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Assessment and treatment planning



7-10 days

6-8 weeks

1 week

3-6 months (or as necessary)



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- (XI) Step 1 | Patient's expectations, history and examination
- Step 2 | Treatment planning
- 0 Step 3 | Consultation and consent
- Step 4 | Fabrication of the surgical drill template

Surgical procedures

- Step 1 | Implant surgery
- Step 2 | Post-operative review and suture removal

Prosthetic procedures

- Step 1 | Abutment insertion, modification and relining of a lower complete denture
- Step 2 | Lab-side relining of a lower complete denture
- 0 Step 3 | Insertion of the final overdenture and patient instructions

Aftercare and maintenance

- Step 1 | Review visit
- Step 2 | Maintenance visit
 - In clinic with patient Office / Lab work

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Introduction



A custom-made surgical drill template, which should be a duplicate of the patient's perfectly fitting existing denture, helps you to accurately position the implants during surgery.

A custom-made surgical drill template (also known as a surgical stent or acrylic guide) supports surgical and prosthetic planning. It should be a duplicate of the patient's existing complete denture and perfectly fit the underlying bone and soft tissue. As such it facilitates preparation of the implant beds and enables precise use of the cutting instruments. This will help you to achieve the desired precise positioning and angulation of the implants during surgery.

Learning objectives

- Understand the importance of using the patient's existing well-fitting denture to prepare the radiographic template which then helps in the fabrication of a surgical drill template.
- Be able to communicate with the <u>dental lab</u> on the specific requirements of fabricating the surgical drill template for the implant placement visit.
- Know how to assess a surgical drill template intraorally.

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1. Requirements for a surgical drill template

The surgical drill template should:

- be a duplicate of the patient's existing complete denture:
- · perfectly fit the underlying bone and soft tissue
- be stable and rigid when positioned in the mouth
- be transparent
- be produced with a solid or robust material which does not distort during use
- not interfere with tissue reflection or the external cooling process during surgery
- be able to be disinfected without any alteration of the drill template.

Be aware that the template used in SmartArch cases is only gingiva supported. This means that when raising the flap (e.g. in the canine region), the biggest part of the template is supported by the soft tissue in the premolar and molar region.

Check that the patient's existing lower denture fits perfectly on the underlying soft tissue as the complete lower denture has to perfectly mirror the actual situation in the patient's mouth before it can be duplicated. If this is not the case, take a silicone wash impression before duplication. A stable template is important for guidance during surgery. Requirements for a surgical drill template.

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2. Fabrication of a surgical drill template

Surgical drill templates are made from acrylic resin.

For SmartArch cases the surgical drill template is a duplicate of either the existing denture or a modification of the radiographic template.

Inform your dental technician where exactly they should create the access holes or notches in the template.

Video: Surgical drill template fabrication and fit assessment

Example of a surgical drill template made of transparent acrylic resin:





The access holes for the implants can be separate (left image) or connected (right image). Be aware of the stability of the template.



The diameter of the access holes should be approx. 6 to 8 mm.

A minimum of 1 mm thickness is required at the lingual side of the access holes to ensure stability.

Surgical drill templates for SmartArch cases are made from acrylic resin.



Be aware of dimensions required around the access holes of the template.

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