

Implant acceptance criteria Edinburgh Dental Institute (EDI)

The Edinburgh Dental Institute is able to provide 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. However, because of restrictions in funding, the acceptance criteria for the service are very strict.

Inclusion Criteria:

The following are core patients considered as high priority for implant treatment on the NHS by the Implant team.

- 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.
- Childhood trauma resulting in loss 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.

Other patients who:-

- (i) fulfill the less restrictive Royal College of Surgeons implant guidelines and
- (ii) who present with missing teeth or alveolar structures which would present a significant restorative challenge if treated by conventional means

may also be considered for implant treatment.

Patients will be assessed on a case-by-case basis and may or may not be accepted for treatment depending on the training needs of postgraduate trainees within the service.

Exclusion criteria:

- Patients whose clinical presentation fall outwith the Royal College guidelines
- Patients with poor oral hygiene, untreated caries and/or periodontal disease and other associated risk factors
- Surgical or prosthodontic maintenance of implant treatment carried out elsewhere 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?la=en