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## **Dental Implantology – Complications and Management** (Abstract)

Ever since implantology has been introduced to our profession, we have learned a lot by doing research in the laboratory as well as in the clinic. We know a lot about the parameters defining the long-term success for our implant stabilized reconstructions. Based on this, we can define different implant/prosthetic concepts for certain categories of patients. However, we learned a lot in terms of trial and error. And after so many years of successful dental implantology, we encounter a variety of complications, which – in many situations – had and have to be handled individually, because there is not always a standard method available. These complications can be related to the implants, the suprastructure, and/or to adjacent/abutment teeth. With regard to the time, when these complications occur, this can differ from several months up to many years.

This lecture will briefly address the concepts having turned out to be successful, therapeutical approaches within state-of-the-art or oral rehabilitation utilizing implants. The major part of the lecture will not only address the trouble shooting/complications we can be faced with during the functional period of our implant stabilized rehabilitations – but it will give also some very practical hints, how to solve potentials problems being related to this type of restoration. It will be shown very clearly, that the management of these problems can not be executed according to textbooks, but that the solutions are rather based on a long-term experience of the dentist and on the competence of the dental technician. Yet, both of them will fail, if our patients are not trusting us and if they are not cooperative. In many of these cases, the individual solution of a complication does not only solve the problem, but it can save a lot of money for the patient and will strengthen the relation between the patient and the treatment team.