Title: Save or extract? Prosthodontic perspective

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Abstract

Prognosis is one of the most important factors to make a treatment plan. Prognosis is defined as the prediction (or guess) of the course and the outcome of existing disease based on empirical data. The prognosis of a tooth is often classified into 5 categories, which are good, fair, poor, questionable and hopeless, and clinicians have to make a decision based on the prognosis of each tooth. Among the five categories, treatment plans for questionable teeth is not a simple process, especially when those are in a compromised arch. The recent success of dental implants enabled clinicians to have diverse treatment options, which is simpler and more predictable. However, implant treatment also have its own problems. Clinicians should have comprehensive knowledge in Periodontics, Endodontics, Prosthodontics and Implant Dentistry for the most suitable decision making.

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In this lecture, the following topics will be discussed influential factors to determine the prognosis of a compromised tooth extract or maintain (and how to restore) a traumatized tooth (or teeth) considerations for the treatment planning for the elderly

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