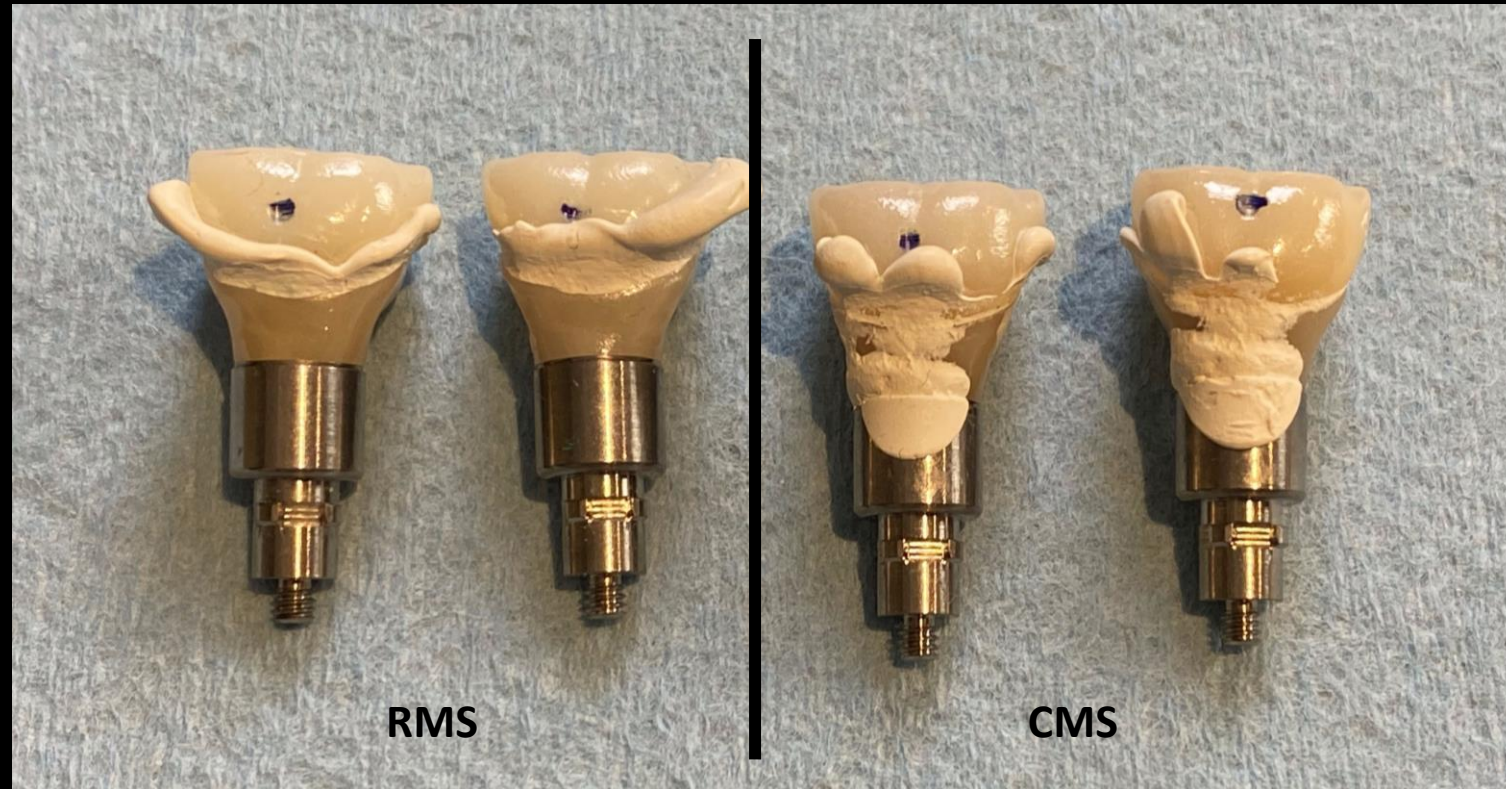




# RMS Mitigates both GE & RTDE



# What's better .... RMS or CMS???



What about even lower pressures and open margins?

We now know how the RMS  
Mitigates the Tissue Effects while  
the CMS does not.

Resistance to Displacement (RTDE)  
& the Gingival Effects (GE)



Svoboda ELA. New Dental Implant Terminology for Exposing and Mitigating the Root Causes of Installation-Related Treatment Complications. [www.ReverseMargin.com](http://www.ReverseMargin.com). Jan 29, 2021: 1-17.

# Experiment: Comparing CMS to RMS





# Experiment: Cement, Retrieve, Photograph, Measure







## Effect of Margin Depth, Installation Pressure & Abutment-Prosthesis Design on Submarginal Cement and Open Margins



100 Models & Crowns  
 5 Pressure Groups  
 10 CMS & RMS/Group  
 RMS vs CMS

Rely X Unicem 2 from 3M Espe

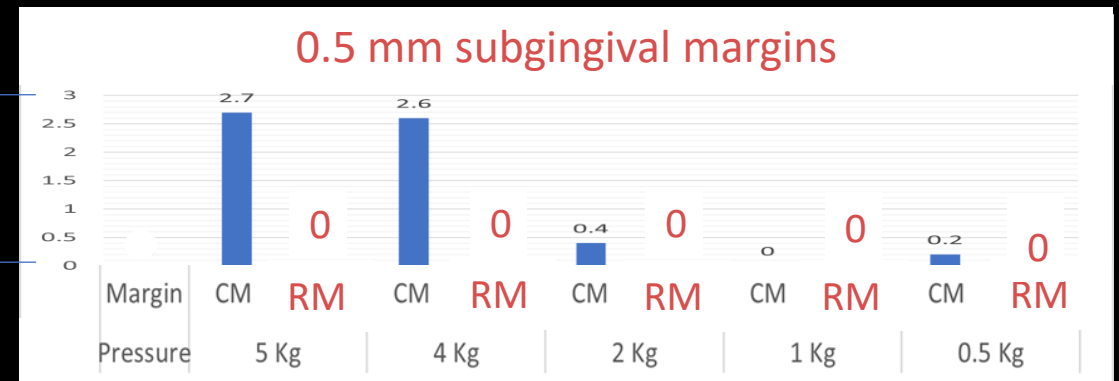
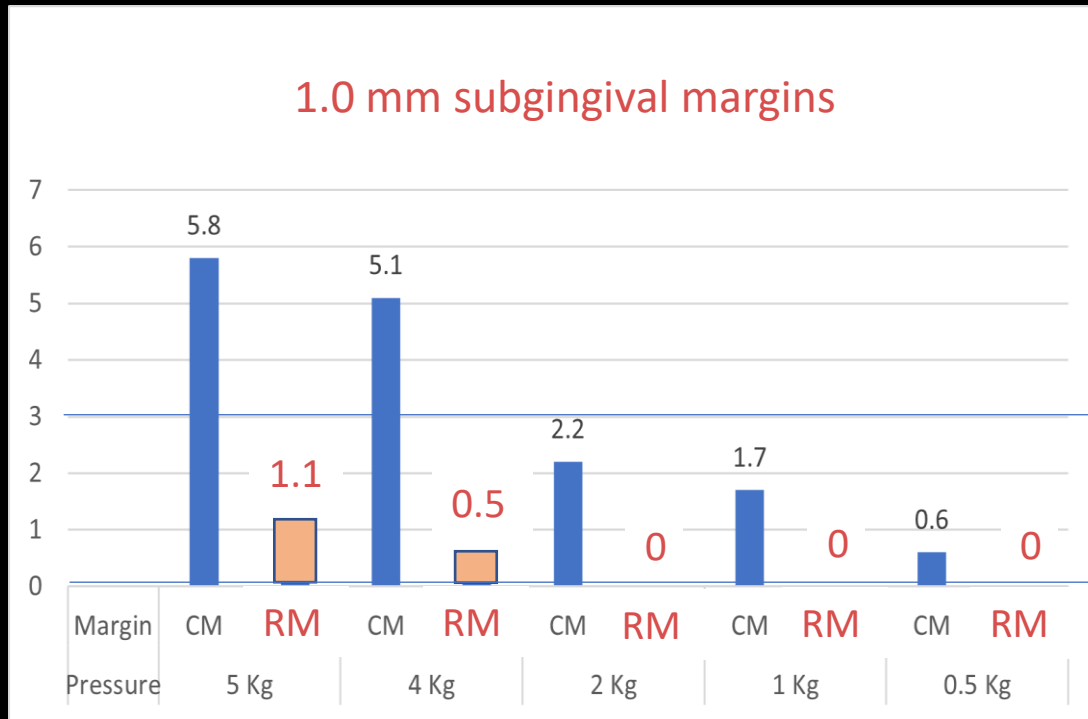
# 1) Effects Design and Pressure on Submarginal Cement when margins 0.5 to 1 mm below gingiva (GE)



- RMS better than CMS under all pressures
- Less submarginal cement with less pressure
- NO submarginal cement for RMS at 2Kg or less
- Results more erratic at 4 Kg or more

		Totals	
Pressure	Margin	Average	Range
5 Kg	CM	4.1	0 - 10.8
	RM	0.4	0 - 11.6
4 Kg	CM	4.0	0 - 11.5
	RM	0.1	0 - 1.0
2 Kg	CM	2.1	0.1 - 4.2
	RM	0	0
1 Kg	CM	0.7	0 - 3.3
	RM	0	0
0.5 Kg	CM	0.7	0 - 3.8
	RM	0	0

# Average Submarginal Cement vs Pressure & Margin Depths



- RMS better than CMS at all pressures with NO submarginal cement at 2 Kg or less
- Results for RMS erratic at 4 -5 Kg pressure (this is the pressure taught at dental school)
- Shallower margins decreases submarginal cement
- Lower pressure decreases submarginal cement

## 2) Effects of System Design and Cement on Open Margins

Controls: Are Open Margins caused by Mechanical Misfits or Cement?



No Contacts: Fits were Excellent With & Without Cement

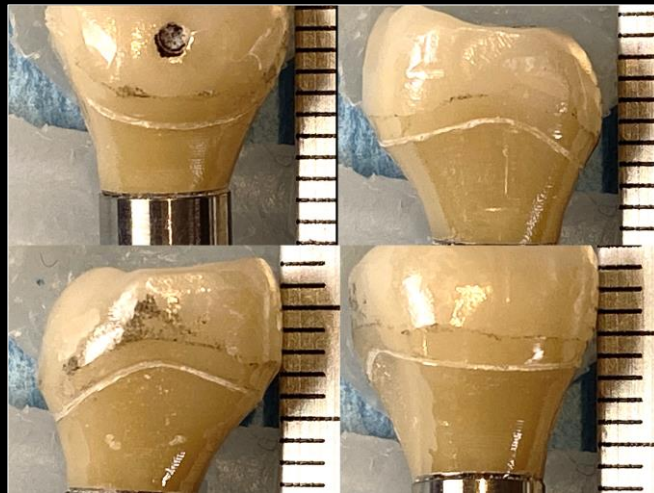
No Gingiva: NO Open Margins were observed for both CMS & RMS



## RMS had NO Open Margins

All CMS had Open Margins when 0.5 to 1 mm subgingival

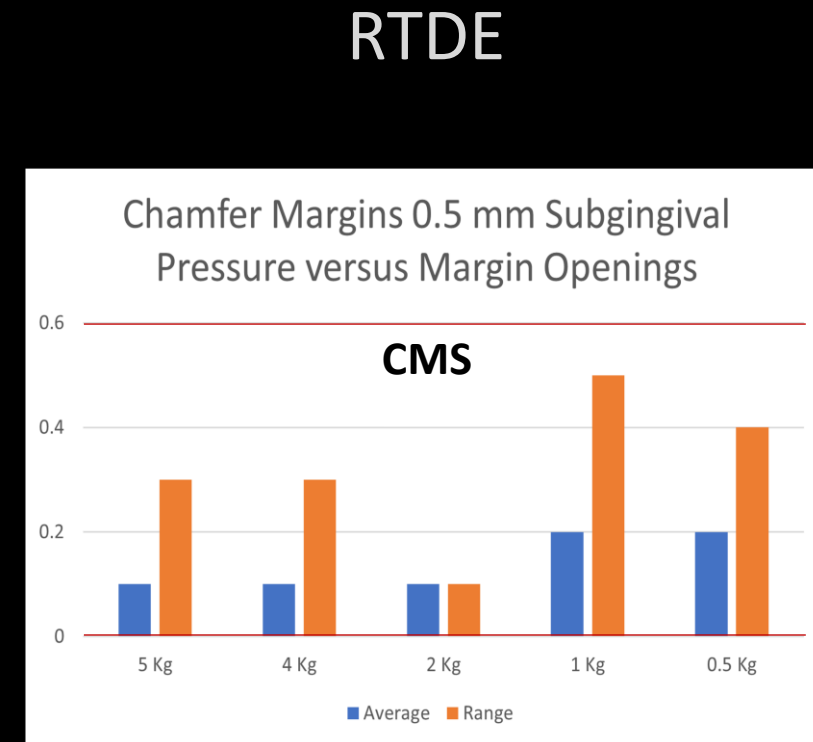
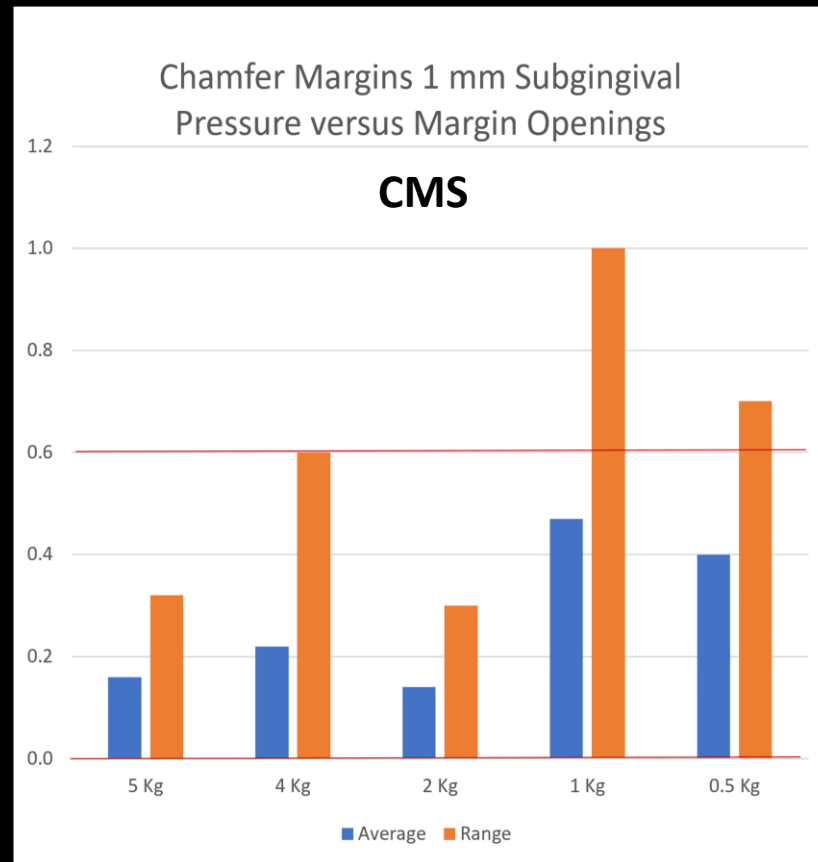
The  
Gingiva  
done it!  
(RTDE)



CM	Total	
Pressure	Average	Range
5 Kg	0.1	0-0.3
4 Kg	0.2	0-0.6
2 Kg	0.1	0-0.3
1 Kg	0.3	0-1.0
0.5 Kg	0.3	0-0.7

CMS Margin Openings Increased with Decreasing Installation Pressure

# CMS Open Margins Increased with Decreasing Pressure and Increasing Margin Depths



**RMS crowns do not interact with gingiva and had No Open Margins**



## Conclusions:

1. The RMS consistently outperformed the CMS in preventing subgingival cement under all conditions.
2. The RMS eliminated both submarginal cement and open margins under low pressure crown installation conditions.
3. Open margins observed with the CMS were caused by resistance to displacement by adjacent Gingiva & they increased size with decreasing installation pressure. All of CMS had open margins.
4. The results of these studies show how the Tissue Effects can contribute to complications, as described in Dr. Svoboda in his articles

We know HOW the RMS Mitigates  
the Tissue Effects

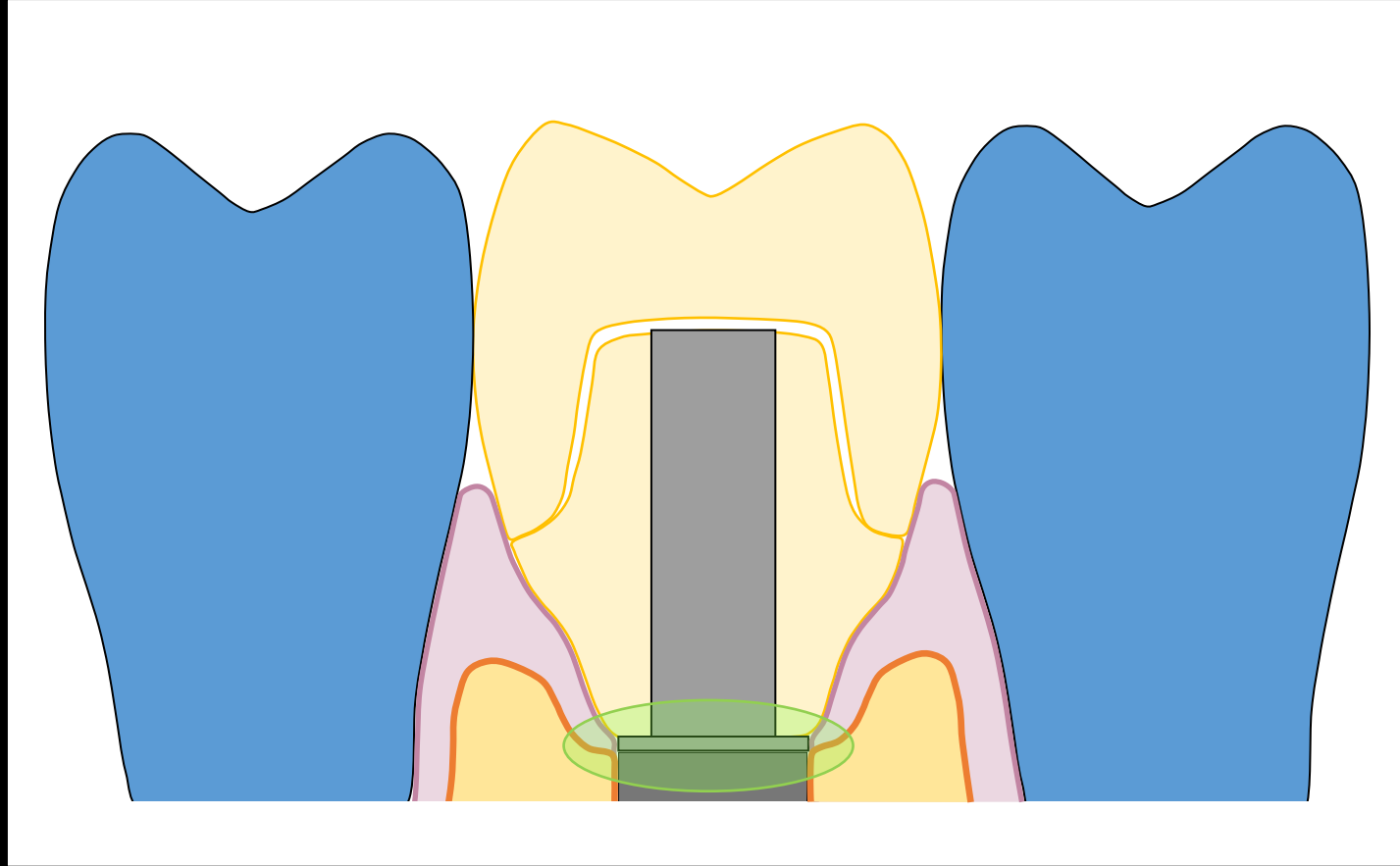
RTDE

GE

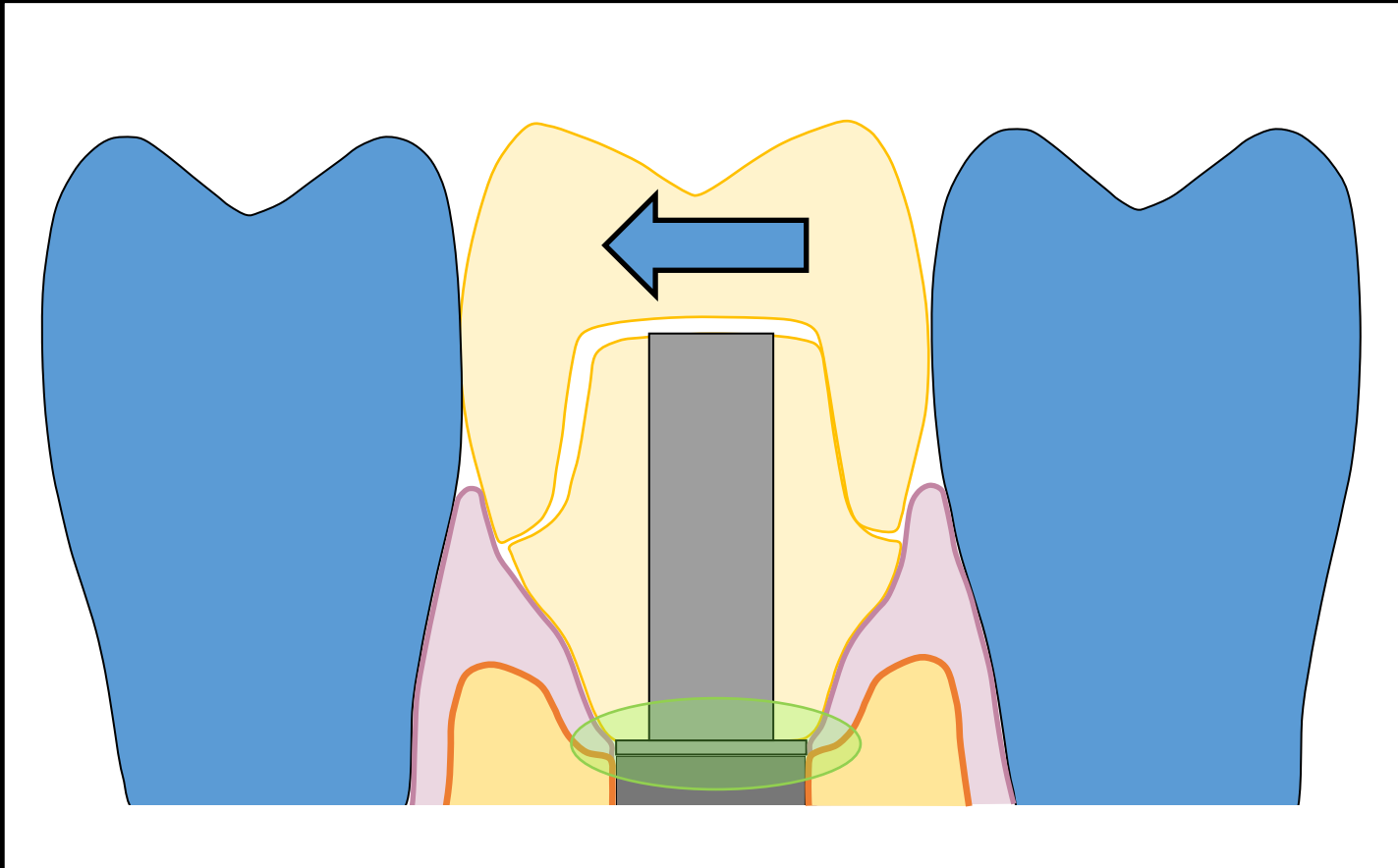


What about  
Prosthesis Dimensional Error (PDE) &  
Incongruent Paths of Insertion (ICPOI) ?

Can the CMS tolerate expected PDE &/or ICPOI?

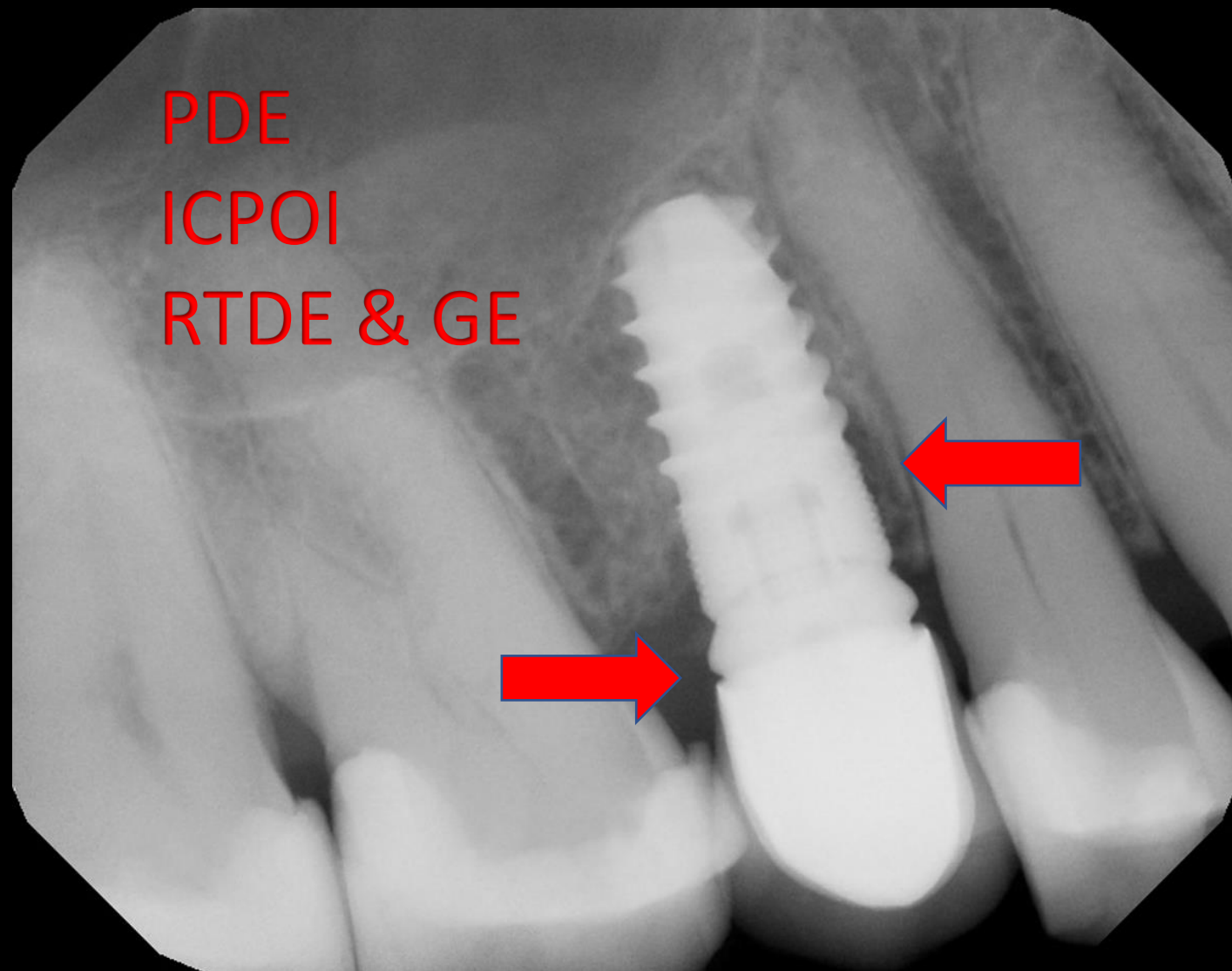
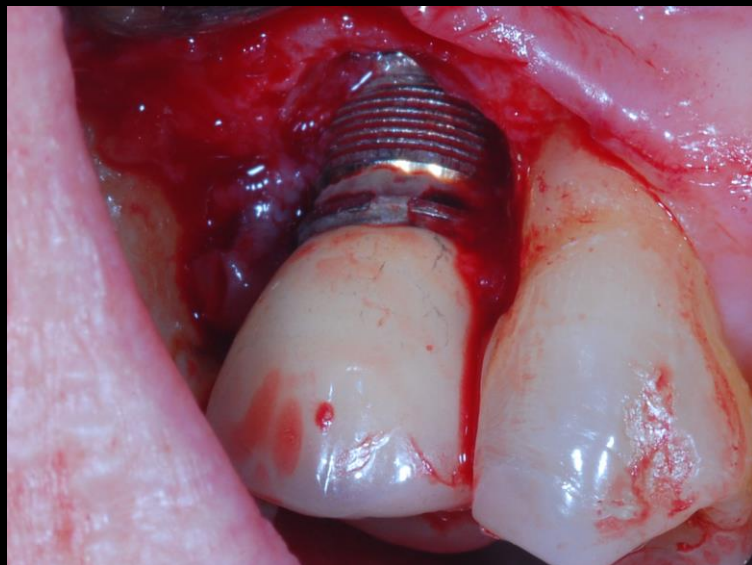


CMS margins are designed to touch and thus cannot safely tolerate expected PDE nor ICPOI

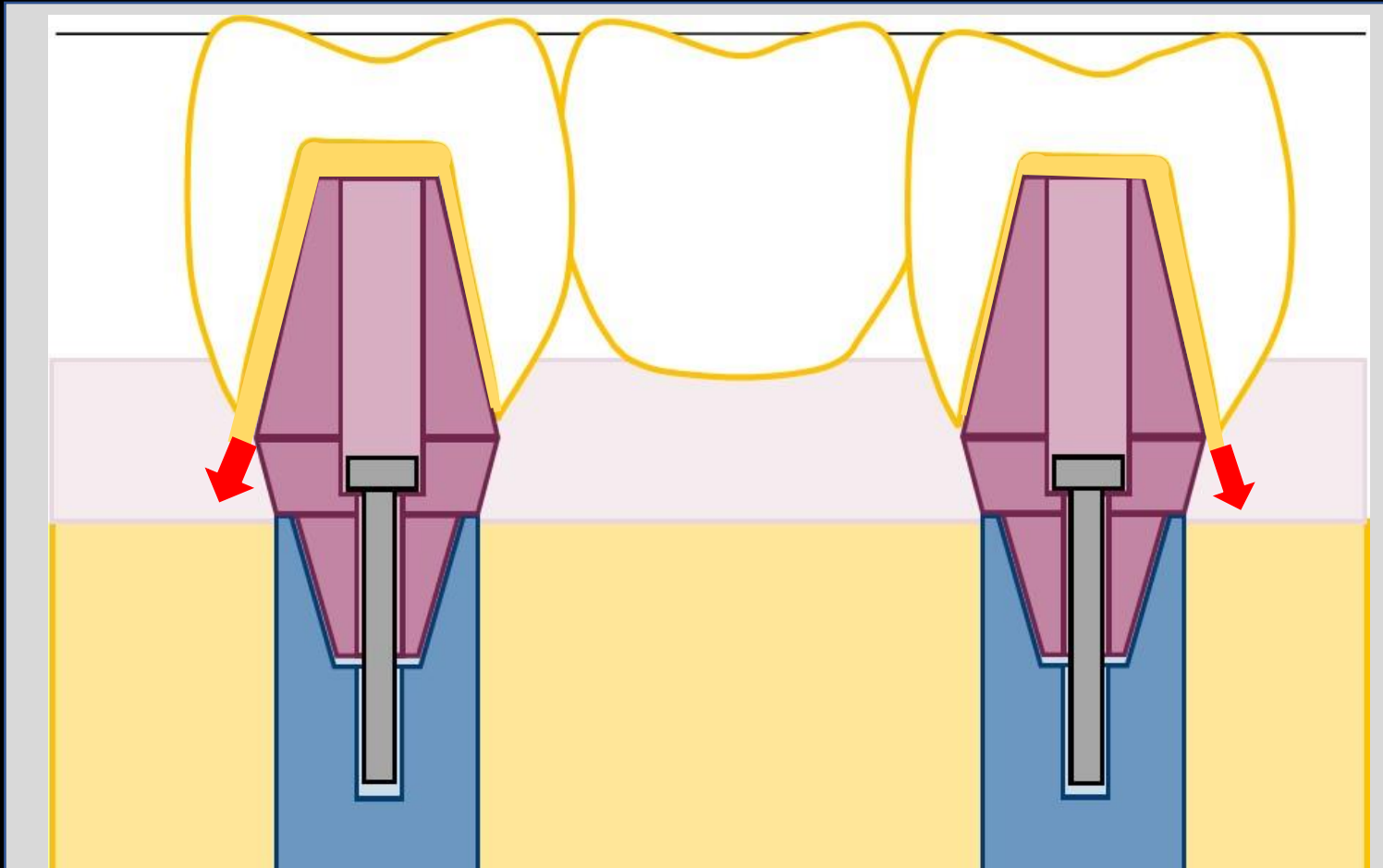


Without causing  
open & overhanging  
margins  
& subgingival cement

Open Margin  
Subgingival cement  
Bone destruction



# Chamfer Margins provide Zero tolerance to expected PDE & ICPOI

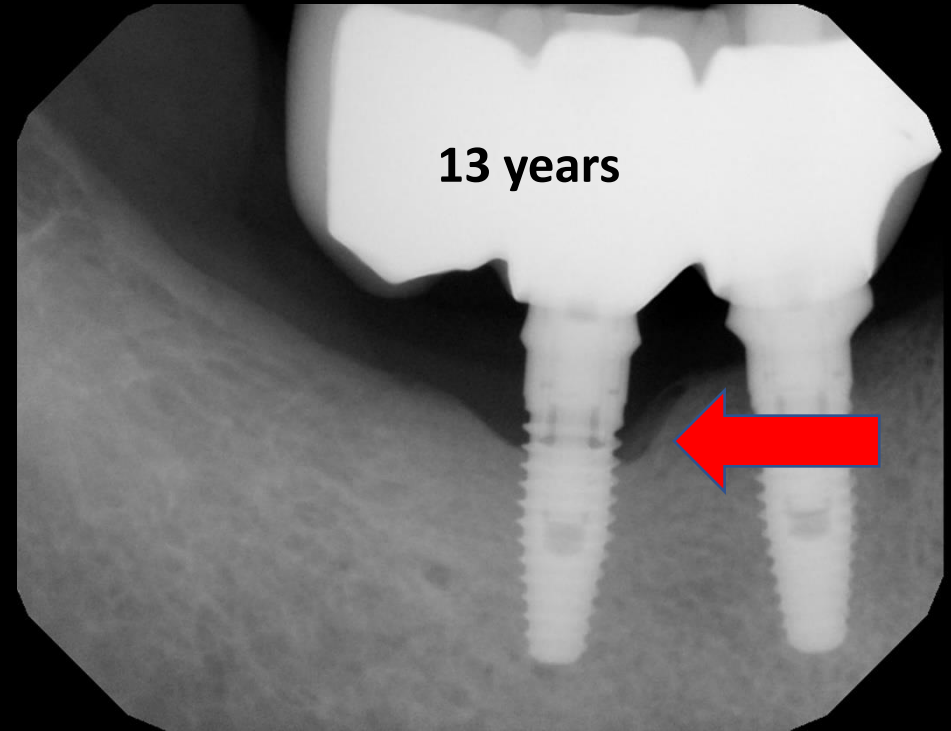
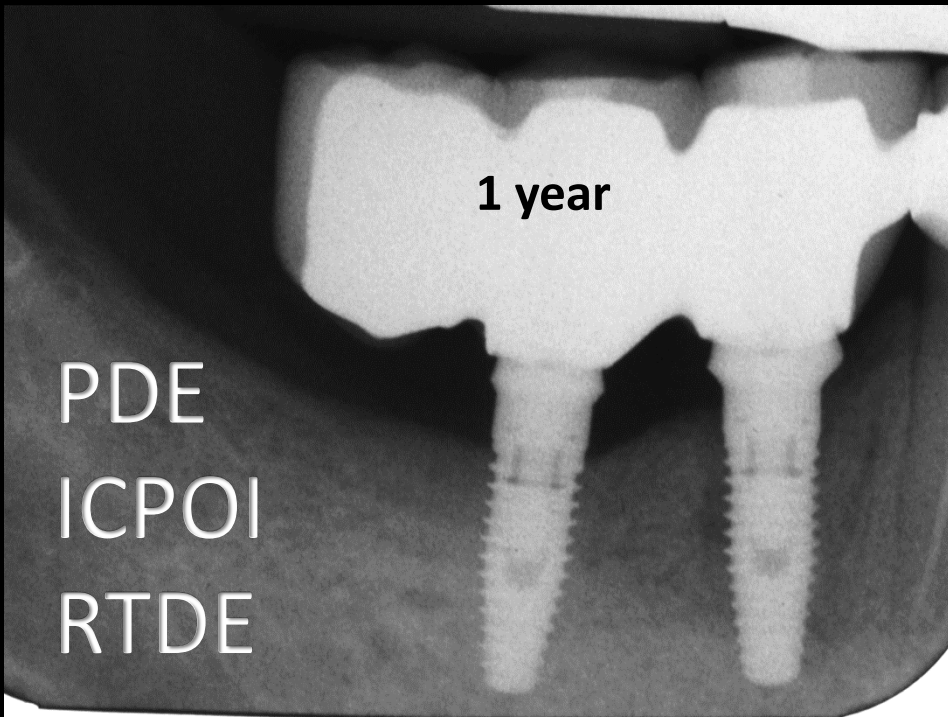


&  
stimulate  
Both TE:  
RTDE & GE

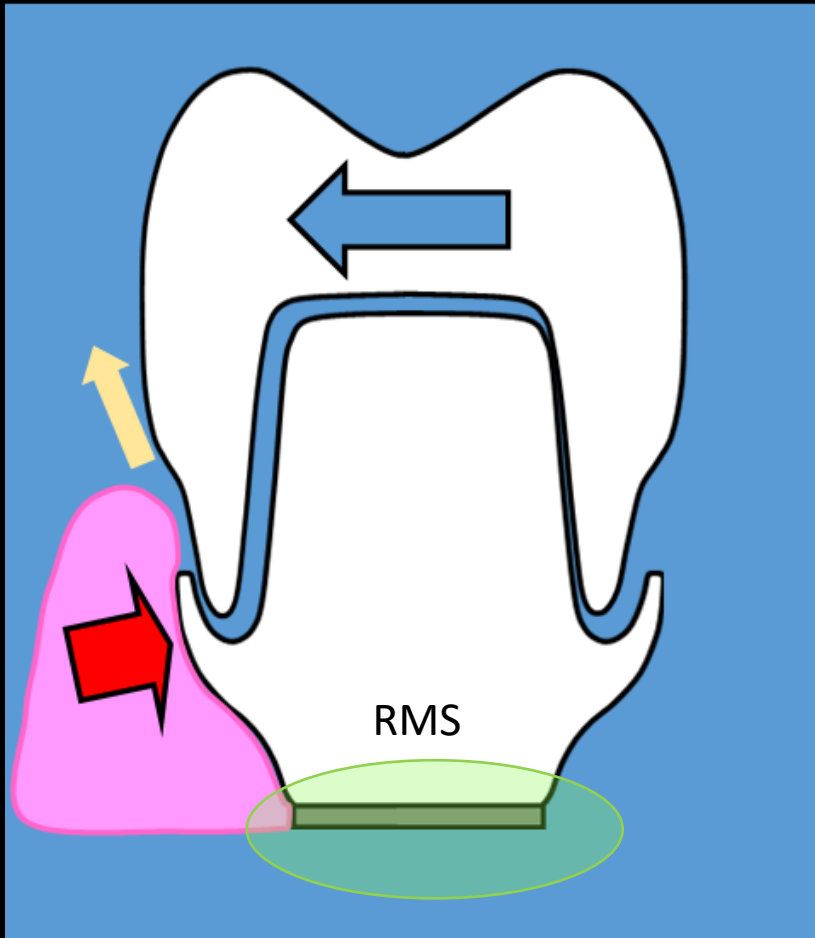
Result: Poor contacts, hyperocclusion, submarginal cement,  
& open, overhanging & overextended margins ... are common



# Unseated Prosthesis Effect on Long-term Bone Loss?

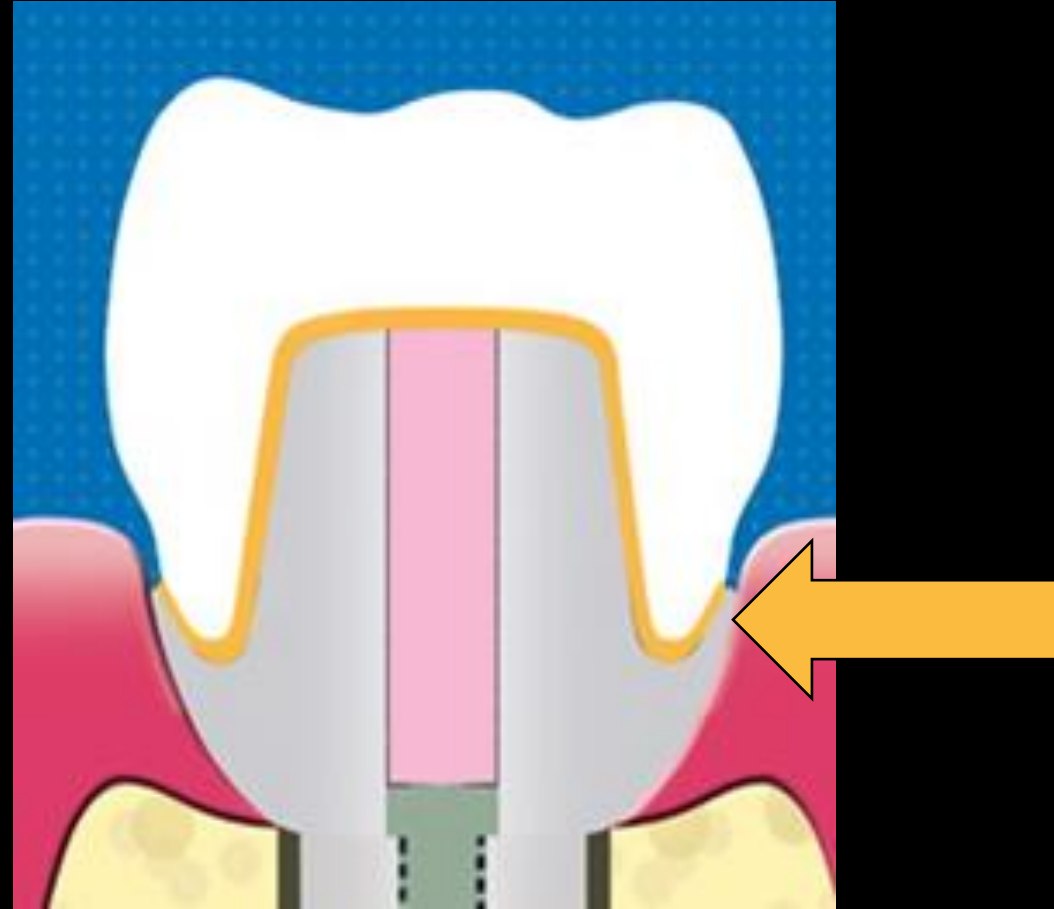


RMS margins are designed to safely tolerate  
expected PDE & ICPOI



This makes it  
Easier for the Dentist  
to adjust and install a  
prosthesis  
safely & calmly  
with low pressure

# Reverse Margin System Tolerates PDE & ICPOI



Cement Space exists under & on both Sides of Prosthesis Margin

RMS can safely tolerate expected PDE & ICPOI  
and manage the TE

This helps dentists exploit the benefits of CAD/CAM



**1**

# Healing Abutment (HA) Shapes the Trans-tissue Portal



Reduces the RTDE



Facilitates NEXT STEP



## 2

## Installing the RMS Abutment

Its shape reverses cement flow away from tissues & pushes tissues away from the crown base



RMS Abutment eliminates RTDE & GE during crown installation

## 3

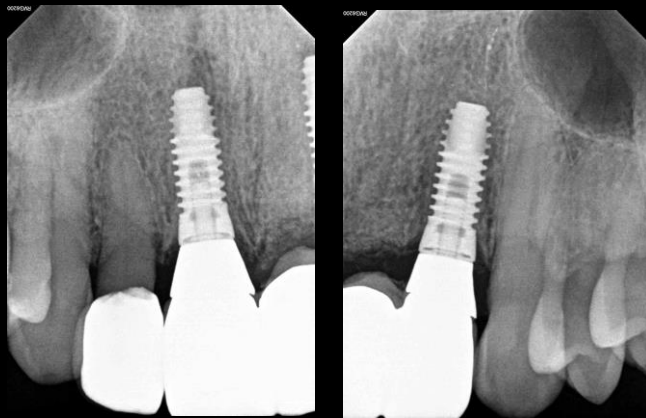
## Installing the RMS Prosthesis

Crown shape safely tolerates expected PDE & ICPOI as margins are free to float within RMS abutment margin trough



RMS Prosthesis is self-centering & self-leveling,  
Prevents submarginal cement & overhanging & open margins

# Smoother the Treatment - Happier the Patient

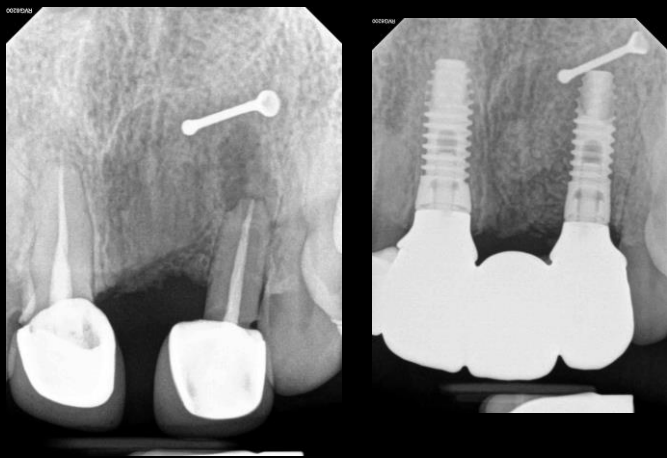


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RMS prosthetics are Easy Maintained



# Another Happy Patient!





# Their Happiness



# is Good for Business



# 23 Years of Happiness is Great for Business



Good for the All because Complications are Expensive!

We threw out the baby with the bathwater



Safer intra-oral cementation is key to fixing both the screw-in & cement-in systems of installation

It is NOW possible for the Dentist to make

the Peri-implant Environment

Cleanable

Optimize the fit of implant parts &

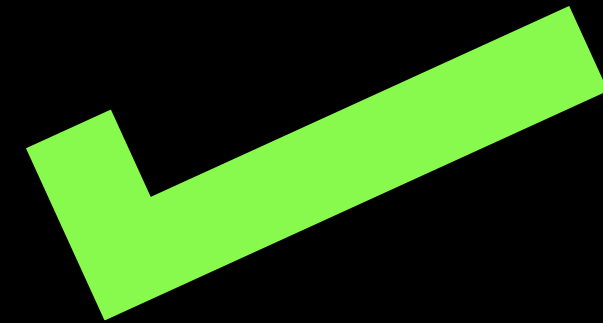
Prevent subgingival cement

to Reduce Risk of Peri-implant Disease

Dentists need to do this for themselves & their patients

# Reverse Margin™ System

Allows dentists to optimize the fit of implant parts  
in the mouth like in FDA tests



Makes installation simpler & safer  
reduces dentist liability & is great for business





# Dentists Can Now

Prevent Residual Subgingival Cement  
to reduce  
Peri-implant Disease  
by \*60%

Wilson, T.G. The positive relationship between excess cement and peri-implant disease: a prospective clinical endoscopic study. J Periodontol 2009;80:1388.



“I have done over 2000 cases and this design has changed my life”  
Dr. James Miller from Oregon





## How does T. Mitchell's Screwmentation Differ from The Svoboda Way of Prosthesis Installation?

Mitchell describes a system of single crown installation that fails to optimize the implant-abutment (I-A) connection and requires the removal and reinstallation of the abutment-crown complex to remove expected subgingival cement.

The Svoboda Way optimizes the I-A connections for single and multiple unit restorations, prevents residual subgingival cement and open margins, and does not require prosthesis removal and reinstallation to remove excess cement.

**This RMS is the safer, simpler and more efficient installation system.**

Svoboda ELA. Screwmentation the Svoboda Way. Spectrum Implants Aug 2022,V13,N3:54-63.  
[www.ReverseMargin.com](http://www.ReverseMargin.com); June 2022;1-13.

# Screwmentation the Svoboda Way

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**The BIG QUESTION: What is Screwmentation?**

I hope this "Implant Essentials" segment will help guide you to a better understanding of implant treatment. For the first 30 years of practice, I put my head down and worked with the tools I learned at dental school and collected from countless hours of continuing education. Then, it took me 10 years to discover the underlying root causes of open and overhanging margins, implant-abutment misfits and residual subgingival cement. These are all common consequences of our most prevalent prostheses installation systems. These are also well-known risk factors for peri-implant disease to which we regularly expose our patients unnecessarily. Let's fix that.

**What is Screwmentation?**

During my lectures, I have often been asked "How does the Svoboda Way of Prosthesis Installation differ from Screwmentation?" There are a number of installation protocol variations that can be placed under the screwmentation heading. As described in the literature, they all fail to prevent implant-abutment misfits. They also do not even attempt to address the problems of open and overhanging margins.

Why did they fail? In order to solve a problem, it is necessary to understand its root causes. It appears that none of the authors really understood them. Do you? However, they did understand that implant-abutment misfits were inherent to the screw-in installation system and residual subgingival cement was inherent to the intra-oral cementation system. The Screwmentation system was thus developed to prevent both of these problems by exploiting the best attributes from each installation system. Let's see where they failed so we can do better. See Screwmentation article in this journal.

I will address your comments & questions in the next edition of Spectrum Implants and then pose the Next BIG Question. Dr. Scott Froum published a short article titled "Dental Implants fail at a rate 10 times that of natural teeth in patients with treated periodontitis. Perio Advisory 2021." He quotes a study by Guarnieri et al. Int J Periodontics Restorative Dent. 2021;41(1). I am sure it will stimulate a lively debate. This work begs the question "When should we replace periodontally involved teeth with dental implants?" ■

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