

# **Prospects of Prosthodontics in the Era of Oral Implants**

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Nowadays, in many cases, oral implants are the first choice for people who have lost a tooth or teeth due to an injury, carious lesions, periodontal disease or some other reason. Ideal candidates for a treatment with oral implants are people in good general health and acceptable oral health, consisting of healthy periodontal tissues and locally at edentulous sites an adequate amount of healthy bone to support an implant or implants. These requirements are not very often present in frail or dependent older people. In addition, the daily oral self care of frail older people as well as the daily professional oral health care to dependent older people may be unsatisfactory. Consequently, oral implants are not indicated in many older people cases. In those cases, conventional prosthetic treatments are the treatments of choice and may yield acceptable results. However, indicating and carrying out these treatments require some experience and insight into the physical, social and cognitive problems and living environments of frail and dependent older people. During the lecture, the entire area of tension for oral healthcare providers treating frail and dependent older people will be illustrated by showing actual practical non-implant case reports.