



Rehabilitation of mandibular edentulous arch with implant supported prosthesis: A treatment tree.

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ABSTRACT: Rehabilitation of the edentulous mandibular arch poses a great challenge for the clinician. Advances in dental implant therapy have improved the treatment options for oral rehabilitation. The surface treatment of the implant improved its bioactivity, and use of both hard and soft tissue augmentation creates better opportunities for rehabilitating edentulous and partially edentulous jaws. This article explains the treatment options for rehabilitation of edentulous mandibular arch that will help the clinician to offer most appropriate and long lasting prosthesis to patients.

KEYWORDS: Rehabilitation of mandibular arch, implant supported prosthesis, fixed implant retained prosthesis, mandibular implant supported overdenture.

I. INTRODUCTION

A fixed or removable implant-supported restoration offers a highly reliable treatment option for edentulous patients, helping them regain

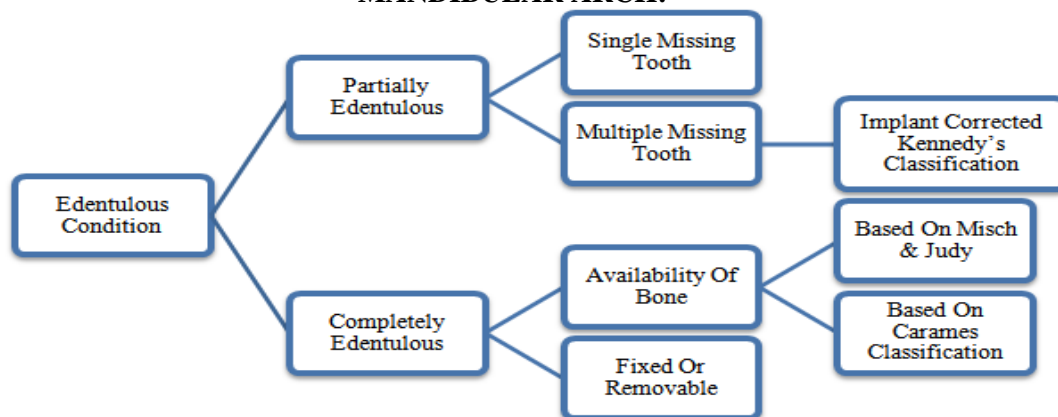
masticatory function, improve aesthetics, and enhance psychological well-being.^{1,2}

Options for treating the edentulous mandible include: no treatment, traditional complete dentures, implant-supported fixed restorations, implant-retained and tissue-supported overdentures, implant-retained and implant-supported overdentures, and fixed prostheses.³

Various factors influence the complexity of tooth replacement. These include varying patterns of bone resorption and degrees of atrophy, the proximity to anatomical landmarks, and patient risk factors, all of which necessitate careful planning and the expertise of a skilled surgeon.⁴

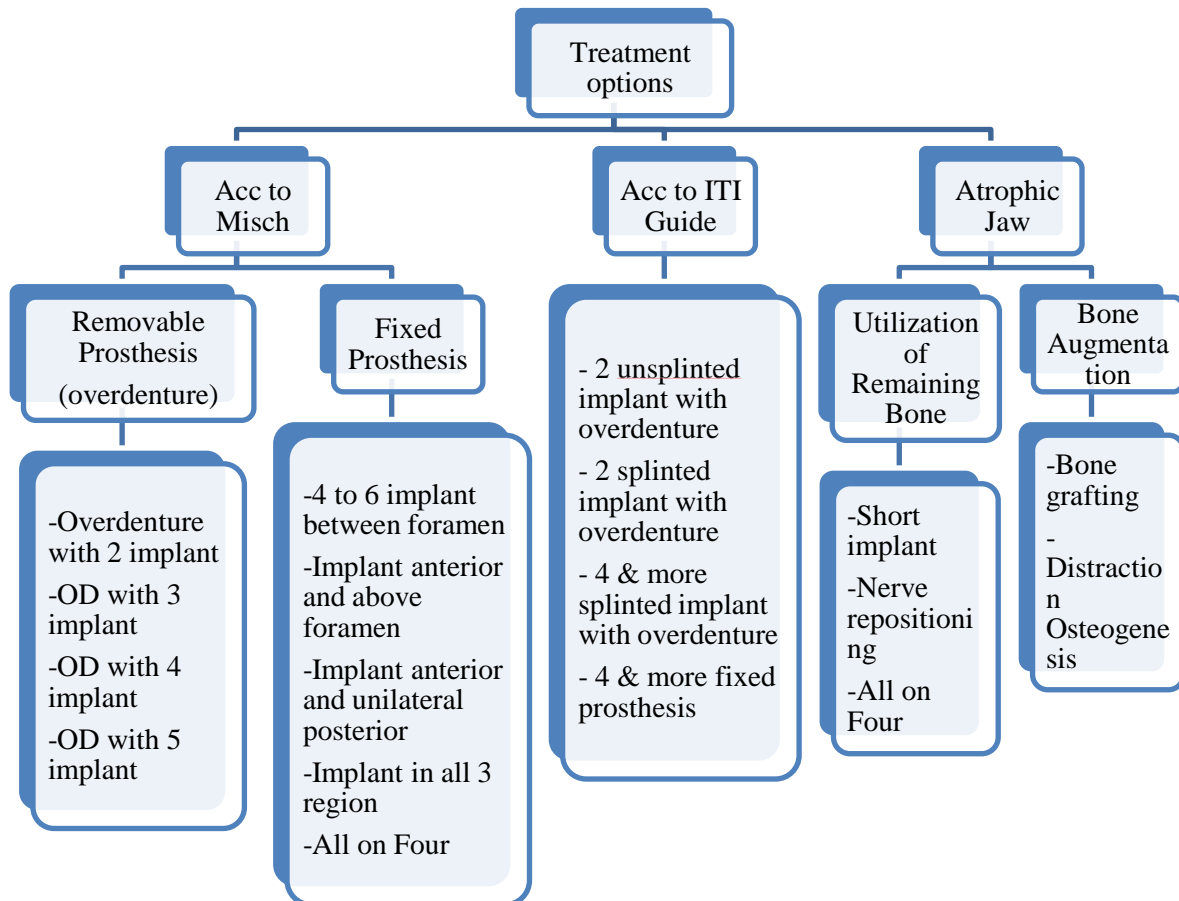
Several classification systems have been suggested to assist clinicians in diagnosing and planning treatment for full-arch implant rehabilitations, while also facilitating communication among patients, colleagues, and technicians.^{5,6} Nonetheless, a classification system is still needed that simultaneously considers jaw anatomy and resorption patterns, the site of implant placement, surgical techniques, and the prosthodontics rehabilitation plan.^{7,8}

II. TREATMENT OPTIONS FOR REHABILITATION OF MISSING TEETH IN MANDIBULAR ARCH:^{9,10,11,12,13}





III. TREATMENT TREE FOR REHABILITATION OF MISSING TEETH IN MANDIBULAR ARCH BASED ON DIFFERENT ANATOMICAL CONDITION AND RESEARCHER.^{9,12,14}



IV. TREATMENT OPTIONS ACCORDING TO MISCH:

A. Mandibular Overdenture Treatment Options⁹

Option	Description	Removable Prosthesis Type
OD-1	2 implants (B and D positions) independent of each other	RP-5
OD-2	3 implants (A, C, and E positions)	RP-5
OD-3	4 implants (A, B, D, and E positions)	RP-4 (favourable force factors) RP-5 (unfavourable force factors)
OD-4	5 implants (A, B, C, D, and E positions)	Patient has high expectation for retention, stability and support.

Table 1. Mandibular Overdenture Treatment Options



B. Mandibular Fixed Treatment Option⁹

Treatment option	Indication
Option 1: Four to Six Implants Between the Foramina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low force factors • Positive anteroposterior spread (ovoid or tapering)
Option 2: Implants Anterior and Over Foramina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have adequate posterior bone • More implants required
Option 3: Implant in Anterior and Unilateral Posterior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher force factors • Square arch forms
Option 4: Implants in All Three Regions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher force factors • Poor anteroposterior spread • Poor bone density
Option 5: All-on-Four	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immediate placement implants • Immediate loading

Table 2.Mandibular Fixed Treatment Options

V. TREATMENT OPTIONS ACCORDING TO ITI TREATMENT GUIDE:

Treatment option	Indication
Two unsplinted implant & overdenture ¹⁵	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandibular height at least 10mm • Insufficient vertical dimension or tapered shape alveolar ridge
Two splinted implant & overdenture ¹¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implant frequently placed at or mesial of position of canine teeth. • To reduce mandibular denture to rotate around fulcrum created between 2 abutment, place bar below incisal edge of lower teeth
Four or more splinted implant overdenture ¹¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisable when mandible height is less than 10mm & when opposing jaw has natural dentition. • When mandible has tapered arch shape
Fixed dental prosthesis in edentulous mandible ¹¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fixed dental prosthesis make patient feel more natural like teeth • Not advisable in patient where lip support is required and poor hygiene cases • Implant number & position • If there is little intermaxillary space or patient has extreme Angle II / III jaw, there is risk that screw holes for FDP are in unfavourable position.
More than four splinted implant and Fixed Prosthesis ¹¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandible with limited vertical and sagittal resorption • Maxilla has been restored this far distally or in patient with 1st and 2nd maxillary molar present • Extreme Angle class II / III

Table 3.Treatment Options According To ITI Treatment Guide

VI. A COMPREHENSIVE CLASSIFICATION TO FULL ARCH IMPLANT REHABILITATION (CARMES CLASSIFICATION)¹³

- The five classes (CCI-CCV) proposed for each edentulous jaw represent varying degrees of bone atrophy, as well as the typical therapeutic

bone height and width observed in edentulous patients.

- For each Maxilla and Mandible CC Class, two fixed schemes (Options A and B) and one removable scheme (Option C) are suggested, considering factors like the number of implants, their distribution and position, as well as any necessary grafting procedures.



Class	Available bone	Option A	Option B	Option C
Mandible CCI	Anterior– Bone height and width available greater than 16 mm and 6 mm respectively Posterior– Bone height and available greater than 12 mm and 6 mm respectively	Placement of six straight implants	Placement of four straight implants	Use of an overdenture supported by two or four non-splinted implants
Mandible CCII	Anterior – Bone height and width available greater than 16 mm and 6 mm respectively Posterior – Bone height and width available greater than 8 mm and 6 mm respectively	Placement of six straight implants. Short implant in first molar region	Placement of four implants in the anterior region with straight implant anteriorly and tilted implant posteriorly	Use of an overdenture supported by two or four non-splinted implants
Mandible CCIII	Anterior- Moderate resorption. Bone height and width available greater than 12 mm and 6 mm respectively Posterior– Advanced resorption. Bone height and width available greater than 4 mm and 6 mm respectively		Placement of four implants in the anterior region with straight implant anteriorly and tilted implant posteriorly	Use of an overdenture supported by two or four non-splinted implants
Mandible CCIV	Anterior- Advanced resorption. bone height and width available greater than 8 mm and 6 mm respectively Posterior – Severe resorption. bone height and width available lesser than 4 mm.	Placement of four implants in the anterior region with straight implant anteriorly and tilted implant posteriorly	Vertical bone grafting in the posterior region for the placement of two implants in the position of the first molar	Use of an overdenture supported by two or four non-splinted implants
Mandible CCV	Anterior- Severe resorption. Bone height and width available lesser than 8 mm and 6 mm respectively Posterior- Severe resorption. Bone height and width available lesser than 4 mm and 6 mm respectively	Placement of four short straight implants (4 or 6 mm) equidistant in the anterior region.	A more invasive surgery to augment the height and width of the mandible	Similar to the previously described removable options for Mandible Classes I, II, III and IV using two or four short implants.

Table 4. Carame's Classification



VI. IMPLANT BASED REHABILITATION OPTIONS FOR THE ATROPHIC EDENTULOUS JAW

- Implant can be placed in atrophic mandible by 2 methods:
 - 1) Augmentation Of The Remaining Bone^{16,17}
 - A. Bone grafting
 - a) Ridge preservation
 - b) Ridge augmentation
 - i. Alveolar ridge split expansion
 - ii. Guided bone regeneration with particulate bone graft
 - iii. Onlay technique
 - iv. Inlay technique
 - B. Distraction osteogenesis^{16,17,18,19}
 - 2) Utilization Of Remaining Bone
 - A. Short Implant^{20,21}
 - B. Nerve Repositioning^{22,23}
 - C. All on Four^{24,25,26}

VII. CONCLUSION

This article helps the clinician to choose the best treatment option for the rehabilitation of partially or completely edentulous mandibular arch based on the availability of bone, anatomical landmark, type of prosthesis and patients expectation.

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