

# Dental Implants: 101

*You want to get started with implants but you don't know where to go? Check out this terrific resource and we will give you the answers to this question and more.*

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*As more and more patients become aware of the dental implant restorative option, more and more dentists are deciding on whether or not to incorporate it into their practices. Dentaltown Magazine interviewed 11 companies that manufacture or offer education courses on placing dental implants to learn more about the different implant systems on the market, as well as what can aid placement predictability and whether general practitioners should or shouldn't be placing dental implants.*

## How did your company become involved in developing implants?

**Rodriguez (Astra Tech):** Astra Tech was established in 1948 and started out as a wholesaler of hospital products. In 1978 the company transformed into a medical device manufacturer with highly qualified in-house research and development resources. From that point on we have had a clear focus on the development of advanced products and concepts for the dental and health care sectors. As a company in the AstraZeneca Group, access to resources and experiences in the field of research and documentation, as well as those disciplines connected with legal, environment and patent issues is ensured.

### Astra Tech

Astra Tech Dental Implants offer unrivaled documented results for maintaining marginal bone integrity and soft tissue health, with several features that work together to help prevent bone loss and ensure implant stability after placement. To maintain bone, the neck of the Astra Tech dental implant stimulates surrounding bone with Micro-Thread retention elements – tiny threads that offer optimal load distribution and lower stress values. For more information, visit [www.astratech.com](http://www.astratech.com).



### Bicon Dental Implants

Since 1985, the Bicon Dental Implant System has offered dentists a proven solution for missing dentition. The Bicon implant design comprises plateaus, sloping shoulders and a bacterially-sealed, 1.5° locking taper implant to abutment connection. These unique features allow for the routine use of 6.0mm short implants and the revolutionary Integrated Abutment Crown (IAC). For more information, call 800-882-4266 or visit [www.bicon.com](http://www.bicon.com).

