

Implant acceptance criteria Edinburgh Dental Institute (EDI)

The Edinburgh Dental Institute (EDI) provides a dental implant treatment service. This is a consultant-led service and treatment is undertaken by Consultants, Specialists and Postgraduate Trainees within the Departments of Restorative Dentistry and Oral Surgery. Because of restrictions in funding and capacity, acceptance criteria for the service are very strict.

Inclusion Criteria:

The following patients groups are considered as high priority for NHS funded implant treatment:

- Patients whose dental management is complicated by the effects of head and neck cancer treatment.
- Patients who have experienced major maxillofacial trauma with significant hard and soft tissue defects to be restored.
- Patients who have suffered childhood trauma resulting in tooth loss (avulsion or trauma resulting in non-restorable teeth) of **two or more** adjacent teeth in patients with an otherwise intact and well-maintained dentition **and** requiring multidisciplinary input.
- Patients suffering congenital defects such as hypodontia and cleft palate who cannot be restored with conventional treatment options. (Where lateral incisors are missing, adhesive bridgework will be the first treatment of choice)

Meeting these criteria does not guarantee that implants will be offered, and other suitable treatment options will be explored and may be recommended. All patients should have tried alternative treatment options before being considered for implant treatment when alternative treatment options are clinically appropriate.

Other patients may be considered for implant treatment for training purposes. This includes patients who:

- (i) fulfill the less restrictive Royal College of Surgeons implant guidelines (below)

and in addition

- (ii) present with missing teeth or alveolar structures which would present a significant restorative challenge if treated by conventional means

Patients will be assessed on a case-by-case basis and may be accepted for treatment depending on the educational needs of postgraduate trainees at the time of referral and our capacity within the training programme.

Exclusion criteria:

- Patients whose clinical presentation falls out-with the Royal College guidelines
- Patients with sub-optimal plaque control, active dental disease (caries and/or periodontal disease) and other modifiable risk factors associated with poor implant outcomes.
- Patients in whom alternative treatment options have not been tried where clinically appropriate to do so.
- Patients requiring surgical or prosthodontic maintenance of implant treatment provided out-with the NHS and not meeting any inclusion criteria.

Link to Royal College of Surgeons guidelines

“Guidelines for Selecting Appropriate Patients to Receive Treatment with Dental Implants: Priorities for the NHS”

LINK: https://www.rcseng.ac.uk/-/media/files/rcs/fds/publications/implant-guidelines-20121009_final.pdf