

64. Crossing the chasm: Dental implants in geriatric dentistry

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An understanding of patient's expectation and can help motivate older individuals to opt dental implants as a right treatment modality. Elderly individuals have low expectation of oral health, which needs to be changed by trained professionals. Training in geriatric care should enable the dental professional to understand and empathize with the psychosocial behavior of elderly. All the dental professionals should be encouraged to treat elderly patients under supervision using multi-disciplinary approach. One should deal these elder individuals with utmost care and professionalism to provide them with best clinical and functional outcomes from the treatment. With risk factors in implant dentistry becoming increasingly well understood, an aging population will provide the field of implantology the opportunity to apply this technology and markedly improve oral health of older adults.

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