Protein that helps suppress oral cancer diminishes with age

Researchers at UCLA have found that a protein that serves as a suppressor of cancer diminishes in skin and mouth epithelial cells as the human body ages.

Dr. No-Hee Park, dean of the UCLA School of Dentistry, and his research team have been studying p53, a tumor suppressor protein known as “the guardian of the genome” because of its involvement in DNA repair, cell cycle regulation and cellular deterioration.

“Looking at ways to maintain levels of p53 as one ages may provide a therapeutic clue to preventing cancer development,” said Park, who is also a distinguished professor in the departments of dentistry and medicine at UCLA.

Previous studies have shown that p53 accumulates in large quantities as connective tissue cells, called fibroblasts, age and stop dividing. It has been believed that the accumulation of p53 causes cells to stop dividing, which prevents out-of-control cells from growing into tumors.

In a paper published online by the journal Aging Cell, the researchers found that in epithelial cells lining the skin and the mouth, the level of p53 is reduced, rather than enhanced, when cells age.

Epithelial cells line the major cavities of the body, including most organs, such as the mouth, stomach, small intestine, kidney and pancreas. These cells have a set level of p53 that provides protection from environmental factors. With less p53, older epithelial cells have a harder time maintaining the integrity of their genetic material when they encounter carcinogens, which allows cancer to develop.

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The study’s other authors are Drs. Mo Kang, Teresita Kim, Paul Yang, Susan Bae, Drake Williams, Samantha Phung, Kihyuk Shin and Christine Hong, all of UCLA Dentistry. The study was supported by the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research of the National Institutes of Health and by the University of California Cancer Research Coordinating Committee and the UCLA Chancellor’s Office.

(Source: UCLA)
New meaning to being green in Vancouver

2016 Pacific Dental Conference to incorporate St. Patrick’s Day festive spirit

With opening day of next year’s Pacific Dental Conference falling on St. Patrick’s Day, attendees will get to experience the Irish holiday with a Western Canada flavor — while also earning C.E. credits. The PDC, which typically attracts more than 12,500 dental professionals, will be from March 17–19 in Vancouver. More than 150 local, North American and international speakers will present 150 open sessions and 36 hands-on courses covering a variety of topics. Attendees also will be able to explore Canada’s largest two-day dental tradeshow (with more than 300 exhibitors), getting the year’s first chance to see the latest in dental technology, a variety of topics. Attendees also will be able to explore Canada’s largest two-day dental tradeshow (with more than 300 exhibitors), getting the year’s first chance to see the latest in dental equipment and services. For most attendees, C.E. credit is given for general attendance (up to five hours) and individual courses (up to 10 C.E. credits).

Online registration opens Oct. 15 at www.pdcconf.com. Special hotel rates are available now. (Source: Pacific Dental Conference)

Interest growing in bio-emulation

By Dental Tribune International

The 2015 Bio-Emulation Colloquium, held July 4 and 5 in Berlin, more than doubled in attendance compared with its previous last year in Santorini, Greece. More than 300 dentists and dental technicians attended the 16 lectures and 13 workshops on biomimetics in dentistry.

The event was organized by Dental Tribune International in collaboration with the Bio-Emulation Group.

Key opinion leaders in adhesive and restorative dentistry provided insights on the latest methods in a histo-anatomical approach to emulating nature and achieving high esthetic standards. Attendees learned about mechanical and optical properties of natural teeth and gained knowledge on techniques and materials. Many of the workshops, such as Dr. Pascal Magne’s session on dental morphology function and esthetics, were fully booked. More than 95 percent of attendees completing evaluation surveys said they would “definitely recommend” the event.

The colloquium was held at the European School of Management and Technology, a historical site in the center of Berlin, next to the office of the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The landmark building was refurbished in 2004 and 2005, transforming into the private business school. Dental manufacturer GC Europe was the event’s main sponsor, and Shofu Dental Corp. was the official partner. Other sponsors/supporters were Ivoclar Vivadent, CROXITURE, American Dental Systems, ana&dent and Veloped International.
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(Source: Rhein’83)

Competition educates youth on dangers of spit tobacco

Oral Health America (OHA) has launched its 14th annual NSTEP® (National Spit Tobacco Project) slogan contest. Teaming up with Little League® Baseball and Softball, the contest calls on players ages 8-14 to create a compelling 10-word phrase describing the dangers of spit tobacco for a chance to win a trip to the Little League Baseball World Series.

In addition to its long history with baseball, spit tobacco is used more frequently by young people — almost half (46 percent) of new users start before age 18. Spit tobacco is linked to cancer of the mouth, throat, tongue, stomach and esophagus, mouth lesions, receding gums, tooth decay and tooth loss. Through the slogan contest, OHA and Little League reach tens of thousands of young people each year with the message that spit tobacco is dangerous and should be avoided.

“Little League is committed to providing proper health and wellbeing for children throughout the world,” said Stephen D. Keener, president and CEO of Little League Baseball and Softball. “Smokeless tobacco has no place whatsoever in the lives of our youth. We applaud Oral Health America’s effort in keeping children away from smokeless tobacco and starting the conversation with so many parents about the dangers associated with its use. The NSTEP Slogan Contest is a great way to engage children and their families and educate them on the risks associated with smokeless tobacco.”

“Every summer we hear from parents across the country who use the slogan contest as an opportunity to talk to their children about spit tobacco for the first time,” said OHA President and CEO Beth Truett. “All tobacco products are harmful, and we look forward to reaching even more young people with this important message.”

For the first time, contest participants will be able to submit their slogans online.

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The winner will receive an all-expense paid trip to the Little League Baseball World Series in Williamsport, Pa., and a $500 cash prize. In addition, OHA will make a $500 donation to the player’s Little League organization.

For more information about the contest or to submit a slogan, you can visit the contest website, www.nstep.org/contest.

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(Source: Oral Health America)
Implant-supported total prosthesis in the daily routine

By Dr. E. Veralli and Odt. Luca Ruggiero

In this clinical case, we demonstrate how the use of overdentures are a viable choice among the restoration options for edentulous patients. The clinician must carefully assess the suitable number of implants to support an overdenture to identify the ideal restoration solution.

A systematic review of the literature reveals a lack of information about the ideal number of implants for a removable restoration in an edentulous patient; however, most studies propose to insert two to four implants in the mandible. We will illustrate all laboratory clinical stages according to Prof. Gerber’s methods. These steps will lead to the production of an overdenture with OT Cap attachments or OT Equator is a hybrid prosthesis that must comply with a set of parameters typical of traditional prostheses. Numerous scientific studies demonstrate that two implants are sufficient to stabilize mandibular complete dentures and to improve significantly the edentulous patient’s quality of life. Four implants can noticeably improve the prosthesis retention.

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Introduction

In a total edentulism, the prosthesis with a mix of implant support and mucous support represents the boundary between the resilient prosthesis (mucosal supported) and the rigid prosthesis (implant supported). The prosthesis retained with OT Cap attachments or OT Equator is a hybrid prosthesis that must comply with a set of parameters typical of traditional prostheses. Numerous scientific studies demonstrate that two implants are sufficient to stabilize mandibular complete dentures and to improve significantly the edentulous patient’s quality of life. Four implants can noticeably improve the prosthesis retention.

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fear that the lack of teeth — or the prostheses — would be noticeable.

After evaluating with the patient the costs and benefits of the various therapeutic options, we chose a solution with SpheroBlock Abutments. Two implants of 3.5 mm and two of 3.0 mm diameters convinced us to abandon the option of a bar because of insufficient implant support.

We placed four implants in the mandibular arch, and after osteointegration, the clinician proceeded with the preliminary and final impressions.

After the master models (Figs. 1, 2) were created, in the laboratory two resin bases with occlusal rims were used for registration of intermaxillary relations.

In the dental office, the occlusal rims were leveled and adapted individually, establishing a first provisional DVO with the use of conventional methods (Figs. 3, 4). Then the models were mounted in the articulator, taking as reference the Bonwill and Balkwill triangles (Fig. 5).

We analyzed the shape of the jaw, as well as the three-dimensional interalveolar relationships, as is usually performed for a full dental prosthesis with mucous support.

We traced on the exterior face of the model the trend of the ridge, to ensure proper implant placement according to the method of Prof. Gerber, using rulers and a compass profilometer. With the latter we also drew the trend of both upper and lower wax rims (Figs. 6–8).

A silicone key was used to record all information concerning the position and dimensions of the upper wax rim, previously set up in the office (Fig. 9). Only with the silicone key complete were we ready to remove the wax from the basis.

Using the CRS 10 set, we decided to give support to the basis with the same self-curing resin (Figs. 10–12). Our concern was that recording the intraoral relation with conventional hard wax could introduce minor deformations. We delivered this set to the dental office together with a new upper rim basis for taking of the face bow (Fig. 13).

The patient’s movements of protrusion and laterality were tracked on the bottom plate, which was smeared with a suitable marker to record the relative trajectories (Fig. 14). With appropriate material, we blocked the final centric relationship (Fig. 15), and we placed the face bow (Fig. 16) for the orientation of the models.

The articulator was mounted with the universal face bow accessory (KaVo, Quick, Ivoclar, Sam).

We first fixed the upper model and then the lower (Fig. 17). Next, guided by the silicone keys, we assembled the teeth respecting the upper front esthetic refer-

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Partial attention was given to the lower front teeth to ensure a tooth-to-tooth relationship starting from the canines to enable mounting of the posterior teeth according to the method of Prof. Gerber (Fig. 19). We drew a vertical line in the upper premolar, which started at the mesial fossae and continued on the vestibular surface. We drew a vertical line on the lower premolar that started at the cuspid and continued to vestibular. The two lines needed to overlap one another perfectly (Fig. 20).

We completed the assembly of the molars, and the prostheses (Fig. 21) were sent to the dental office for routine checks. We chose four OT micro Sferoblock with the appropriate transgingival height (Figs. 22, 23), and the lower model was duplicated with the OT Cap’s analogues. The prostheses were then cured with resin using traditional techniques and the flasks (Figs. 24, 25), eventually placed in the articulator for selective grinding (Fig. 26). The prostheses were finished and polished (Figs. 27, 28), the abutments screwed and prosthetic delivered to the patient (Figs. 29, 30).

**Conclusion**

Dentures with mucous support and retained by attachments still must respect all of the prescriptions and principles followed to create the rational basis of a conventional full denture. Materials and equipment: Candulor articulator; Teeth Physioset ct and ct Condyloform Candulor; flasks JST Candulor; Resin C-plast Candulor; Esthetic resin Candulor; CRS set Candulor; OT Sferoblock micro Rhein’83; Cuff Height measurer Rhein’83; OT Cap micro Rhein’83; Parallelometer key for OT Cap Rhein’83; Waxlectric Renfert; Waxprofi Renfert.

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ICOI’s event to focus on theme, ‘Knowledge Above Opinion’

By Sierra Rendon, Managing Editor

This August, the International Congress of Oral Implantologists will once again host its ICOI 2015 Summer Implant Symposium. This year’s symposium, taking place at the San Francisco Marriott, will center on the theme of “Knowledge Above Opinion,” according to the event’s Scientific Program Chairman, Dennis Smiler, DDS, MScD.

“Learning is an aggressive act — you have to ‘show up’ and attend meetings, practice what you have learned and then go on to acquire more education,” Smiler says. “The ICOI is pledged to be with you every step along the way.”

Smiler says the event’s course material is planned to enrich attendees’ education and enhance each clinician’s practice. The curriculum includes discourses.

PREVIEW

Case: Intraoral welding and lingualized occlusion

By Luca Dal Carlo, DDS, Franco Rossi, DDS, Marco E. Paquazini, DDS, Mike Shulman, DDS, Michele Nardone, MD, Sheldon Winkler, DDS, and Tomasz Grotowski, DDS

Members of the Italian affiliate of the American Academy of Implant Prosthodontics, NuovoGISI, have long and successful experiences with immediate loading of maxillary implants connected together by intraoral welding.

Acknowledgement: The technique utilized in the clinical report follows the Auriga procedure developed by Dr. Luca Dal Carlo.

For the complete case, please see the upcoming issue of implants, the international C.E. magazine of oral implantology. It will also be available online at www.dtstudyclub.com by Aug. 10.

Read the full case study in the next issue of implants, the international C.E. magazine of oral implantology, or online at www.dtstudyclub.com.
California Implant Institute presents live patient surgical courses in Mexico

By California Implant Institute Staff

The California Implant Institute is pleased to present five-day Level I and Level II comprehensive live patient surgical externship courses in Baja California, Mexico, this year.

Level I course

Attendees of the Level I course will implement step-by-step implant surgical protocols on live patients under the supervision of Louie Al-Faraje, DDS, and additional faculty.

The five-day course will include eight hours of lectures on diagnosis and treatment planning of implant cases (around two hours each morning). Each attendee will place 10-15 implants and assist with multiple implants on live patients.

Course participants will increase their knowledge and skill in the areas of flap design, alveoloplasty, implant placement, bone grafting, and suturing techniques. Upon completion of the externship, attendees will have smoother techniques. Upon completion of the externship courses in Baja California, Mexico, this year.

Level II course

Attendees of the Level II course will increase their knowledge and skill level in the areas of advanced implant surgical techniques, including lateral-window sinus lifting, maxillary and mandibular ridge expansions, CT graft and block grafting. Level II participants will work also with Piezotome and CO2 laser units, which are available at each Level II working station. Attendees will add advanced implant-related surgical procedures to their practice.

Upcoming courses

The live patient surgical externship in Mexico is provided four times a year. Each of the Level I and Level II programs offer 40 C.E. credits. Complete information on the externship, including tuition, testimonials, staff bios, accommodations and location, can be found at www.implanteducation.net, by calling (858) 496-0574 or by e-mail at info@implanteducation.net.

Academic director

Dr. Al-Faraje is a private practitioner as well as the founder and director of the California Implant Institute, which conducts a one-year fellowship program in implant dentistry. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Implant Dentistry and a diplomat of the International Congress of Oral Implantologists and the American Board of Oral Implantology.

Dr. Louie Al-Faraje is founder and director of the California Implant Institute.

A look at surgical implant placement by recent participants of the live patient surgical courses provided by the California Implant Institute.

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By Sterngold Dental Staff

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The Hahn Tapered Implant: 45 years in the making

By Keith Peters, Contributing Editor, Inclusive magazine

Since placing his first implant nearly 45 years ago, Dr. Jack Hahn has spent much of his career as an implantologist thinking of ways to make treatment more accessible to the practitioner as well as the patient. Implant design has improved dramatically during that time, with Hahn spearheading key innovations that have helped make implant therapy the essential mode of dental treatment it is today. From the endosseous blade-form implant he helped Miter Inc. develop in 1978 to the newly released Hahn Tapered Implant, Hahn’s efforts have been driven by the desire to continually improve in order to make treatment simpler and more predictable.

“The easier we make it to position the implant for a restoration that looks like a natural tooth, the better results we’ll have,” Hahn said in a recent interview.

It was this line of thinking that inspired Hahn’s idea for the first tapered implant. After a long day that included several cases in which he had difficulty placing parallel-walled implants in the anatomically restricted space of the anterior maxilla, Hahn had an epiphany: “The tooth I was replacing was taper-shaped, so why was I putting in a square peg?” That very night, he sketched out the concept.

Steve Hurson, former chief scientist for Nobel Biocare, has said of this industry-changing innovation, “Dr. Hahn identified a need for an implant with a narrow apex, which would achieve higher primary stability in soft bone. The concept was to have an implant design that would have the tapered shape of a tooth root…resulting in a system with outstanding predictability.”

In essence, this was an extension of the philosophy that inspired the design of the machined collar Hahn helped Steri-Oss develop. “By designing a 4 mm machined collar that was more like the neck of a natural tooth root, we were able to prevent crestal bone loss and improve outcomes,” he said.

This drive to constantly improve has not always been met with open arms. In fact, his role with Steri-Oss was born of a disagreement with Miter Inc.

“The Titanodont implant had some problems, including an abutment attachment that lost its retention after a few years and fins that would become exposed if there was any crestal bone loss. So I proposed a machined collar with a new prosthetic connection,” Hawn said. “They said they couldn’t do it because it would be too expensive to change the machinery. I didn’t want to have my name associated with the implant any longer if they weren’t going to correct the problems.”

This led Hahn to other endeavors, including his role with Steri-Oss and, eventually, Nobel Biocare.

After the NobelReplace® tapered implant system launched in 1997, Hahn continued placing and restoring implants, completing thousands of cases. This experience afforded clinical observations that would serve as the basis for a new implant design that Hahn considers his best.

“I came to Nobel with my idea for a new implant in 2012, conceptual engineering drawings in hand, and they said, ‘Replace is so successful, why change now?’” Hahn said he replied. “Apple has become one of the most successful companies in history by constantly innovating. Why shouldn’t we do the same in dental implants?”

Hawn continued, “I had been placing implants for decades, and there were still problems we could solve with a new design. I had this implant that would be easier for doctors to place, with a simpler drilling protocol and a thread design that would allow for efficient placement and a high degree of primary stability.”

Wanting to take his design concept to the next level, Hahn began pursuing alternatives, an effort that eventually led him to Glidewell Laboratories.

“I knew a lot of the Glidewell people from my days at Steri-Oss and Nobel, and they were happy to meet with me,” he said.

The resulting partnership culminated in the recent launch of the Hahn Tapered Implant System, and Hahn said he couldn’t be happier with the results.

“When I first visited their facilities, it was immediately apparent that their manufacturing capabilities are state-of-the-art,” he said. “Their engineering team has the technology and know-how to bring design concepts to life with astonishing speed and precision, and their expertise on the prosthetic side of implant dentistry has been invaluable in creating an implant that is as simple to restore as it is to place.”

With a career that speaks volumes on the importance of continual innovation, Hahn said he’s proud to have his name on an implant that contributes to the forward progression of implant dentistry while reducing the cost of treatment.

“The better we make implant design, the more accessible we can make implant dentistry to doctors so they can improve their practices and the quality of life of their patients,” he said.

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ICOI and its German affiliates to celebrate World Congress in Berlin

By Craig Johnson, ICOI, Executive Director

The International Congress of Oral Implantologists (ICOI), its component society, the Deutsche Gesellschaft fur Oroale Implantologie (DGII), and German affiliate, Bundesverband der Implantologische Tätigen Zahnarzte in Europa E.V (BDIZ EDI), will join hands as they present ICOI’s World Congress XXXII in the capital of Germany, Berlin.

The dates for this World Congress will be Oct. 15-17. The venue for the meeting will be the Maritim Hotel Berlin. The theme for this congress will be “Evidence Based Innovations in Oral Implantology.”

True to the title of World Congress, the faculty will bring together clinicians and academicians from around the world as they present the latest in dental implantology on topics such as soft-tissue applications around implants, growth factors in surgical healing, treatment of periimplantitis, digital communication skills for minimally invasive surgery and much more.

On Thursday morning, Oct. 15, the congress will begin with a four-hour “Young Implantologists” program. Delegates to this congress will want to take advantage of what is new on the horizon as presented by “up and coming” implantologists Roberta Gasparro (Italy), Nicolaos Mallios (Greece), Daniel Grubeanu (Germany), Giuseppe Braga (Portugal), Paolo Nuzzolo (Italy), Thilo Damaskos (Germany), Joseph Choukroun (France), Mariusz Duda (Poland), Galip Gurel (Turkey), Fouad Khoury (Germany), Richard Lersungsbock (South Korea), Pascal Marquardt (Germany), Jaafar Mouhyi (Morocco), Adv Palti (Germany), Yvan Poiras (Canada), Eric Rompen (Belgium), Ilia Roussou (Greece), Gerard Scortecci (France), Ralf Smeets (Germany), Paolo Trisi (Italy) and Konstantinos Valavanis (Greece).

A social highlight for the congress will be the Gala Dinner to be held on Friday evening at the beautiful Restaurant Mariotim. The gala will immediately follow the presentation of ICOI’s awards ceremony and promises to be a night to remember. The food and drink will be complemented by a rousing band brought in from Baden Baden that will entertain the guests as they dance into the night.

Berlin is not only the capital of Germany but also its cultural center, famous now for its museums, its philharmonic orchestra, multiple opera companies, modern architecture and captivating nightlife. Visitors to the new Berlin can also see reminders of the city’s 20th century history, including the Holocaust memorial and the Berlin Wall memorial and the Brandenburg Gate, a symbol of Berlin’s unification. Plan to visit Germany with ICOI at this perfect time of year- autumn in Berlin.

For more information and to register for this World Congress, please visit the ICOI website, www.icoi.org

Academy of Osseointegration puts out call for abstracts for 2016 meeting

Abstracts are now being accepted for the 2016 annual meeting of the Academy of Osseointegration (AO) occurring Feb. 18-20 in San Diego. The theme of the meeting will be “Globalization of Implant Dentistry: A World of Collaboration.” Researchers who are interested in dental implants and tissue engineering are invited to submit an abstract online by 11:59 p.m. Central Time on Friday, Aug. 28.

E-Posters were introduced at AO’s 2015 annual meeting for the first time. To digitally view some 300 e-Posters, visit www.osseo.org and click on the “View e-Posters” button. Search for each poster by its number, title, author or keyword.

AO is currently accepting abstract submissions for e-Posters in the following categories:

- Scientific research
- Clinical research
- Clinical innovations and case presentations
- Systematic reviews including meta-analysis
- Case studies

AO is also accepting submissions for oral presentations in the following categories:

- Scientific research
- Clinical research
- Clinical innovations

To submit an abstract, visit www.osseo.org and click on the “2016 Annual Meeting Abstract Submission” button. Submitted abstracts will guide submitters through the process. There will be a $50 fee for all abstract submissions. Additional information regarding the e-Poster submission process will be sent in October once the presenter’s abstract has been accepted.

AO’s Research Submissions Committee and the Clinical Innovations Committee will blindly review submitted abstracts for quality and appropriateness of content and presentation. Eight oral-clinical, eight oral-scientific and 20 clinical-innovation abstracts will be selected for presentation at the annual meeting.

During the AO Annual Business Meeting on Feb. 20, awards and plaques will be presented for the best oral presentations and e-Posters. The best oral-scientific research and best oral-clinical research presentations will be awarded $1,000 and the best clinical-innovations presenter will receive $500. The first-place e-Poster will receive $500, second place $250, and the best case study will receive $500.

If members have questions about oral presentations or e-Posters, they should contact Kim Scroggs, AO Manager of Education, at kims@osseo.org or at (847) 439-1919.

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pertaining to occlusion, management of bruxism, full-arch rehabilitation, innovative surgical procedures, interdisciplinary treatment planning, laboratory procedures, immediate placement of implants, soft-tissue management, management of risks and complications, and much more.

Speakers include Dr. Soheil Bechara, Renzo Caselini, MDT; Jeffrey Carlson, CDT; Dr. Cristian Dinu; Dr. Abdelsalam Elskarky, Dr. Glenn Gittelson, Dr. Aslan Gokbuget, Dr. Thomas Han, Dr. Paul Jang, Dr. Lin Kim, Dr. Jack Krauser, Dr. Mauro Labanca, Dr. Carolina Lenzi, Dr. Ady Palti, Dr. Edwin Scher, Dr. Avi Schettrit, Dr. Michael Smilansky, and more.

“This symposium is designed for clinicians who strive to develop a strong state of the art of implant practice,” Smiler says. “It is my pleasure to invite you to the ICOI 2015 Summer Implant Symposium. I promise that you will have an enriching educational experience.”

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