



Implant rehabilitation and alveolar cleft

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Abstract :

Dental implants, by allowing aesthetic and functional rehabilitation in young adults with alveolar cleft, arouse great hope in the patients themselves, their families and the referring pediatric teams. The reality of the field is quite different because alveolar clefts often include all the contraindications of conventional implantology: three-dimensional skeletal deficit, atrophy and cicatricial fibrosis of the gingival and periosteal tissues, periodontolysis and decay of the neighboring teeth, random hygiene, associated dentofacial dysmorphism. The technical complexity of these restorations, their cost and the expected durability impose the greatest caution in the choice of indications and in the delivery of information. After presenting the most frequently encountered clinical cases and the sequence of the different phases and methods of this type of rehabilitation, the objective of this communication is to make known what seems to be possible and what is not.