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Exploring the Mystery of Cement and Peri-Implantitis

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Synopsis:

Implant practitioners promoting the use of cement retained restorations have come under fire in more recent times as a result of the fear concerning the link between dental cement and peri-implantitis. The belief that dentistry will one day bear witness to a “Tsunami of Peri-Implantitis” has escalated to new heights and has influenced the clinical philosophies of many within the implant profession. The invention of the “angulated screw channel” has attempted to overcome the concerns related to the use of cement and limit its usage. Unfortunately, the ability to completely circumvent implant cementation has not yet been achieved and cement management is still a necessity.

Learning Objectives:

- To understand the data that exists to support the relationship between residual excess dental cement and peri-implantitis as well as its limitations.
- To appreciate clinical situations in which an implant practitioner may choose, or need, to use a cement-retained prosthodontic strategy.
- To learn clinical prosthodontic systems being employed to reduce the potential to leave undetected residual excess cement.
- To appreciate the level of the quality of prosthodontic care required to allow the clinician to effectively control the risks associated with implant cementation procedures.