Dear Reader,

Hello and welcome to the latest issue of Implants! I hope you find it both interesting and informative.

This week I’ve been catching up on the recently published Cochrane review on the impact of loading times on the success rates of implants (Esposito M, Grusovin MG, Maghaireh H, Worthington HV. Interventions for replacing missing teeth: different times for loading dental implants. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 3. Art. No.: CD003878. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD003878.pub5). The researchers looked at a number of Random Controlled Trials that looked at loading implants immediately, after six weeks (early) and at three months (conventionally).

According to the authors, Overall there was no convincing evidence of a clinically important difference in prosthesis failure, implant failure, or bone loss associated with different loading times of implants. This I find most interesting, as there are many who would lean very heavily on the evidence that you should always wait three months before loading and would be very reticent to change that view; or am I being unfair?

If you would like to read the full review, go to http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/14651858.CD003878.pub5/full and let me know your thoughts.

Until next time
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