What went wrong?

Eddie Scher previews his forthcoming lecture

“You should always learn from other people’s mistakes, especially in surgery.” This was a favourite saying of my father’s, and it is just as true to-day. In my lecture at the Clinical Innovations Conference, I will share some of the problems that have been seen in my practice. Most of these were in patients referred to me when things have gone wrong — as of course they sometimes will. From these problems cases, I will show in my lecture first, what could be done to help the patient and solve the problem, and secondly, the lessons to be learned that will improve our own practices and help us avoid making the same mistakes. This will be in three key areas: treatment planning, surgery, and prosthetic restoration.

In this article, I set out some of the questions that will be answered in my lecture.

Errors in treatment planning

The best way to avoid making errors in treatment planning is to know when to say ‘no’. There are some cases where implants simply are not the right solution.

Errors in surgery

Errors in treatment planning is to rely on a self audit which can lead to a false sense of complacency. The assessment is designed to give you an inspection imminent then we suggest that you arrange your DBG assessment at least one month before the inspection to allow you time to carry out any recommendations if required. Following the assessment you may wish to have access to the DBG Clinical Governance Package with on-line compliance manuals. 

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answers to these questions with you at the lecture. I would also end with this final word of caution: proper training and experience in implant placement is exceptionally important to avoid mistakes and accusations.

I would invite any aspiring implant surgeon to attend my six-day course, or another course with proper accreditation.

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