Osseodensification



Selective Preservation of Tooth (SPoT) Technique

Overview: Indicated in cases of non-restorable anterior and posterior teeth indicated for Socket Shield procedure .

Diagnostics:

Establish hard and soft tissue measurement and landmarks using clinical and radiographic imaging.

- 1. Measure distance of gingiva to bone crest (soft tissue depth to crest)
- 2. Measure bone crest to apex/root length in bone (amount of shield length in bone)
- 3. Measure the amount of bone available for implant placement (alveolar bone width and length)



Step 1: Hollow out Tooth Center

1. Use a high-speed round diamond bur 3mm in diameter *Meisinger -801H 029* to reduce the center of the root 2-3 mm sub-gingival leaving approximately a 1 mm shell of the tooth around the periphery (as in A).

Step 2: Establish Restorative Zone

Flatten tooth to bone level: Use a high-speed *Meisinger 909 G* flat diamond wheel bur from the center and move outward to flatten the root to palatal bone level (as in B and C). The goal is to create the Restorative-Zone emergence profile space (as in D).
Take a digital perio-apical radiograph to verify measurement from bone crest to apex (as in E).



Step 3: Pilot Trajectories 1 or 2 Holes (depending on root anatomy)

- 1. Use a high-speed driven carbide bur *Meisinger HM162SX 014* (7 mm cutting height) following the root canal trajectory and going 1 mm beyond the root apex to ensure all canal contents are removed (this will be pilot A). Verify root canal filling removal with a radiograph.
- 2. Use the same bur to establish implant site trajectory at similar depth (this will be pilot B).
- 3. Both pilot holes should be approximately 1-2 mm in diameter.









Step 4A: Widen Apex Removal Hole

Use **Densah® Burs (2.0 and/or 2.3)** consequently 1000-1300 RPM in clockwise (CW) mode with adequate irrigation following the root canal trajectory 2 mm beyond the apex to ensure complete apex removal. Verify with PA radiograph.



Step 5A: Prepare Shield

1. Verify Shield Height: Use a level shaping bur **Megagen Bur** - **3DD50** to reduce the shield height to be 3mm subgingival in the buccal (as in A and B).



Step 5B: Mesial-Distal Root Split

1. Use a high-speed long shank tapered bur diamond or carbide *Meisinger HM34IL 012* (as in C) to section the shield in mesial-distal direction and remove a palatal root section.



Step 4B: Widen Implant Osteotomy Trajectories

 Use the *Densah® Burs (2.0 and 2.3)* in clockwise mode with adequate irrigation, in the **implant site** to a depth that is 1 mm deeper than the planned implant length. Verify with PA radiograph.
Use *Densah® Bur (3.0)* in counterclockwise (CCW) with adequate irrigation to autograft for implant site.



Step 5C: Final Shield Preparation

1. Use a high-speed round diamond or other designated shaping bur to reduce the coronal shield thickness to 1-2mm (as in A). *Megagen Bur - 2DD304*

Create Shield Chamfer preparation (as in B). *Megagen Bur - GD40G* Depending upon the implant type and diameter, develop the implant site further with the Densah® Bur according to Versah's Implant System Drilling Protocol. (as in C) (versah.com/implant-system-drilling-protocols/)



Both implant trajectory and root canal trajectory may overlap in some cases (as in C)

Step 6

- 1. Place the implant into the Osseodensified site (as in A).
- 2. Fill the jump-gap between the implant and the S-Shape shield with either allograft or autogenous bone (as in B).







Step 7

Fabricate an immediate screwed retained provisional crown or a custom-made provisional abutment.





Case courtesy of Charles Schwimer, DMD



*Clinician judgement and experience should be applied in conjunction with this clinical practice suggestive use protocol