## Objectives and Prospects of the Implant Therapy Masanori Terakado

Implant therapy is recently recognized as one of the ordinary treatment plans. Many materials and techniques have been introduced to facilitate the establishment and maintenance of osseointegration, to minimalige the intervention of the treatment site and to improve esthetic appearance. We should follow the newly developed technologies of oral implants for the patient oriented treatment.

On the other hand, implant therapy must be conducted on the major premise that all possible dental treatments for natural dentition are properly practiced, which may improve the predictability of the therapy. Adequate examinations, accurate diagnoses and systematic treatment strategies are essential for successful implant treatment, as implant therapy is part of the total treatment.

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