## Case of the Month

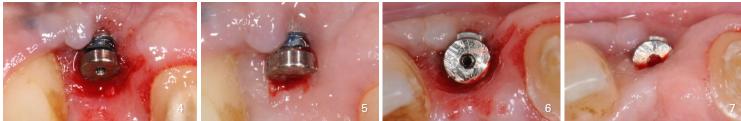
## **Successful Treatment For Recession**

Surgical treatment performed by **Dr. Rui Ma** Restorative dentistry performed by **Dr. Edward Finnigan** 

## On Implant

(1) Patient presented with concerns of recession on his front implant which was placed 10 years ago. (2) Severe gingival erythema, edema and recession were noted on implant 8. Interproximal papilla is also missing between tooth 7 and implant 8. (3) Radiographic examination revealed adequate mesial interproximal bone on PA (Distal interproximal bone level is not available).

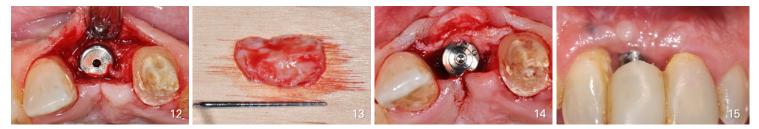




(4-7) Implant crown was removed and cover screw was placed to promote soft tissue growth before any surgical intervention. Tooth 9 was temporized with cantilever 10. Spontaneous soft tissue growth was noted after 2 months of healing.



(8-10) Subepithelial connective tissue graft was placed on the buccal surfaces of tooth 7 and implant 8 via tunneling approach.(11) Complete tissue coverage over the implant was noted after 7 months of healing.



(12-14) Second Subepithelial connective tissue graft was placed on the buccal surface of implant 8 during implant exposure to increase the thickness of the buccal tissue (15) After 7 months of healing, coronal migration of the gingival tissue was present.



(16-17) Noticeable increased thickness of buccal tissue on implant 8 was noted. (18-19) *Comparison* - After 3 months of temporization, final restoration was placed. Patient was very pleased with the esthetic and functional outcome of the soft tissue reconstruction.



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