

Editorial

Quality of Life to Our Parents: An Appeal to Professional Dental Associations

This is a feel-good message removed from all of our daily responsibilities. Providing the possibility of applying osseointegration to benefit mankind and, specifically, those who survived the great conflicts of civilization, is an opportunity that every qualified dentist should take advantage of, and it should make everyone proud of our profession.

A special event for implant dentistry was organized in the capital of the Ukraine on June 25, 2010. Two hundred specialists formed 50 teams throughout Ukraine and provided 289 dental implants, free of charge, to 56 veterans of the Great Patriotic War at the main military hospital. These

implants enabled the recipients to smile, to masticate their food properly, and greatly improved their self-image. The teams consisted of qualified implant surgeons, prosthodontists, and assistants who contributed their own instrumentation and materials. The treatment protocol provided for implants to be placed between the mental foramina in the mandible under local anesthesia with fixation of a provisional prosthesis.



Volunteers and surgical teams who participated in the June 25 event.



All expenses for the prosthetic rehabilitation were provided by the dental clinic of the Ministry of Health Care of Ukraine, the prosthetic department of A. Bogomoltsia National Medical University, and private clinics throughout Kiev. The juridical execution of agreements was performed by the Center of Medical Law, and the patients' medical risks were insured. One hundred implants and abutments were provided by Alpha-Synergy Group, Alpha Bio, Biomet 3i, Proekcija, Trinon, and in lesser numbers by Galit, Vitadent, and Straumann.

Future plans include similar treatment regimes in hospitals of the Ministry of Defense in all regional centers. The next scheduled event for "Quality of Life to our Parents" is going to take place in Kiev on May 24 and 25, 2012. The first international project will include Ukraine and Russian teams in the hospitals of the Black Sea Fleet of Ukraine and the Black Sea Fleet of the Russian Federation. There are agreements currently in place to continue to plan such treatment opportunities in Russia, Georgia, Israel, and Poland. We invite all dental public organizations to participate under the logo "Quality of Life to our Parents." This offers a unique opportunity to participate in a life-changing experience with other dentists and to make a significant difference in the life of each patient.

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