

## Frequently Asked Questions - Straumann® Bone Level Implant

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### **What is a bone level implant and what are its advantages?**

A bone level implant is an implant where the connection between the implant and the abutment is placed at the level of the bone crest.

### **Do other manufacturers offer bone level implants? How does Straumann's Bone Level Implant differ?**

Other manufacturers offer bone level implants too. The Straumann® Bone Level Implant is the only bone level implant that offers the SLActive surface and its advantages of greater security in the critical healing period and faster healing. Like all implants of the Straumann® Dental Implant System, the Straumann® Bone Level Implant takes into account *all* biological key factors for bone preservation. This concept – Bone Control Design™ – makes us stand out from our competitors. With consistent Emergence Profiles™ the user experiences simplified soft tissue management from start to finish. With the CrossFit™ Connection the Straumann® Bone Level Implant features a high-precision, self-guiding connection. Thus, the overall package offers security, reliability and simplicity for the user. All of this comes with proven Straumann quality, well-founded clinical data and the bespoke Straumann service.

### **Are new instruments needed to place and restore the Straumann® Bone Level Implant?**

All implants of the Straumann® Dental Implant System can be placed the same surgical kit. Only an additional profile drill is needed for the new Straumann® Bone Level Implant. The prosthetic restoration can also be done with the existing instrument kit. One system, one kit, same procedures, all indications.

### **How does a bone level implant fit into Straumann's current portfolio? Why is Straumann offering a bone level implant?**

The Straumann® Bone Level Implant is a line extension to Straumann's existing implant portfolio. Straumann understands that certain users have a preference for a bone level implant in all or certain indications. We now offer these users everything they need. The Straumann® Bone Level Implant fits seamlessly into the Straumann® Dental Implant System: one system, one kit, same procedures, all indications.

### **Will the Straumann® Bone Level Implant replace Straumann's Dental Implant System altogether?**

Straumann's current implant system is a state-of-the-art solution for all indications. It is one of the most widely used and successful dental implant systems on the market and its predictability is backed by extensive, unrivalled clinical data. Straumann has no intention to take a star performer off the market. The new Straumann® Bone Level Implant is a line extension offering additional treatment options to clinicians with a preference for this kind of solution. Straumann is the only leading company to offer every implant solution with the fastest osseointegration.

### **Did Straumann change its philosophy with introducing the Straumann® Bone Level Implant?**

No. Straumann's philosophy has always been to preserve crestal bone. Following this philosophy all implants in the Straumann® Dental Implant System offer Bone Control Design™.

### **What is platform switching? Is the Straumann® Bone Level Implant platform-switched?**

Platform switching is placing a prosthetic component (i.e. abutment) with a smaller diameter than the implant collar on which it is placed in order to minimize crestal bone loss and preserve biological width. The Straumann® Bone Level Implant offers this feature. However, crestal bone maintenance is also influenced by other factors; all of them are considered in Bone Control Design™.

### **What indications can be covered with the new Straumann® Bone Level Implant?**

The Straumann® Bone Level Implant covers all indications – as all other implants in the Straumann® Dental Implant System do.



**What prosthetic options does it offer?**

The Straumann® Bone Level Implant line offers prosthetic flexibility for all indications and types of restoration with prosthetic products for cement- and screw-retained crowns and bridges as well as for full arch dentures.

**Is there any clinical data available?**

At launch more than 1500 implants had already been clinically documented in over 800 patients by more than 130 centers around the world. At least 500 implants had been followed for more than 6 months. Furthermore there are over 15 clinical studies on Straumann® SLActive as well as several studies for the Straumann® Tapered Effect Implant, the thread design of which features in the Straumann® Bone Level Implant. The complete set of available data was recently reviewed by a panel of experts including the principal investigators, who are all independent eminent clinicians. Their positive opinion provided the external confirmation for Straumann to go ahead and launch the product.

**When will the Straumann® Bone Level Implant be available?**

The new implant line extension will be available in most parts of Europe, North America, Australia and New Zealand starting in the fourth quarter, with the roll-out to the rest of the world beginning in 2008.