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Soft Tissue Management in Implant Dentistry

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Tooth extraction in the esthetic area remains a clinical challenge. It includes

1. soft tissue recession
2. progressive vertical and horizontal ridge resorption
3. loss of the buccal plate
4. loss of adjacent papilla.

New techniques and materials have improved treatment predictability and esthetic outcomes. However, soft tissue esthetics surrounding implants and fixed restorations are still a major concern for the contemporary implant dentistry.

In this presentation, by using clinical cases, one by one to answer the above challenge with the following sequence:

- a. classic soft tissue application in conjunction with periodontal surgery.
- b. progressive improvement of soft tissue management in combined implant surgery.
- c. current concept of combined soft and hard tissue management in the esthetic zone will be presented.