

FOREWORD

*Tooth or Implant?: The Recovery or Replacement
of the Severely Compromised Natural Tooth*

When properly performed, interdisciplinary treatment is the foundation for oral health, function, and esthetics. Predictably successful outcomes may be attributable to advancements in biological and material science, technological innovation, and better trained general dentists and specialists alike. Necessary for this unfolding story is the public's growing expectation that dental treatment can be painless, efficient, and predictably successful. This success story should be expected to massively grow in the years ahead given the fact that the best that dentistry has to offer will be disseminated on all platforms, including the utilization of the immense power of the internet and social media. An educational renaissance will result and serve to accelerate all phases of clinical treatment forward scientifically, clinically, and commercially.

To this end, it is a pleasure and honor for me to write the Foreword for this textbook, *Tooth or Implant? The Recovery or Replacement of the Severely Compromised Natural Tooth*. The principal authors, Professors Pio Bertani, Paulo Generali, Fabio Gorni, and Tiziano Testori, in collaboration with the editor, Massimo Gagliani, and Associate Professor, Renato Cocconi, as well as many other impressive contributors are all recognized experts in this subject matter. This textbook contains seventeen (17) chapters that admirably cover endodontic and periodontal treatment, and implant, restorative, and reconstructive dentistry. Each chapter provides an intriguing glimpse into the

imagination and critical thinking utilized by these authors to guide each case toward a successful conclusion.

Chapters 1-4 emphasize the critically essential importance of the diagnostic process and how to decide between saving a tooth or placing an implant. Chapters 5-8 eloquently describe and illustrate endodontic treatment of the severely compromised tooth, with emphasis on how to manage various complications. Chapters 9-13 provide a step-by-step description, enhanced by beautifully documented images and high value illustrations, of how to replace a severely compromised tooth with immediate implant replacement. Finally, Chapters 14-17 provide intriguing concepts, useful information, and innovative techniques for replacing hopelessly compromised teeth.

In every instance, the contributors worked diligently despite many other heavy professional responsibilities. All are teachers and authors of considerable note, and many also devote substantial time to clinical practice. They have contributed with enthusiasm and their efforts will undoubtedly inspire generations of dentists as to the value of interdisciplinary treatment. This textbook is well-organized and balances intelligent scholarly text with outstanding clinical visual material. *Tooth or Implant?* is not just another textbook; rather, a call to action to reach the summit of your dental potential ... “Whatever you can do or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it!” – The Scottish Himalayan Expedition, W. H. Murray.

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