Implant Placement and Sinusitis – Good Idea or Not?

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Synopsis

Endosseous implant procedures are here to stay and are, for the most part, very successful. One area that remain somewhat controversial is the placement of implant fixtures in the maxilla when sinus inflammation is present. Is it always okay to do a "sinus lift"? What amount of mucosal change in the maxillary sinus should be managed before implant placement? When should you image the remainder of the paranasal sinuses that are not captured in your limited volumes of proposed maxillary implant sites? These questions and a discussion of paranasal sinus and nasal changes which can affect success or failure of your implant will be presented using many examples from a radiologist's practice. Come learn how you can increase your chances of successful implant placement in the maxilla when sinusitis is present.

Learning Objectives

From this presentation you will learn:

- How to recognize key radiographic features of common but significant sinus disorders
- How Cone Beam CT improves sinus disease feature detection
- How and why Cone Beam CT has become the "gold standard" for implant dentistry
- When to refer to the otolaryngologic specialist

2 hours