

with regards to wound healing, haemostasis, tissue damage and post-operative pain and infection.

As a general read it can be difficult to retain all the information, especially concerning the comparative data on different laser types. However, as each chapter can stand on its own, the clinician may then focus on his/her particular dental interest. This book would serve as a useful reference guide before investing in laser technology, provide an excellent support for a new user or equally educate an existing user in expanding their scope of application.

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#### **ITI TREATMENT GUIDE. VOLUME 4: LOADING PROTOCOLS IN IMPLANT DENTISTRY. EDENTULOUS PATIENTS**



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This book is written by four internationally renowned experts in implantology with contributions from many other clinicians and researchers. This treatment guide, fourth in the series, focuses on the treatment of edentulous patients. It provides a summary of the findings and statements of the 4th International Team for Implantology (ITI) Consensus Conference, completed with the underlying scientific evidence. Based on these statements, guidelines and recommendations are provided for the various treatment options for edentulous patients, illustrated with detailed case reports. The authors aim to provide clinicians with a resource they can turn to when developing treatment plans for their edentulous patients.

The book is divided into nine chapters, the last one of which covers a detailed list of references. The layout of the book is exceptionally well structured. There is a brief introductory chapter which touches on the role of the ITI. This is followed by proceedings of the 4th ITI Consensus Conference and loading protocols in implant dentistry. There are well laid out tables, some of which are colour coded

to indicate the amount of scientific and/or clinical validation of loading protocols. This trend is followed throughout the book. There are also Consensus statements that are well highlighted in coloured boxes. Next the authors highlight the pre-operative assessments and prosthetic planning of the edentulous patient. Treatment options and guidelines for selecting the appropriate loading protocols are accentuated before the authors present chapters on case presentations and complications following implant placement. Then there is a final conclusive chapter.

All chapters are well laid out, with clearly labelled sub-divisions within each chapter. The information is presented in a coherent, clear and structured manner with a step-by-step guide for practitioners to follow, with a high number of coloured clinical photographs, CT scans, radiographs and diagrams to aid understanding of the topics discussed. This makes the text very easy and enjoyable to read. Thirteen detailed case studies and illustrations are included that will clarify any uncertainties and complications to help clinicians successfully face the most common challenges. At the end of the book there is a detailed list of references, which provides the reader with a good future source of information. The table of contents is detailed, however, the book could benefit from an index and a glossary of terms for quick reference. The aim of the book is well met and will prove a useful tool for clinicians in achieving their treatment goal.

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