CONDITIONS

Peri-Implant Mucositis

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Peri-implant mucositis is a condition characterized by the inflammation of soft tissue around a dental implant. It is an early form of peri-implant disease that has not progressed to the point of tissue or bone loss at the implant site.

Symptoms of peri-implant mucositis can vary in type and severity, and is comparable to gingivitis. Common symptoms include redness and inflammation of the gum tissue surrounding the implant, and in some cases the area may experience tenderness and slight bleeding when being probed or while brushing.

The most common cause of peri-implant mucositis is plaque buildup at the implant site, which harbors toxin-emitting bacteria that result in irritation of the surrounding gum tissue. There are other possible causes that may apply depending on your situation.

If left untreated, the infection can progress to result in bone loss around the implant- a condition called peri-implantitis. Once it reaches this point it becomes much more difficult to treat, and could lead to loss of the implant altogether.

If addressed early enough, there are treatment options available to halt the progression of peri-implant mucositis and control its effects. It is important to work closely with a doctor experienced in treating this condition to determine the best options with the highest likelihood of success.

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