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# Minimally invasive treatment approaches in oral implantology using a dental clinical microscope for magnification

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**Operating on fine anatomical structures without using optical magnification is simply unthinkable ever since the development of the surgical microscope by Dr Littmann and Prof Wullstein in 1953. The combined use of the dental microscope and micro-instrumentation provides the basis for microsurgical approaches in dentistry (Velvart 1997). Even though dental use of the surgical microscope has previously been limited for the most part to endodontics and periodontics (Baumann 2000), the following article should provide a sound argument for use of optical magnification also in minimally invasive implantology procedures.**



Fig. 1. OPMI Proergo microscope from Carl Zeiss

## Introduction

Implant-supported restorations have become an accepted part of the range of interventions in restorative dentistry (Buser et al. 2002). However, even though dental implants in functional areas are now routine if an adequate bone supply is available, there remains a formidable esthetic challenge for everyone involved if the bone and soft tissue supply at the implant site is inadequate (Block & Baughman 2005).

It is precisely under these indications that recourse to a microsurgical approach is advantageous, both to minimize tissue trauma and ensure predictable tissue maintenance or reconstruction (Wachtel et al. 2003). In addition to use of the OPMI Proergo Zeiss microscope (Fig. 1), our practice-oriented minimally invasive treatment approach involves the CAMLOG® Implant System, microsurgical instruments from the Helmut Zepf Medical Techniques company, bone augmentation materials from Geistlich company, microsurgical needle-suture combinations from Serag-Wiessner company, and coDiagnostix® as the 3D implant planning system from IVS-Solutions company (Figs. 2-4). We will explain this referrals-oriented treatment approach in detail via the following well-documented case report of an immediate implantation in the esthetic zone.



Fig. 2. Microsurgical scalpel no. 15C and microblade



Fig. 3. Microsurgical needle-suture combinations – 5/0, 6/0 and 7/0

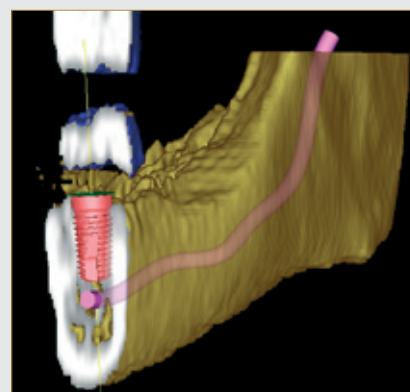


Fig. 4. CoDiagnostix® 3D implant planning system from IVS Solutions

## History/Examination

The 36-year old patient presented to our office in the summer of 2006 on referral to implantology. Her general medicodental history was unremarkable. She complained of episodic occlusal pain at tooth 21 which had been resected 5 years previously. Preoperatively, tooth 21 exhibited no pathological probing depth anywhere around it and only first degree mobility. It was slightly tender on vertical and horizontal percussion. There were no signs of acute inflammation. On radiography, periapical mesiolateral osteolysis appeared to be present but vertical and interproximal bone levels were intact bilaterally (Figs. 5-7). The patient's profile from the perspective of individual risk factors for implantological treatment of the esthetic zone (Renouard & Rangert 2006) was determined as follows:

1. High smile line
2. Type B gingival morphology (thick gingival biotype) with short thick papillae
3. Apparently good three-dimensional bone supply
4. Esthetically very challenging
5. Good compliance and oral hygiene
6. No financial limitations.



Fig. 5. Pretreatment frontal view



Fig. 6. Pretreatment coronal view



Fig. 7. Preoperative radiograph, tooth position 21

### Diagnosis

Hopeless tooth 21 because of a combined periodontal/endodontal lesion in status post apexectomy and moderate to high risk implantology profile in the esthetic zone.

### Minimally invasive extraction and immediate implantation in the esthetic zone

The indication for immediate implantation is generally determined directly following tooth extraction. Tissue-sparing during extraction therefore becomes a key factor (Hämmerle et al. 2004). Microelevators are usually employed in

the preparation of the encircling periodontal ligament. Tooth luxation is performed primarily within the socket or with a palatal approach to preserve the facial bone wall and the interproximal bone, which will guide the future papillae (Terheyden & Iglhaut 2006).

If an osteotomy is required, a palatal approach is also the first-line option to preserve the facial bone wall (Sclar 2004).

In the case of an intact residual root, one may alternatively fall back on the Benex Extractor® from the Helmut Zepf Medical Techniques company (Fig. 8). Once the minimally invasive extraction is completed, the dental microscope becomes the indispensable diagnostic tool for inspecting the open socket. It enables precise excochleation of any residual intra-alveolar inflammatory tissue and precise determination of the bone volume in the facial and interproximal areas of the fresh alveolar cavity. Even at this stage, a closer prognosis can be made about peri-implant soft tissue maintenance in the future (Figs. 9-10).

Depending on the indication, an incision is made with the 15C scalpel or the microblade to create the trapezoid full-thickness vestibular flap (Fig. 11).

This is basically how we begin to preserve the papillae and interproximal bone.

We also use microelevators in the initial flap preparation to prevent microfractures to the limbus alveolaris and interproximal bone.

Next, the slightly orally placed pilot hole and enlargements are microscopically monitored step by step on both horizontal and vertical planes until the implant can be finally placed and given primary stability in the so-called esthetic low-risk zone (Figs. 12-16).

The vertical position of the implant should be spaced about 3 mm from the cement-enamel junction and about 5 mm from the interproximal contacts of the adjacent teeth (Hartmann & Steup 2006) (Fig. 17). The next steps involve harvesting of autologous bone from the spina nasalis area and perforation of the vestibular compacta to ensure blood drainage (Figs. 18-19).



Fig. 8. Benex System® immediately after clinical use



Fig. 9. Intra-alveolar view with OPMI Proergo shows preservation of facial bone lamella

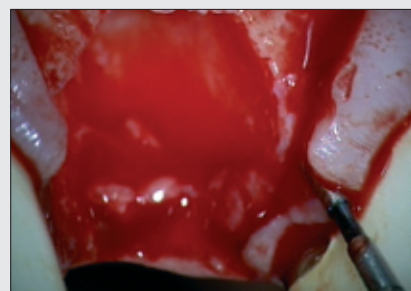


Fig. 10. Microscopic view of interproximal bone lamellae and limbus alveolaris after flap preparation



Fig. 11. Trapezoid incision to spare the papillae



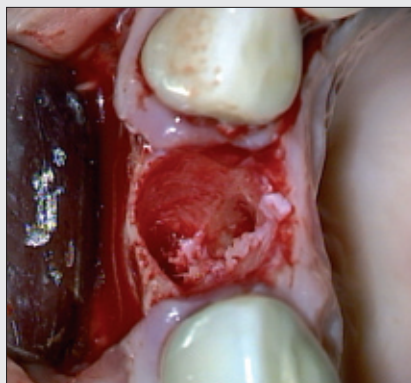
Fig. 12. Sagittal check of pilot drilling with direction indicator



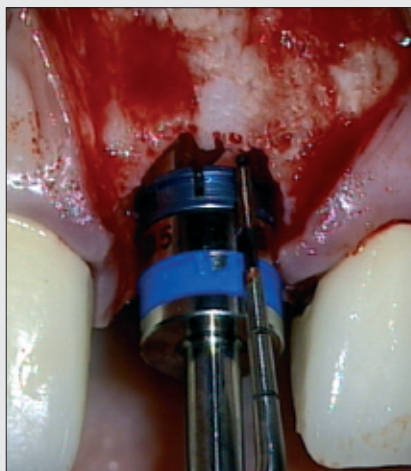




**Fig. 13. Horizontal check of the pilot hole with the direction indicator**



**Fig. 14. Intra-alveolar view with the OPMI Proergo to check the pilot hole**



**Fig. 15. Checking the drilling depth with the OPMI Proergo**



**Fig. 16. Implant placement in the horizontally low-risk zone**

In this case, transgingival healing is selected since the implant's primary stability is above 35 Ncm. By consistently using a microscope for guidance, a controlled periost cut can be performed with a sharp scissors to mobilize the existing mucoperiosteal flap.

The subsequent overaugmentation of the vestibular site with BioOss® and autologous bone is intended primarily to support the prevention of gingiva resorption later on (Buser et al. 2002) (Fig. 20).

A mixture of heterologous particulate matrix material and autologous bone is also used in the jumping gap area (space between implant and vestibular alveolar wall). The GBR is performed then by using a contoured BioGide® membrane (Fig. 21).

We use 5/0 and 6/0 Seralon® (monofile needle-suture combinations) for tension-free attachment of the coronally displaced mucoperiosteal flap (Fig. 22).

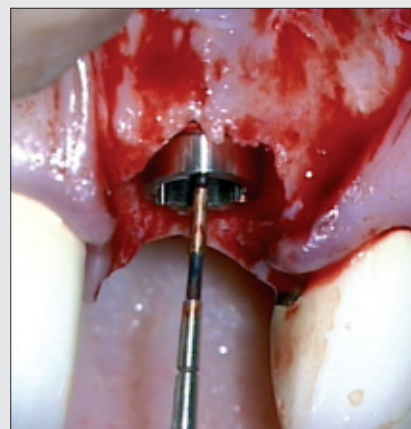
Frontal and coronal views through the dental microscope demonstrate secure coronal repositioning of the mucoperiosteal flap and the degree of vestibular overaugmentation (Figs. 22-23).

The postoperative radiographs show the position of the CAMLOG ROOT-LINE implant (5.0 mm, 11 mm) with a 4-mm high cylindrical healing cap (Fig. 24). A wireless interim prosthesis prefabricated by the family dentist is inserted with very little adaptation immediately after the implantation. Special care must be taken at this point that the base of the prosthetic tooth does not touch the healing cap to avoid compromising the implant osseointegration process (Figs. 25-26).

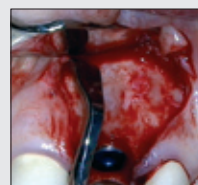
When the sutures are removed 10 days after surgery, the site proves to be totally free of inflammation (Figs. 27-28).

The patient exhibits optimal periimplant tegmentum and successful vestibular overaugmentation before she is referred back to her family dentist 6 weeks after the implantation for treatment with a provisional crown (Figs. 29-30).

The provisional crown helps to promote a gradual buildup of the implant emergence



**Fig. 17. Implant placement in the vertically low-risk zone**



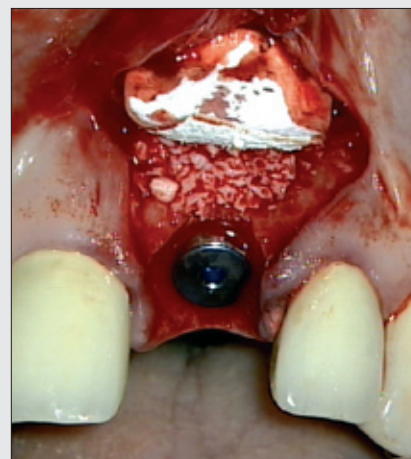
**Fig. 18. Harvesting of autologous bone from the spina nasalis area**



**Fig. 19. Perforation of the vestibular compacta for blood drainage**



**Fig. 20. Overaugmentation of the facial bone wall with autologous bone and BioOss®**



**Fig. 21. Covering the augmentation with a contoured BioGide® membrane**





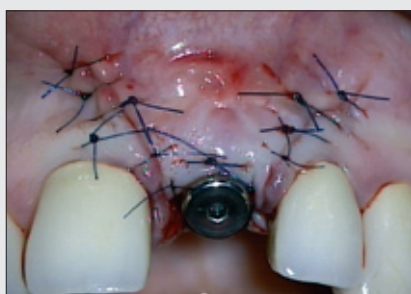


Fig. 22. Vestibular view of the implantation site after microsurgical suturing

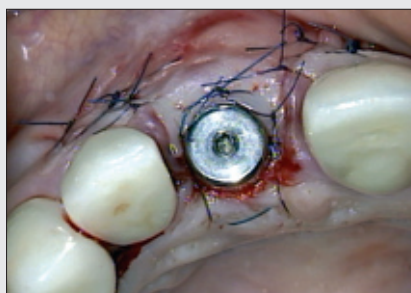


Fig. 23. Coronal view of the implantation site after microsurgical suturing

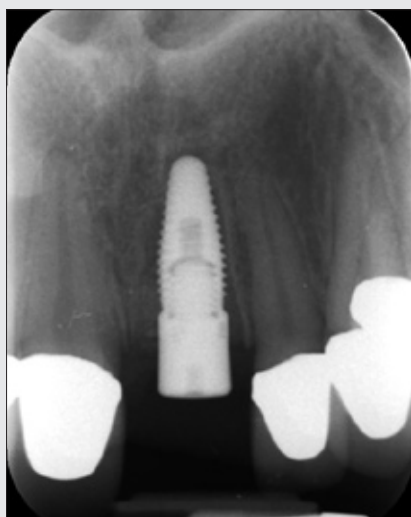


Fig. 24. Postoperative radiographic follow-up of tooth 21 position



Fig. 25. Wireless interim prosthesis prior to insertion

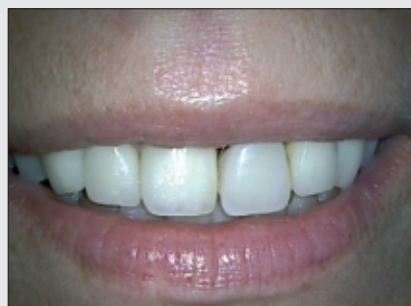


Fig. 26. Extraoral view following postoperative insertion of the interim prosthesis



Fig. 27. Vestibular view of tooth 21 position 10 days postoperatively

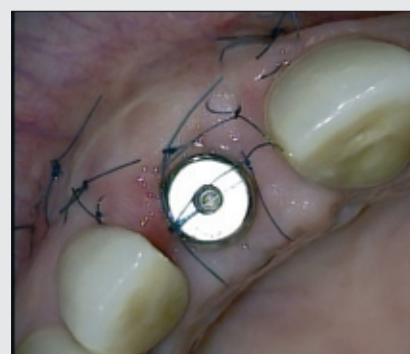


Fig. 28. Coronal view of tooth 21 position 10 days postoperatively



Fig. 29. Vestibular view of tooth 21 position 6 weeks postoperatively



Fig. 30. Coronal view of tooth 21 position 6 weeks postoperatively



Fig. 31. Frontal view 4 weeks after insertion of the provisional crown



Fig. 32. Coronal view 4 weeks after insertion of the provisional crown

profile and to meet the following requirements (Hartmann 2004) (Figs. 31-32):

1. The implant cervical diameter should have an intermediate step between the healing cap and the definitive crown to prevent an anemia-induced collapse of the periimplant soft tissue.
2. The interproximal contacts should be reconstructed as naturally as possible to guide the papillary growth pattern.
3. No antagonist contacts should occur in dynamic or static occlusion.
4. The patient's esthetic wishes should be met.

If the emergence profile is stable, the provisional crown is replaced with a definiti-

ve high-quality model after two months. The regeneration potential of the papillary structures should be the focus of attention at this point; it depends for the most part on maintenance of interproximal bone in the adjacent dentition (Figs. 33-35). Other key factors are the minimally invasive surgical manipulation of the soft tissue and the natural-looking prosthetic reconstruction of the interproximal contacts with the suprastructure. In the light of the successfully contoured augmentation of the facial wall (with BioOss®/autologous bone/BioGide® membrane), it is evident that this kind of overaugmentation in the presence of a thick gingival biotype can provide





**Fig. 33. Frontal view 4 weeks after insertion of the definitive crown at tooth position 21**



**Fig. 34. Optimal hard- and soft-tissue profile at position 21**

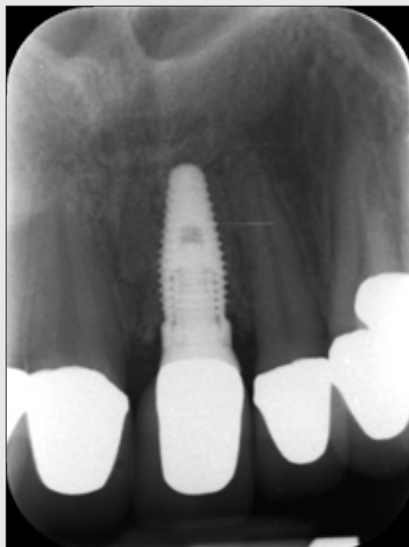
adequate gingiva recession compensation. This also means that there might be no need in such cases for additional connective/soft tissue augmentation.

### Summary

Without a shadow of doubt, optimal illumination and magnification of peri-implant dental and soft tissue structures through the dental microscope along with the use of microsurgical instrumentation enhance surgical precision in implantology interventions. The diagnostic benefits of visual magnification can substantially improve the predictability of treatment success in critical cases involving the esthetic zone. In addition, the integrati-



**Fig. 35. Coronal view 4 weeks after insertion of the definitive crown at position 21**



**Fig. 36. Follow-up radiograph after insertion of the definitive crown at position 21**

on of the dental microscope with CCD cameras provides digital photographic and video documentation of unparalleled quality. Assuming the presence of efficient teamwork, the quality of the outcome in implantology is certainly enhanced by adopting a minimally invasive microsurgical treatment approach that involves the use of the dental microscope.

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