

Restorative Guidelines



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4.1 Neoss Implant System

The Neoss® Implant System is a logical and simplified approach suitable for all dental implant treatment protocols: Immediate or Early Loading, Immediate Placement and One or Two Stage placement. The Neoss Implant System is available in 7 diameters Ø3.5, Ø4.0, Ø4.5, Ø5.0, Ø5.5, Ø6.0 and Ø6.5, all with the prosthetic Standard Platform (SP), and in addition there is a narrow Neoss Ø3.25 mm implant with the prosthetic Narrow Platform (NP). The implants are available in lengths from 7–17 mm with some deviations, please refer to product catalog for detailed information about available implant types, diameters and lengths.

The Neoss implants are a universal design for all bone qualities. The implants have both Thread Cutting and Thread Forming as the geometry of the implants 'forms' the site in poorer bone qualities optimizing compression. They are self tapping implants with the primary cutting face designed to cut a precise thread profile and a secondary cutting face to control compression in dense bone.

The ProActive Straight, ProActive Tapered and ProActive Edge implants are commercially pure titanium implants with an altered surface. This surface has been subjected to a multistage blasting, etching, cleaning and superhydrophilicity treatment.

The Neoss implants have an internal connection. The implant is 'picked up' from a sterile glass vial with an Implant Inserter. The surgical drills are for single use and delivered in sterile condition for immediate use. There is only one screwdriver connection in the standard assortment and this is used for all components including cover screws, healing abutment screws, and final abutment screws.

All Neoss implants, except Ø3.25, have the same implant to abutment connection as there is a single platform for all standard implant diameters. The abutment connection has zero rotation preventing abutment loosening and external wall deformation.

Neoss implants are provided in kits which include a cover screw, two healing abutments (one with Ø3.25 mm implant) and a healing abutment screw. This complete delivery method enables the clinician to undertake either one or two stage surgery at time of placement without the need to have pre-ordered individual components.

The following information is a guide as requirements may vary on an individual basis.

4.2 Restorative Assistants

The principles for restoring dental implants are very similar to conventional crown and bridge techniques. Interestingly many restorative dentists and assistants find the restorative aspects of implant dentistry simpler and more rewarding than conventional crown and bridge.

The terminology used in implant dentistry is different from conventional dentistry but the treatment options are similar:

Conventional Dentistry	Implant Dentistry
Tooth root	Implant
Crown preparation	Abutment
Removable dentures	Overdentures
Crown	Crown – An implant crown may be cemented onto the abutment, or screw retained to the abutment, or screw retained directly to the implant
Bridge	Bridge – A bridge may be cemented onto the abutments, or screw retained to the abutments, or screw retained directly to the implants

Generally the patient will present to the restorative surgery with a healing abutment in place. In the majority of cases the impression will be taken at 'Implant Level', however some abutments allow for their preparation intraorally – similar to that of a natural tooth – in these cases a conventional crown and bridge impression protocol would be followed.

Note: Please refer to the information in this manual for procedures and information in relation to:

- *Prosthetic Tray and Instrument Kit*
- *Cleaning, Disinfection, Sterilization, Storage and Lifetime*
- *Esthetiline Solution*
- *Provisional Abutments*
- *Impression Techniques*
- *NeoLink® – the Concept*
- *Single Unit and Multiple Unit Construction*
- *Titanium Prepable Abutments*
- *Zirconia Abutments*
- *Access Abutments*
- *Overdenture Solutions*

All prosthetic products and dental instruments that are delivered non-sterile must after removal of the protective transport packaging be cleaned and if required sterilized before use. This also applies for prepared abutments coming from lab.

Please see chapter 2.4 for more information.

4.3 Esthetiline Solution

The Esthetiline solution enables simple, rapid and effective anatomical tissue contouring to be developed and optimized with matching standard and individualized restorative components. The Neoss Esthetiline solution provides seamless restorative integration all the way from implant placement to final crown restoration. The natural emergence profile developed during healing is matched perfectly in permanent restorative components; Preable Titanium abutments, Zirconia abutments, custom abutments and copings, and CAD/CAM solutions as shown on next page.

The gingival margin abutment profile is fixed in relation to the non-rotational feature on all Esthetiline abutments and thus related to the position of the implant – indexing. The Esthetiline solution is best applied when the implant is oriented at surgery by ensuring that there is a groove in the buccal direction. This will require the least adjustment. Indexing throughout the treatment is possible utilizing the indexing features as shown in the Esthetiline Overview on next page.

Esthetic Healing Abutments and Tissue Formers – Healing & Provisional Abutments

Placement of Esthetic Healing Abutments and Tissue Formers at implant placement or abutment connection guides the soft tissue and enables simple creation of the optimal emergence profile. Esthetic Healing Abutments and Tissue Formers are non-rotational and made in a range of anatomical shapes which are designed to match the profiles of individual incisor, canine, pre-molar and molar teeth.

Note: The trans-gingival section on Esthetic Healing Abutments and Tissue Formers is slightly smaller buccally than matching restorative components in order to provide additional soft tissue volume.

Note: The molar type can be rotated 90° if preferred but the implant has to be oriented accordingly at the time of surgery.

Esthetic Healing Abutments

The Esthetic Healing Abutment functions as a regular healing abutment with the purpose to create a soft tissue profile during healing. Together with the ScanPeg inserted in the Esthetic Healing Abutment, a digital impression can be recorded with an intra-oral scanner. For more information about the use of Esthetic Healing Abutments please refer to section “1.4 Clinical Treatment” and the separate instructions for use (11926).

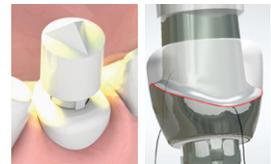
Esthetic Tissue Formers

The Esthetic Tissue Formers are used for cement or screw retained provisional restorations. The titanium/polymer structure makes it highly biocompatible whilst retaining ease of preparation, strength and ability to bond to resins. For more information about the use of Esthetic Tissue Formers please refer to section “3.3 Provisional Abutments”.

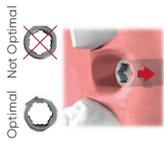
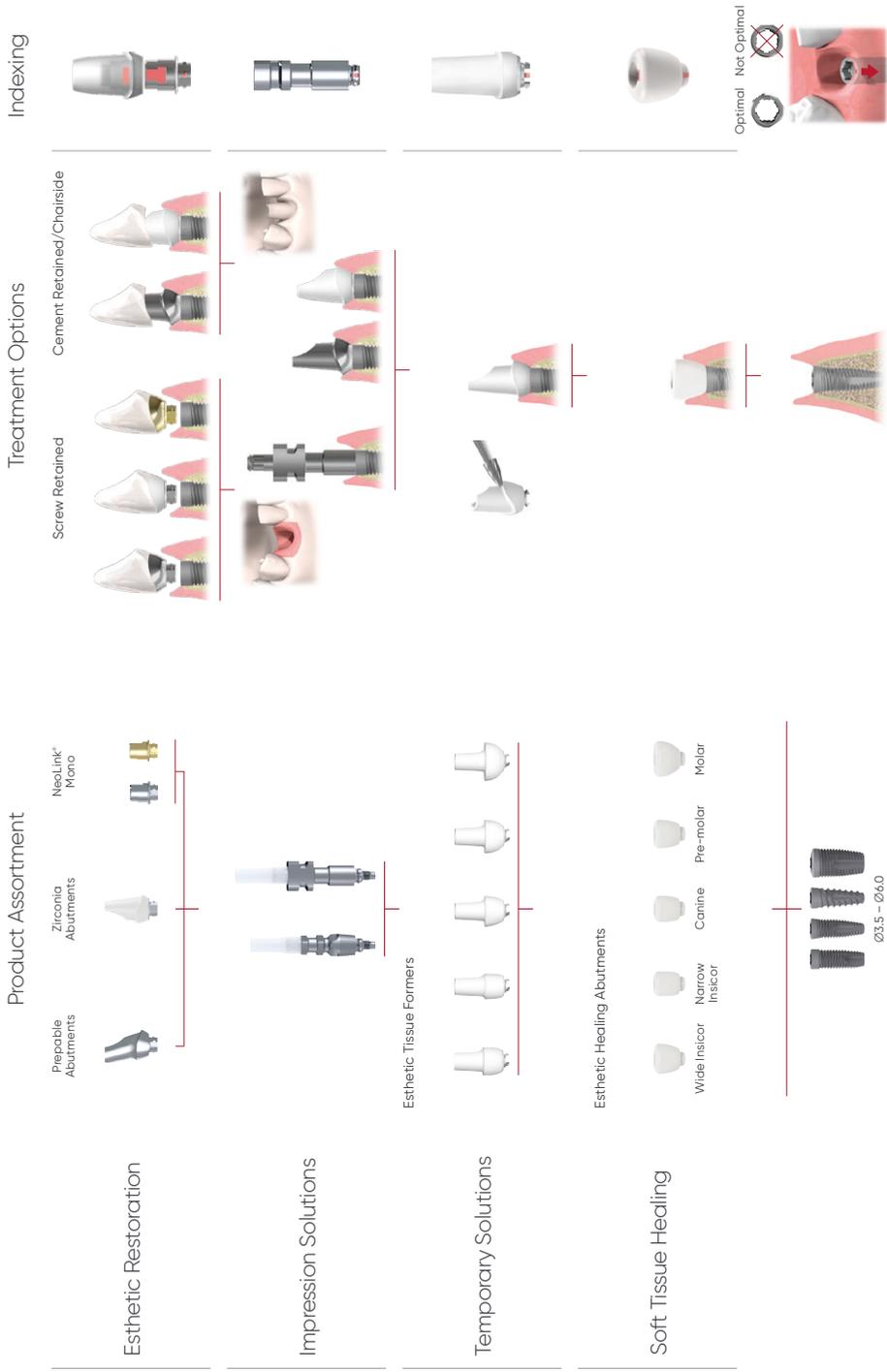
Digital Impression Techniques

The ScanPeg that comes with the Esthetic Healing Abutment is a scan body momentarily fitted in the screw access hole of the Esthetic Healing Abutment to enable digital acquisition of the implant position in relation to the adjacent teeth and soft tissue.

The Esthetic Healing Abutment in combination with the ScanPeg is included in Neoss 3D libraries for design of matching CAD/CAM abutments in design software from 3shape, Exocad and Dental Wings. For more information please refer to separate instructions for use (11926).



Esthetiline overview – stock abutments and conventional impression taking



Esthetiline Shapes

Stock abutments	Prepable Abutments	 31280 31281	 31282 31283 31284 31285	 31286	 31287	 31288
	Zirconia Abutments	 31290	 31291	 31292	 31293	 31294
CAD/CAM abutments	Esthetic Tissue Formers	 31340	 31341	 31342	 31343	 31344
	Digital library shapes	 31360	 31361	 31362	 31363	 31364
	Esthetic Healing Abutments	 31360	 31361	 31362	 31363	 31364
		Wide Incisor	Narrow Incisor	Canine	Pre-molar	Molar

Conventional Impression Techniques



There are a series of treatment options; an impression may be taken to enable laboratory fabrication of a custom abutment or gold or metal framework in a traditional manner. Preparable Titanium or Zirconia abutments may also be prepared in the laboratory environment. An alternative option is to place a suitable Titanium Preparable or Zirconia Abutment directly at the chair-side and take a conventional crown impression.

Note: It may prove necessary to prepare the margins of the Titanium Preparable or Zirconia Abutments, for more information please refer to sections "3.6 Titanium Preparable Abutments" and "3.7 Zirconia Abutment".

The standard Neoss impression coping is suitable for implant level impressions. There will typically be a gap between the impression coping and the sculpted anatomical gingiva which has been created by the Tissue Former. In the majority of cases the degree of tissue collapse will be minimal during the impression procedure and a normal impression technique syringing material between the coping and gingival will give an accurate result. If there is concern about tissue collapse a second Tissue Former of the same type may be used together with an impression coping screw for the impression. For more information about impression taking procedure please refer to section "3.4 Impression Techniques".

Final restoration – CAD/CAM abutments

The Esthetic Healing Abutment in combination with the ScanPeg is included in Neoss 3D libraries for design of matching CAD/CAM abutments in design software from 3shape, Exocad and Dental Wings. The CAD/CAM abutments can be provided with straight or angulated screw channels in and in various materials. For more information please refer to separate guidelines and instructions for use (11321, 11926).

Final restoration – stock abutments

Preparable Titanium Abutment

The shape of Preparable Titanium abutments match the profile of the Tissue Formers making it possible to accurately define soft tissue contours without the need for complex impression procedures. The abutments may be modified by marginal adaptation and angulation. For more information about Preparable Titanium Abutments please refer to section "3.6 Titanium Preparable Abutments".

Zirconia Abutment

Zirconia abutments are supplied in two parts; the Zirconia coping, with a profile matching the provisional Tissue Formers thus giving an optimal aesthetic solution, and a pre-blasted Titanium NeoLink® Mono. The Zirconia coping is designed to be cemented onto the NeoLink®. This may be carried out at the chair-side or in laboratory using resin bonded cement. Careful adjustment of the ceramic coping may be made prior to cementation and placement. For more information about use of the Zirconia abutment please refer to section "3.7 Zirconia Abutment".

NeoLink® Mono and NeoLink® Plastic Copings

Note: Plastic copings can be used with a NeoLink® as try-in abutments to facilitate abutment selection. Plastic copings are for single use.

There is an index between the NeoLink® and the coping in order to achieve a specific orientation in relation to the implant's rotational position.

For more information about custom abutments and copings and CAD/CAM solutions please refer to section "3.5 NeoLink® – the Concept".

4.4 Provisional Abutments

4.4.1 Esthetic Tissue Formers

The Esthetic Tissue Former may be used for cement or screw retained single tooth provisional restorations. The abutments may be placed directly into the patient's mouth and prepared intra-orally or adjusted by the technician on a laboratory model. If the Esthetiline Solution is utilized, then the optimal result is achieved by choosing the same type of permanent restoration and same position as during healing.

The appropriate Esthetic Tissue Former is selected in relation to tooth position for the proposed implant. For improved tissue support, the abutment should be placed so that the margin is supra- or equigingival.

The "chimney" portion of the abutment and the margin height may be adjusted by use of a rotary instrument. In addition, the tissue facing axial contours of the abutment may be modified to achieve the desired shape. If axial modification is done, polishing with silicone points or similar methods is recommended.

Note: The provisional restoration should be placed out of occlusion.

Note: The Esthetic Tissue Former may be adjusted to a minimum diameter of 5.0 mm and to a minimum height of 4.0 mm from the implant platform. The "chimney" portion may be shortened but not narrowed.

Note: For provisional bridge restorations Provisional Titanium Abutment Multi is recommended.



Screw retained

1. Cut mechanical retention grooves or slots into the Esthetic Tissue Former.
2. Construct a provisional crown in conventional manner. Ensure the screw access channel remains clear. Unscrew and remove the provisional abutment and contour margins/polish etc. as required.
3. Insert the completed provisional crown and tighten to 20 Ncm.





Cement retained

1. Insert the Esthetic Tissue Former and tighten to 20 Ncm.
Note: no additional retention is required
2. Construct a provisional crown in conventional manner. Ensure the resin does not bond to the Esthetic Tissue Former by for example using a separating medium.
3. It is important to remove and replace the provisional crown at least once prior to final setting of the restorative material to avoid difficulty in removing the crown once the restorative material has set.
4. Contour margins/polish etc. as required.
5. Cement provisional crown onto Esthetic Tissue Former with preferred temporary cement. Care should be taken to ensure that all excess cement is completely removed.
The provisionals are left in place for desired period, maximum 30 days.

4.4.2 Provisional Titanium Abutments



The Provisional Titanium Abutments are designed with a 0.7 mm collar and are available both for single unit (Mono) and multiple unit (Multi) situations. The Mono is available both with and without retention rings (screw retained and cement retained). All Provisional Titanium Abutments come with a plastic coping. The abutments may be prepared intra-orally, extra-orally or adjusted by the technician on a laboratory model. Care should be taken when preparing titanium intra-orally.

The component may also be used for as a waxing sleeve when constructing a crown/framework that will be scanned to produce CAD/CAM prosthesis or copy milled prosthesis.

Notes: When using the Titanium Provisional Abutment as a waxing sleeve it is recommended to use a self curing resin direct to the abutment.

Use the dedicated article Provisional Ti Abutment Mono Cement-retained for cemented cases.

Both ends of the plastic coping fit the abutment. One end is straight and the other has a small margin to adapt to the clinical situation. There is an indexing between the plastic coping and the Provisional Abutment (the plane on the Provisional Abutment matches a plane in the plastic coping) in order to achieve a specific orientation in relation to the implant's rotational position.

For protection and extension of the screw access hole use Laboratory Screw – Long.

The provisional restoration should be placed out of occlusion.

If the plastic coping is utilized, the provisionals can be left in place for desired period maximum 30 days.

Screw retained

Screw retained provisional crowns/bridges may be produced directly in the patient's mouth (chair-side) or in the dental laboratory.

Chair-side construction

A provisional crown or bridge may be produced at the chair-side using standard techniques.

In the majority of cases when constructing a screw retained provisional crown/bridge the restorative material is applied direct to the Provisional Abutment, but the plastic coping can be used and bonded as for cement retained solution.

1. For single unit construction use the Provisional Titanium Abutment Mono.
For multiple unit screw retained direct to implant construction – use Provisional Titanium Abutment Multi.

2. Screw retain the Provisional Titanium Abutment directly to the implant with the appropriate screw – at this time hand tightening is sufficient and cut and adjust by selective grinding as required.

Note: Adjustments to the abutment are made with high-speed grinding using either a tungsten or diamond bur with irrigation and high volume aspiration.

Tip: It is sometimes easier to mark the abutment where it needs adjusting whilst in the mouth, then remove and adjust.



3. Construct a provisional crown/bridge in the conventional manner. The restorative material is applied direct to the abutment.
4. Unscrew and remove the provisional crown/bridge and contour margins/polish etc. as required.
5. Insert the completed provisional crown/bridge and tighten to 20 Ncm.

Laboratory construction

Clinical step 1

1. An implant level impression is taken and sent to the laboratory.

Clinical step 2

1. The provisional crown/bridge is delivered to the patient and hand-tightened to the implant. Final checking of occlusion/contours/color is carried out. Once verified the screw is tightened to 20 Ncm.
2. Block out the screw access channel with gutta-percha. Use a suitable material such as light curing composite to fill in the screw access channel.

Cement retained

Chair-side construction

1. For single unit construction use the Provisional Titanium Abutment Mono – Cement retained. For bridge constructions, the engaging section is removed by grinding.

Note: The Provisional Abutment is designed with an anti-rotational flat side. Additional retention should not be required as it could impair the ability to remove the cemented part.

Chair-side/Laboratory construction

2. Construct a provisional crown/bridge in conventional manner utilizing the plastic coping. It is important to remove and replace the provisional crown/bridge at least once prior to final setting of the restorative material to avoid difficulty in removing the crown/bridge once the restorative material has set.
3. Contour margins/polish etc. as required.
4. Ensure that the abutment screw has been tightened to a maximum of 20 Ncm before cementing the temporary crown or bridge with preferred cement (for example, Kerr TempBond® or Kerr TempBond® NE). Care should be taken to ensure that all excess cement is completely removed.

4.5 Impression Techniques

Neoss offers a range of solutions for accurate and fast impression taking on both implant and abutment level using intra-oral scanning or conventional impression techniques.

4.5.1 Digital impressions

Neoss Scan Bodies are available for all Neoss implants and Neoss Access abutments. They are compatible with most available scanners and planning and design software including 3shape, Exocad and Dental Wings. For more information please refer to separate instructions for use (DEV-01927_1).

In addition, Neoss offers the ScanPeg which is a scan body momentarily fitted in the screw access hole of the Neoss Esthetic Healing Abutment. The combination of these two components is used to take a digital impression without removing the healing abutment from the implant. For more information please refer to separate instructions for use (11926).

4.5.2 Conventional impressions

Implant level impressions may be used to accurately record implant positions easily using open or closed tray techniques for the Neoss System. Exceptions are the Express and Access Abutment which have their own specific copings. Impressions of Titanium Preparable Abutments can be taken using conventional crown and bridge method.

The purpose of an implant level impression is to accurately transfer to a laboratory model the position of the implant in relation to natural teeth or other implants as well as the soft tissue contours.

An Implant Level impression may be made at different stages during treatment and is dependant on operator preferences:

- At time of initial surgery – for one stage techniques, or to enable the delivery of a provisional crown at second stage surgery
- At second stage surgery
- Following soft tissue healing after a second stage surgical procedure

The Neoss System offers one universal Implant Level Impression Coping for both 'Open' and 'Closed' Tray impression techniques as detailed below and one Impression Coping for 'Open Tray' impression only.

The universal impression coping is available in three different lengths – 8 mm, 11 mm and 18 mm.



The universal Impression Coping utilizes separate items depending on impression technique and is packaged with the implant replica.



Impression coping – which engages the implant has both horizontal and vertical grooves for definite retention in the impression material.



Screw – which secures the impression coping to the implant during impression taking (use Neo screwdriver in conjunction with manual handle).

Plastic extension tube – which may be trimmed to length and enables easy access to the head of the screw when using the ‘Open Tray’ technique.

Note: The impression copings are not interchangeable for reasons of accuracy. Hence use the same impression coping in the same impression cavity.

Red Plastic Cap – which is used for closed tray impressions only.

Impression Coping Open Tray.



Neoss Implant Level Impression Techniques

Open Tray

In an open tray technique the impression coping is ‘picked up’ in the impression material. Only three of the four components of the universal Impression Coping Assembly are used, the Red and White Plastic Caps are NOT used.

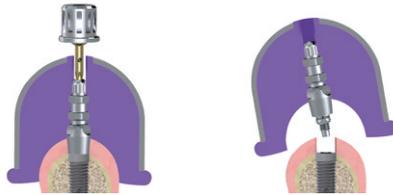
Clinical Procedure – Open Tray

1. Use the universal Impression Coping as supplied.
Note: The Neoss Impression coping is ‘self-seating’. This means that the screw will not engage the implant if the coping is not correctly seated. However a radiograph is recommended if there is any uncertainty or risk of soft tissue entrapment.
2. Expose the head of the implant – e.g. remove the cover screw or healing/provisional abutment and ensure that the top of the implant is clear of any soft or hard tissue.
3. Place desired length impression coping (8, 11 or 18 mm) (11 mm for Ø3.25 mm implant) Implant Level impression coping onto the implant and tighten the screw – hand tightening is sufficient, use the Neo screwdriver and manual handle.
4. Try-in the modified impression tray (a window has been previously cut in the area of the implant) and ensure that the tray is clear of the impression coping and the plastic tube extends beyond the impression tray. The plastic tube may be reduced or removed prior to taking the impression. Place some wax over the window.
5. Using a medium to heavy body impression material, inject around the impression coping and fill the impression tray.
6. Seat the impression tray into the patient and ensure the plastic tube/s is clearly visible.



- After the impression material has set, grasp the plastic sleeve with tweezers and remove.
- Using the Neo screwdriver ensure that the screw has been completely undone/disengaged from the coping and remove the impression.

Note: Upon removal of the impression the implants are covered by replacing the cover screw or healing/provisional abutment.



- Using the Neo screwdriver attach the implant replica to the impression coping. Whilst supporting the screw with the screwdriver, ensure correct seating and hand tighten – DO NOT OVER TIGHTEN (10 Ncm maximum).

Note: The Impression Coping Open Tray utilizes same procedure as above.



Neoss Implant Level Impression Techniques

Closed Tray

In a closed tray technique the impression coping remains in the patient's mouth when the impression is removed. Once the impression coping has been removed and the replica attached it is then re-seated into the impression. The Red Plastic Cap is utilized over the impression coping once it has been correctly seated into the patient's mouth. The plastic extension tube is NOT used.

Note: This technique may be contraindicated in cases where implant angulation is severe.

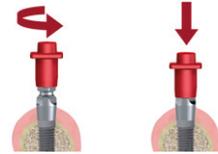
Clinical Procedure – Closed Tray

- Use the impression coping as supplied – however remove the plastic extension tube.

Note: The Neoss impression coping is 'self-seating'. This means that the screw will not engage the implant if the coping is not correctly seated. However a radiograph is recommended if there is any uncertainty or risk of soft tissue entrapment.

- Expose the implant – e.g. remove the cover screw or healing/provisional abutment and ensure that the top of the implant is clear of any soft or hard tissue.

- Place the desired length impression coping (8, 11 or 18 mm) (11 mm for Ø3.25 mm implant) Implant Level impression coping onto the implant and tighten the screw with the Neo screwdriver and manual handle.
Position the Red Plastic Cap on the impression coping and firmly push until seated.



Note: The upper part of the Impression Coping has a direction indicator located between the two flat surfaces that aligns with one of the engaging lugs for optimal orientation. The direction indicator is ideally positioned facially for proper seating of the red Impression Coping Cap.

Note: Align the flat side of the red Impression Coping Cap with the direction indicator on the Impression Coping to allow for proper orientation of the Impression Coping Cap during seating.



- Using a medium to heavy body impression material, inject around the impression coping and fill the impression tray.
- Seat the impression tray into the patient.



- When the impression material has set, remove the impression (the Red Plastic Impression Cap is 'picked up' in the impression).
- Using the Neo screwdriver unscrew and remove the Implant Level impression coping from the patient.
- The implant replica (supplied with the impression coping) is now screwed into the impression coping.



- Reposition the impression coping with replica attached back into the corresponding location in the Red Plastic Cap in the impression (use the two flat sides of the impression coping for alignment into the Red Plastic Cap).
The impression coping needs to be properly oriented in the Red Plastic Cap, meaning that the coping will slide without resistance almost completely down into the cap before a final push seats the coping.



4.6 NeoLink® – the Concept

Introduction

The Neoss Implant System abutments have been designed to facilitate the fabrication of custom designed screw retained gold, titanium and ceramic abutments or frameworks having a precision machined fit which are utilized in the production of cement or screw retained implant prosthesis.

Neoss abutments offer high accuracy prosthetic solution.

Abutments and frameworks may be produced in zirconia or other options such as gold, titanium or cobalt chrome, or they may be CAD/CAM produced while maintaining the accuracy and tolerances obtained from machined components. This is possible due to the NeoLink®, which is a precision machined component made of gold, c.p. titanium or cobalt chrome, providing the interface between implant and abutment framework.

Once the accuracy of the Neoss replica has been checked on the master model, the choice is made to create a crown (NeoLink® Mono) or bridge (NeoLink® Multi) in gold, titanium or cobalt chrome. A custom abutment or framework is produced by combining the most appropriate design of plastic anatomical coping with the desired NeoLink®.

There are a number of options:

1. CAD/CAM abutments/frameworks cemented or bonded to the NeoLink/s® titanium.

Note: Bonding of CAD/CAM designed copings or frameworks may be done 'prior to' or 'after' application of the porcelain/restorative material. This depends on the materials and techniques utilized.

2. Invest and cast directly onto the gold NeoLink® with a suitable alloy.

3. Remove the NeoLink® from the waxed coping/framework and cast the anatomical coping/framework (in a desired alloy) without the NeoLink®. After proper finishing of the cast coping/framework bond to the NeoLink/s® or laser weld (cobalt chrome).

Note: The margin on the titanium abutments is too thin to be used in conjunction with welding a cast coping/framework to the NeoLink®.

Three types of restorations can be produced; a restoration cemented on to custom abutments, a framework retained directly on the head of the implant by abutment screws, or an angulated screw retained solution using Access abutment.

Because the cast abutment or framework can be bonded to the precision machined NeoLink® a true passive fit can be achieved. Inaccuracies caused in casting or porcelain firing can therefore be eliminated. Generally connection by cementation or bonding is carried out in the laboratory after the application of the restorative material. All metals, alloys and ceramics can be bonded to NeoLinks®, including cobalt chromium for example.

Note: It is possible to cast gold abutments or frameworks in the same manner as titanium in that it may be cast separate to the NeoLink®. Therefore the possibility exists to have a prosthesis completed in a gold alloy with conventional PFM techniques, then bonded or cemented to a titanium NeoLink® – this results in a titanium precision machined interface between the implant and the abutment.



Gold and Ti NeoLink® Mono



Gold and Ti NeoLink® Multi

Note: Identification of Neo abutment screw vs Laboratory screw and Provisional Screw.



4.6.1 Single Unit Construction

Individual crowns may be constructed in one of two ways. The selected option will depend on clinical preferences, angulation of the implant and aesthetic demands:

- As an integral screw retained crown/abutment attached directly to the implant (use NeoLink® Mono).
- As a two part restoration with a custom screw retained abutment and a cement or lingually screw retained crown (use NeoLink® Mono).

Note: A NeoLink® is supplied with two straight copings, with and without margin.

Note: Minimum abutment height from the implant interface is 4 mm.

Clinical Procedure Visit 1

1. An implant level impression is recorded and sent to the laboratory.

Clinical Procedure Visit 2

1. The custom abutment is screwed into the implant using the appropriate abutment screw.
2. Once the fit has been verified it is tightened to the manufacturer's recommended torque. For the Neo abutment screw the recommended torque is 32 Ncm.
3. If the crown was constructed as a separate unit it is then cemented onto the abutment in the desired manner.

Note: When cementing or lingually screw retaining a crown onto an abutment the screw access hole should be blocked out with an appropriate material (e.g. gutta-percha) prior to cementation of the crown. When screw retaining a crown direct to the implant the screw access hole should be filled with a small amount of removable material then overfilled with a permanent material (e.g. composite resin).

4. The occlusion and retention are checked and verified.

4.6.2 Multiple Unit Construction

Multiple Unit implant supported bridges may be constructed in one of three ways. The selected option will depend on clinical preferences, angulation of the implant/s and aesthetic demands:

- As an integral screw retained one piece bridge attached directly to the implants (use NeoLink® Multi).
- As a cement retained or lingually screw retained bridge over 'individual' custom abutments which have been screwed direct to the implants (use NeoLink® Mono).
- As a screw retained bridge attached to implants via angulated or straight Access abutments, described in section 3.9.

Note: A NeoLink® is supplied with two straight copings, with and without margin.

Note: Minimum abutment height from the implant interface is 4 mm.

Clinical Procedure Visit 1

1. An implant level impression is recorded and sent to the laboratory.

Clinical Procedure Visit 2

1. The abutments or framework are screwed into the patient's mouth using the abutment screws.
2. Once the fit has been verified it is tightened to the manufacturer's recommended torque. For the Neo abutment screw the recommended torque is 32 Ncm.
3. If the bridge is constructed as a separate unit it is then cemented or lingually screwed onto the abutments/framework in the desired manner.

Note: When cementing or lingually screw retaining a bridge onto abutments the screw access holes should be blocked out with an appropriate material (e.g. gutta-percha) prior to cementation of the bridge. When screw retaining a bridge direct to the implants the screw access holes should be filled with a small amount of removable material then overfilled with a permanent material (e.g. composite resin).

4. The occlusion and retention are checked and verified.

4.6.3 Double Scan – Milled Constructions

As part of Neoss Individual Prosthetics, Neoss offers milled abutments, frameworks including bars in different materials on selected markets, for further information contact your local Neoss representative.

Laboratory Procedure – Double Scan

For CAD/CAM systems providing double scan features we recommend the following procedure to ensure that the screw access hole is correctly read and scanned by the scanner, and to ensure that it is pre-prepared into the abutment/frameworks:

1. After final waxing/preparation of the abutment/framework on the model, insert an extension from the NeoLink® to the outer surface of the screw access hole in the pre-formed plastic coping. Round plastic tube/rod of 2.5 mm diameter may be used (alternatively use the impression coping screw).
2. This extension tube is trimmed 'level to' (or minimally above) the screw access hole in the preformed plastic coping.
3. Spray with scanning powder/paint if recommended by the CAD/CAM provider.
4. Remove waxed abutment from the NeoLink® – being careful to leave the extension tube in correct position.
5. Spray exposed extension tube and NeoLink® with scanning powder/paint if recommended.
6. Scan the NeoLink® with the extension tube as the FIRST scan in the scanner.
7. Place the waxed abutment onto the NeoLink® and do the SECOND scan – following the specific CAD/CAM manufacturer's manual for double scanning techniques. This process will create a thin shell of material (ceramic, metal) over the screw access hole, which is easily removed prior to sintering, or after sintering by careful grinding for a ceramic restoration.
8. When a milled and sintered coping has been created it is then cemented on the NeoLink® by:
 - A. Sandblasting the NeoLink® with aluminium oxide of 50–100 microns – do not sandblast fitting surface of NeoLink®, use replica to protect the fitting surface.
 - B. Apply a resin bonded cement to the NeoLink® according to manufacturer's instructions.
 - C. Bonding the milled coping onto the NeoLink® with a preferred cement – according to the cement manufacturer's recommendations. An opaque cement is optimal. Please refer to the cement recommended by the CAD/CAM provider.

Clinical Procedure – Fastening a Custom Made Construction

1. The custom abutment/framework is screwed into the implant using the appropriate abutment screw.
2. Once the fit has been verified it is tightened to the manufacturer's recommended torque. For the Neo abutment screw the recommended torque is 32 Ncm.
3. If a crown was constructed as a separate unit it is then cemented onto the abutment in the desired manner.

Note: When cementing or lingually screw retaining a crown onto an abutment the screw access hole should be blocked out with an appropriate material (e.g. gutta-percha) prior to cementation of the crown. When screw retaining a crown direct to the implant the screw access hole should be filled with a small amount of removable material then overfilled with a permanent material (e.g. composite resin).

4. The occlusion and retention are checked and verified.

4.7 Titanium Preparable Abutments

Preparable abutments may be placed directly into the patient's mouth and prepared intra-orally or adjusted by the technician on a laboratory model. Care should be taken when preparing titanium intra-orally.

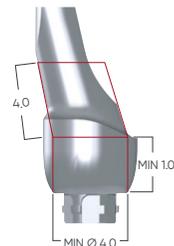
The Neoss System offers Titanium Preparable Abutments in various shapes ranging from incisors to molar, angulations (straight 0° and 15°) and heights (1 mm, 1.5 mm and 3 mm) (1 mm only for Ø3.25 mm implant).

Neoss Implant Abutment Connection – NeoLoc® enables alternative emergence profiles to fulfil specific clinical needs related to emergence profiles such as limited spaces or wide constructions. See section "3.6.1 Titanium Preparable Abutment – Alternative Emergence Profiles", for details.

If the shape/contours of the desired abutment/s are not achievable with either of the Titanium Preparable Abutments then it is recommended to custom-design and cast the abutment in the laboratory utilizing a Gold NeoLink® Mono or Titanium NeoLink® Mono, please refer to sections "3.5.1 Single Unit Construction" and "3.5.2 Multiple Unit Construction" of these guidelines, or use blanks for customized preparable abutment by the laboratory.

Note: The Preparable Abutments may be adjusted to a minimum diameter of 4.0 mm (minimum 3.5 mm on Preparable Abutments NP) and to a minimum height of 1.0 mm from the implant platform. The "chimney" portion may be shortened to a minimum height of 4.0 mm. Ensure the minimum thickness is 0.4 mm.

The blanks may be adjusted to a minimum diameter of 4.0 mm and a maximum height of 8.0 mm when maximum angulation of "chimney" portion is 20°, or maximum height of 4.0 mm when maximum angulation of "chimney" portion is 30°.



Titanium Prepable Abutments

– Preparation On Laboratory Model

Clinical Procedure Visit 1

1. An implant level impression is recorded and sent to the laboratory.

Clinical Procedure Visit 2

1. The abutment/s is screwed into the patient's mouth using the Neo abutment screw and Neo screwdriver in conjunction with the manual handle.
2. Once the fit has been verified it is tightened to 32 Ncm.
3. The crown or bridge is then seated on the abutments and checked for fit, occlusion, color etc.
4. The prosthesis is permanently cemented using conventional crown and bridge techniques.
5. The occlusion and retention are checked and verified.

Titanium Prepable Abutments

– Preparation Intra-orally

Clinical Procedure Visit 1

1. The healing or provisional abutment is removed and the top of the implant is exposed.
2. Appropriate Titanium Prepable Abutment is selected and screw retained to the implant/s or replica using the abutment screw provided. The use of Neo screwdriver and manual handle is required.

Note: For optimal placement of the abutment and minimal preparation it is recommended the implant has been indexed as described in section 1.2.

Hint: If there are any concerns in relation to correct seating of the abutment to the implant than a radiograph should be taken.

3. Adjustments to the abutment are made with high-speed grinding using either a tungsten or diamond bur with irrigation and high volume aspiration.

Tip: It is sometimes easier to mark the abutment where it needs adjusting whilst in the mouth, then remove and adjust.

Note: Ideally the margins of the abutment should be 1 to 1.5 mm sub-gingival.

4. Once the ideal contour has been obtained and correct seating of the abutment to the implant has been verified the abutment screw is tightened to 32 Ncm.
5. The screw access hole is then blocked out (e.g. gutta-percha) and a conventional crown and bridge impression is taken. Gingival retraction cord may be used.
6. A temporary prosthesis is made and inserted.
7. The impression is sent to the laboratory for the construction of the prosthesis.

Clinical Procedure Visit 2

1. The temporary prosthesis is removed and the abutment cleaned of any debris.
2. The prosthesis is inserted and checked for fit, occlusion, color etc.
3. The prosthesis is permanently cemented using conventional crown and bridge techniques.

4.7.1 Titanium Preparable Abutment – Alternative Emergence Profiles

Same clinical and laboratory procedures apply as described in section 3.6, except for the details listed below.

Wide Emergence Abutment

The Wide Emergence abutment utilizes the outer chamfer of the implant flange for seating, enabling a lower and wider emergence profile than the Molar abutment. The Wide Emergence abutment has same indication as standard Preparable abutments.



Product content and packaging

The Wide Emergence abutment is delivered sterile. It includes abutment, laboratory screw, abutment screw, specific cover screw and specific healing abutment PEEK with screw. The cover screw and the healing abutment with screw are packed so they can be opened separately from abutment and laboratory screw.

Compatibility

The Wide Emergence abutment is compatible with ProActive Tapered, ProActive Straight & ProActive Edge (lot # equal or higher than 14646) Implant diameters $\varnothing 5.0$ – 5.5 mm and ProActive $\varnothing 6.0$ implants. The Wide Emergence abutment requires a specific healing abutment and specific cover screw for healing. A wide replica (article 31166, Protection Replica – 1 pc) is required for model making and laboratory preparation.

Note: Use of Wide Emergence abutment should be planned for and parts available for surgical placement for effective treatment.

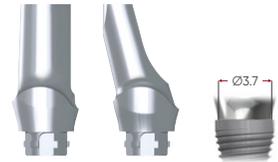
Narrow Emergence Abutments

Narrow Emergence abutments are intended to be used with the $\varnothing 3.5$ & $\varnothing 4.0$ mm implants when only limited mesio-distal space is available.

Product content and packaging

Narrow Emergence abutments are delivered non-sterile and include abutment, laboratory screw and abutment screw.

Note: If replacement of abutment is required, use same type of abutment or remove tissue from the seating surface if placement of standard platform abutment is required.



4.8 Zirconia Abutment



Zirconia abutments may be used for cement-retained single and multiple unit restorations and screw-retained single unit restorations and can be prepared at the chairside or by the technician on a laboratory model. Zirconia abutments are supplied in two parts; a Zirconia coping, having a range of profiles to match the Tissue Formers, and a pre-blasted Titanium NeoLink® Mono. The Zirconia coping is designed to be cemented onto the NeoLink®.

Zirconia Abutment – Chairside (preparation and cementation extra-orally)

Clinical Procedure Visit 1

1. The healing abutment is removed in order to expose the implant.
2. An appropriate Zirconia abutment is selected.

Note: Try-in using NeoLink® and plastic copings.

Preparation and cementation extra-orally

3. Screw retain the pre-blasted NeoLink® to a replica/handle with the Neo Laboratory Screw provided.

Note: Index the flat plane of the NeoLink® in a buccal direction.

Note: Try-in the Zirconia coping, if necessary on the implant by screw retaining the pre-blasted NeoLink® to the implant with the Neo Abutment Screw by hand tightening and mark any adjustments needed on the coping.



4. Modify the coping to achieve the optimal design as described in section "Zirconia coping modification" on page 4:23.
5. After the ideal contour has been obtained, permanently cement the zirconia coping onto the NeoLink® by using conventional techniques.

Note: Because of the precision fit between the NeoLink® and the Zirconia coping, only a small cement gap is present (20–50 µm). Apply a small amount of cement and ensure that any excess cement is removed. Check that the screw access channel is clear. Apply a resin bonded cement according to manufacturer's instructions to the NeoLink®.

6. Remove the Zirconia abutment (NeoLink® and Zirconia coping) from the replica/handle.
7. Attach the Zirconia abutment on the implant in the proper orientation and once correct seating of the abutment to the implant has been verified the Neo abutment screw is tightened to 32 Ncm.

Note: If there are any concerns in relation to correct seating of the abutment on the implant than a radiograph should be taken.

Note: Ensure that the Zirconia abutment is clean and dry.

8. The screw access hole is then blocked out with a suitable material and a conventional crown and bridge impression is taken. Gingival retraction cord may be used.
9. A temporary prosthesis is made and attached to the Zirconia abutment.
10. The impression is sent to the laboratory for the construction of the crown which is sent to the clinician.
11. The crown (or full-ceramic restoration) must be conditioned and cemented according to the manufacturer's instructions.



Zirconia Abutment – Preparation by Laboratory

Clinical Procedure Visit 1

1. The healing abutment is removed in order to expose the implant and an implant level impression is taken and sent to the laboratory.

Note: For Esthetiline, the type of Tissue Former placed at surgery is communicated to lab.

Clinical Procedure Visit 2

1. Attach the Zirconia abutment on the implant in the proper orientation. Once correct seating of the abutment to the implant has been verified the Neo abutment screw is tightened to 32 Ncm.

Note: If there are any concerns in relation to correct seating of the abutment to the implant then a radiograph should be taken.

Note: Ensure that Zirconia abutment is clean and dry.

2. The screw access hole is then blocked out with a suitable material.
3. The crown (or full-ceramic restoration) must be conditioned and cemented/bonded according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Zirconia coping modification

Adjust the coping outside the mouth by using burs especially manufactured for preparation of ceramics. Use water cooling to avoid micro cracks. Do not overheat the coping.

Work with a low contact pressure.

Note: The replica can be attached to a handle for better stability during preparation.

Avoid sharp preparation edges and corners to ensure a good fit between the abutment and all-ceramic crown. Keep corners rounded with a radius of 0.5 mm or more. Ensure that the minimal thickness of the ceramic material is 0.8 mm, minimum diameter 5.0 mm and minimum height of 5.0 mm from the implant platform.

The maximum thickness of the veneering material on top of the coping must not exceed a maximum of 2.0 mm in all directions. It is advised that the prosthetic margin be 0.5–1.0 mm sub gingival – this will allow for easy removal of excess cement.

Note: Make sure not to damage the titanium implant interface during modification. Any adjustment below the final crown margin should be polished, preferably using a silicon rubber wheel and diamond paste.

Note: It is recommended that adjustment of the Zirconia coping is made prior to cementation!



4.9 Access Abutment



Access Abutments,
Straight and Angulated

Indications

- Multiple unit screw-retained restorations with straight or angulated screw access
- Fully or partially edentulous cases
- Retrievable restorations

Note: The use of angulated Access Abutments for a bridge restoration on two small diameter implants is not recommended for the posterior region. Access Abutments are not available for $\varnothing 3.25$ mm implants.

Material

- Abutment – Titanium
- Screw – Titanium

Assortment

- Straight: 1.5, 3 and 4 mm (other heights available upon request)
- Angulated: 10° 2.6 and 4.6 mm, 20° 2.6 and 4.6 mm and 30° 2.9 and 4.9 mm

General

The Access Abutment design has wide-ranging applications for the Neoss system by enabling screw-retained straight and angulated restorations to be produced. Angulation may be as little as 10° with 4.5 mm of interocclusal clearance.

The Access Abutment provides an axial straight or angulated extension to the implant. This facilitates working to, and restoration on, abutment level rather than directly on the implant. The angulated 10°, 20° and 30° Access abutments optimize the screw access channel for implants with unfavourable angulations.

Restorations based on NeOLinks® can be incorporated into gold, ceramic or solid frameworks in titanium, ceramic or cobalt chrome.

Overdenture options are available by utilizing Access Ball and Equator abutments.

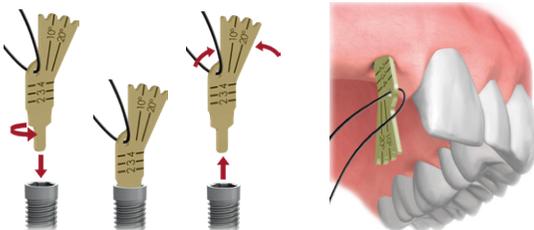
An abutment level impression is the procedure of choice to transfer the abutment location to the model.

Access Abutments are delivered sterile.

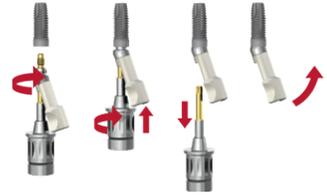
Access Abutment Placement

Clinical Procedure

1. Select appropriate Access Abutment using Neoss Angulation Gauge SP.



2. *Access Abutment, Angulated:* The appropriate angulated abutment is placed on the implant and oriented in the correct position (six possible positions) using the pre-mounted abutment holder. Keep the pressure on the holder to avoid rotation of the abutment when tightening the screw. The Access Neo abutment screw is then tightened using the Neo screwdriver.



Positioning and tightening of abutment

3. *Access Abutment, Straight:* The appropriate straight abutment is placed on the implant and screwed into position using the pre-mounted abutment holder.

3. Final tightening of the abutment screw to 32 Ncm is carried out using the ratchet and Neo screwdriver.

4. The disposable holder is removed from the abutment.

Note: The angulated abutment is preferably mounted at implant surgery or at second stage surgery for optimal tissue healing. Placement in already healed tissue might require additional soft tissue surgery for adequate seating of the angulated abutment. A radiograph can be taken to confirm accurate seating of the abutment.



Pre-mounted abutment holder

Impression Procedure and Provisionalizing

1. Position the Access Impression Coping (lasermarked) onto the abutment and tighten the coping screw. The impression procedures, open or closed tray, are described in section "3.4 Impression Techniques". The impression is sent to the dental laboratory.
2. Place an Access Healing Abutment or a Temporary restoration, see sections "1.4 Clinical Treatment" and "3.3.2 Provisional Titanium Abutments". Please note instructions related to the implant level also correspond to Access abutment level.



Placement of Healing Abutment

Final Restoration Placement

1. Remove the Access Healing Abutment or the temporary restoration from the abutment.
2. Connect the restoration to the abutment with prosthetic screws. Start with the central screw (if applicable) and tighten the remaining screws alternating between left and right sides.
3. Tighten the prosthetic screws to 20 Ncm using the ratchet and the Neo screwdriver.
4. Block out the screw access channel with gutta-percha. Use a suitable material such as light curing composite to fill the screw access channel.



Placement of final restoration

4.10 Overdenture Solutions

Implant supported overdentures are a relatively simple and cost-effective treatment option for many patients. In some cases it is not necessary to construct a new prosthesis as the patient's existing denture may be utilized. Implant supported overdentures may also be used as a provisional prosthesis. There are three ways to retain implant supported overdentures:

- Ball Abutments
- Equator Abutments
- Bar Abutments

The use of ball abutments has traditionally been in the mandible utilizing two implants.

Bar retained overdentures can either be rigid (multiple implants) or resilient (two implants) in design. Resilient designed overdentures are most commonly limited to the mandible and are implant retained and tissue borne. In the maxilla however bar retained overdentures are normally rigid in design and are implant retained and implant borne. Ball abutment and Equator abutment options are available on Access level as well.

4.10.1 Ball Abutments

In the mandible two implants are utilized and in the maxilla up to four implants are utilized for a ball retained overdenture.

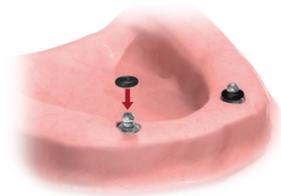
Hint: For ball abutments to be a restorative option the implants must be parallel to within 10 degrees of each other.

When using the Access Ball abutment the instructions below related to the implant level also correspond to Access abutment level.

Procedure – Ball Abutments Using Patient's Existing Denture

Clinical Procedure Visit 1

1. The top of the implants are exposed by removing the healing abutments.
2. The appropriate height ball abutments are placed with the ball driver and tightened to 20 Ncm.
Tip: Ideally the collar of the ball abutment should extend approximately 1 to 1.5 mm above the soft tissue.
3. The desired Housing is selected. Place the Space Maintainer over the Ball Abutment and seat the Housing. Transfer the position of the Housing to the denture by marking the top of the Housing and placing the denture over the Housing. Prepare a recess in the denture to accommodate the protruding Housing. Try in the denture over the Housing to verify it is fully seated on the ridge without contact onto the Housing. There should be an undercut well into which self curing resin will flow and be retained.



- The attachment is bonded to the denture using a self curing acrylic or an appropriate attachment cement in the well in the denture. Maintain the denture in a passive condition while the acrylic/resin sets as per the manufacturer's instructions. Once cured, the denture is lifted off the ball abutments together with the embedded Housing. The region of the denture around the attachment is then refined at the chairside or in the laboratory and care is taken to ensure the Housing is not dislodged.

See section "Adjustment and Maintenance" for information about how to insert and change Retention Female in the Titanium Housing.

Hint: The retentive elements must be placed parallel to each other. A divergence or convergence of up to 10 degrees is acceptable.

Note: For completion of the denture in the laboratory, take abutment level impression using existing denture as impression tray. Remove the denture and insert Ball Abutment Replicas in the impression. Pour the master cast, using high quality die stone.

Procedure – Ball Abutments Constructing A New Denture

Clinical Procedure Visit 1

- The top of the implants are exposed by removing the healing abutments.
- An implant level impression is taken with Neoss impression copings. The impression should be a full arch impression in a custom made impression tray with either a polyvinyl or polyether impression material.
- After the material has set the impression is removed from the patient's mouth, the healing abutments are replaced and the provisional prosthesis is returned to the patient. Care should be taken that the provisional appliance does not interfere with the healing abutments. A soft lining material may be utilized in the provisional prosthesis to aid in retention.

Note: Alternatively, impression can be taken on abutment level.

Clinical Procedure Visit 2

- The corresponding healing abutments are removed and the patient's inter arch/jaw relationship is recorded onto the screw retained bite block/occlusal registration rim.

Hint: If not all of the healing abutments are removed it will be necessary to relieve the wax registration rim over the healing abutments which have not been utilized in the screw retention of this 'bite block/occlusal registration rim'.

- After registration the healing abutments are resealed in the patient's mouth.

Clinical Procedure Visit 3

- The waxed prosthesis is evaluated in the patient's mouth, once correct it is returned to the laboratory for processing.

Clinical Procedure Visit 4

- The ball abutments are screwed into the implants after removal of the healing abutments and tightened to 20 Ncm using the Neo screwdriver.
- The denture is returned to the patient and correctly seated.
- The occlusion and retention are checked and verified.

See section "Adjustment and Maintenance" for information about how to insert and change Retention Female in the Titanium Housing.



Adjustment and Maintenance

Insertion and Removal (Retention Female, Titanium Housing)

Press the Retention Female over the end of the Insertion Tool and press it into the Titanium Housing.

Three retention levels are available: yellow (normal retention) white (reduced retention) and red (increased retention). To remove a Retention Female from the Titanium Housing use a hot pointed instrument.

4.10.2 Equator Abutments

Indications

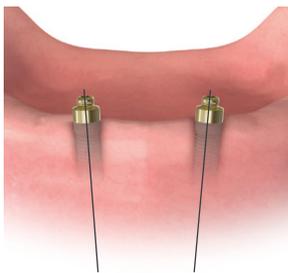
The Equator Abutment is designed for use with full dentures or partial dentures retained by the Neoss Implants in the maxilla or mandible. The self-locating design allows a patient to easily seat their denture. Restorations with limited vertical space are possible through the 2.1 mm height of the Equator Abutment Housing (the Housing for extended divergence is 2.2 mm). In addition, a 28° divergence (with standard Housing and 50° with Housing for extended divergence) between two implants can be easily accommodated. The divergence between implants can be reduced by using Access abutments.

Either a new denture or the patient's existing denture can be utilized for the construction of an Equator Abutment retained denture. Incorporating the male retentive element into the denture can be made in two ways:

- chairside by the dentist directly into patient's denture in the mouth.
- in the laboratory on a model.

When using the Access Equator abutment the instructions below related to the implant level also correspond to Access abutment level, except for the tightening torque.

Note: Relining of Equator Abutment retained denture is required to avoid load bearing situation.



Contraindications

Not appropriate where a totally rigid connection is required.

Neoss Equator abutments are not recommended for use on a single implant and on implants with a greater divergence than 28° (50° with Housing for extended divergence).

Caution

Federal (USA) law restricts this device for sale by or on the order of a licensed dentist.

Sterilization

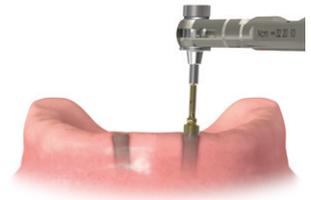
All components and instruments are supplied NON-STERILE. Implant abutments and metal instruments may be sterilized following standard clinical procedures, prior to use.

Procedure – New or Existing Denture

Existing Denture

Clinical Procedure

1. The top of the implants are exposed by removing the Healing Abutments.
2. To select the proper Equator Abutment measure the tissue thickness from the apical rim of the implant body to the crest of the gingiva at the highest side of the implant site. Choose the Equator Abutment that exactly equals the tissue measurement, or is the next closest higher size available.
3. It is imperative that all bone and soft tissue is removed from the superior aspect of the implant body to guarantee complete seating of the Equator Abutment. If any doubt, verify complete seating using a radiograph.
4. Hand-tighten the abutment into the implant, using the Neo Screwdriver.
5. The abutment is then torqued to 32 Ncm using the ratchet (20 Ncm for Access level).



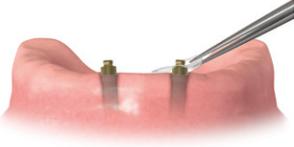
Alternatively a torque control device with the Neo Screwdriver can be used.

6. Place the Protector Disk over the Equator Abutment (this will prevent acrylic resin from flowing into under-cuts around the housings).
Note: Make sure the soft tissue is protected from the self curing material.
7. Place the metal Housing (make sure the Black Processing Cap is inserted into the Housing) onto the Equator Abutment leaving the Protector Disk beneath it.
Note: The Housing for extended divergence (up to 50°) comes with a specific processing cap.
8. Prepare a recess in the denture to accommodate the protruding Housing. Try in the denture over the Housing to verify it is fully seated on the ridge without contact onto the Housing.
Note: Make sure there is NO contact between the denture and the metal Housing.



- Use a light cured composite resin or permanent self-curing acrylic to bond the Housing to the denture. Apply a small amount in the recess of the denture and around the metal Housing. Place the denture into position in the mouth and have the patient close into very light contact centric occlusion. Maintain the denture in a passive condition while the acrylic/resin sets as per the manufacturer's instructions.

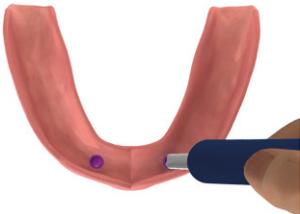
Note: It is necessary to block out any remaining undercuts to prevent resin/acrylic from locking the denture onto the abutment.



- After the resin/acrylic has cured remove the denture and discard the Protector Disks. Fill any voids around the Housings and polish.



- Remove the Black Processing Cap by pushing the tip on the removal side of the Equator Cap Tool firmly aside the internal wall. Push the handle down and the cap will snap out promptly.



- Place the final Cap on the end of the insertion side of the Equator Cap Tool and press it firmly into the Housing.

Note: The attachment retention on the abutment may be reduced by placing the Pink Soft Retention Cap or the Yellow Extra Soft Retention Cap rather than the White Standard Cap.

Note: The retention Caps are replaced after normal wear with the Equator Cap Tool as instructed previously.

- Upon insertion, check for pressure spots and adjust occlusion.

New Denture

Clinical Procedure

- After inserting the appropriate height Equator Abutment onto the implants in the patient's mouth, place the Equator Impression Copings on the abutments and verify that it is correctly seated.



- A medium or heavy body impression material is recommended. Syringe the impression material around each of the entire Equator Impression Copings. Load the impression tray or patient's existing denture and seat in the mouth. Allow the impression material to set per the manufacturer's instructions.

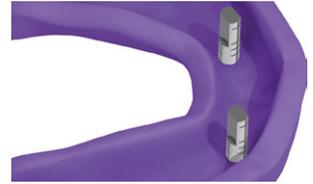


- Remove the impression from the mouth and verify that the impression material completely adapted around each coping. The Impression Copings should remain inside the impression.

Note: The Impression Coping comes with the Yellow Extra Soft Retention Cap instead of the Black Processing Cap for optimized compromise between stability and retention.



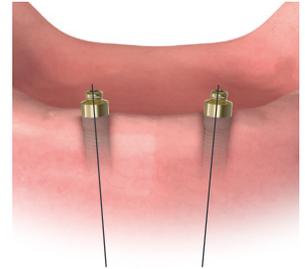
4. Snap an Equator Replica (2 supplied in each Impression Coping pack) onto each Impression Coping in the impression.



Choice of Neoss Equator Retention Caps

Patients should be able to insert and remove their Equator retained dentures simply and reliably.

To use the Equator components the divergence for the Equator Abutment must not exceed 14° (or 28° in the case of two abutments) alternatively 25° (or 50° in the case of two abutments) if the Housing for extended divergence is utilized.



Multiple Equator Abutments

If several (3 or more) Equator Abutments are used in the same jaw, we recommend using either:

- the Pink Soft Retention Cap with retention of 1.2 kg.
- Or:
- the Yellow Extra Soft Retention Cap with retention of 0.6 kg.

Converging or diverging Equator Abutments

In the cases where implant divergences exceed 28° (in the case of two abutments), we recommend to use Access abutments to reduce the divergence or the Housing for extended divergence (50° in the case of two abutments).

Patient care

Good oral hygiene is vital to implant success. The Equator Abutment must be thoroughly cleaned daily. The use of a soft nylon bristle or end-tufted toothbrush, and super floss to polish the abutments should be taught.

A non-abrasive gel toothpaste, and an irrigation system is recommended to keep the socket of the Equator Abutment clean.

Patients should maintain a three to four month recall for cleaning and implant evaluation.

The sulcus area around the implant abutment is the primary area of concern.

Use plastic instruments for scaling the abutments. Do not use metal instruments which may create scratches on the abutment surface. Examine patients for signs of inflammation around the implant abutments, and for implant mobility.

Use the Neo Screwdriver to make sure the Equator Abutment is tightened before the patient leaves the praxis.

4.10.3 Bar Abutments

A bar retained overdenture may be constructed utilizing either:

- Bar Abutment – Gold
- Bar Abutment – Titanium

Procedure – Bar Abutment – Gold Using Patient's Existing Denture

Clinical Procedure Visit 1

1. An implant level impression is recorded and sent to the laboratory.

Clinical Procedure Visit 2

1. The framework is screwed into the patient's mouth using the Neo abutment screw and Neo screwdriver in conjunction with the manual handle.
2. Once the fit has been verified it is tightened to 32 Ncm.
3. The denture is relieved so as it sits over the bar without any contact.
4. The bar is 'blocked out' and a conventional relined impression is taken.

Clinical Procedure Visit 3

1. The denture is delivered to the patient.
2. The occlusion and retention are checked and verified.

Procedure – Bar Abutment – Gold Constructing A New Denture

Clinical Procedure Visit 1

1. An implant level impression is recorded and sent to the laboratory.

Clinical Procedure Visit 2

1. The corresponding healing abutments are removed and the patient's inter arch/jaw relationship is recorded onto the screw retained 'bite block/occlusal registration rim'.

Hint: If not all the healing abutments are removed it will be necessary to relieve the wax registration rim over the healing abutments which have not been utilized in the screw retention of this 'bite block/occlusal registration rim'.

2. After registration the healing abutments are returned to the patient's mouth.

Clinical Procedure Visit 3

1. The waxed prosthesis is evaluated in the patient's mouth, once correct it is returned to the laboratory for the bar construction.

Clinical Procedure Visit 4

1. The framework is screwed into the patient's mouth using the Neo abutment screw and Neo screwdriver in conjunction with the manual handle.
2. Once the fit has been verified it is tightened to 32 Ncm.
3. The denture is delivered to the patient.
4. The occlusion and retention are checked and verified.

Procedure Bar Abutment – Titanium Using Patient's Existing Denture

Clinical Procedure Visit 1

1. An implant level impression is recorded and sent to the laboratory.

Clinical Procedure Visit 2

1. The framework is screwed into the patient's mouth using the Neo abutment screw and Neo screwdriver in conjunction with the manual handle.
2. Once the fit has been verified it is tightened to 32 Ncm.
3. The denture is relieved so as it sits over the bar without any contact.
4. The bar is 'blocked out' and a conventional reline impression is taken and sent to the laboratory for processing.

Clinical Procedure Visit 3

1. The denture is delivered to the patient.
2. The occlusion and retention are checked and verified.

Procedure Bar Abutment – Titanium Constructing A New Denture

Clinical Procedure Visit 1

1. An implant level impression is recorded and sent to the laboratory.

Clinical Procedure Visit 2

1. The corresponding healing abutments are removed and the patient's inter arch/jaw relationship is recorded onto the screw retained 'bite block/occlusal registration rim'.

Hint: If not all of the healing abutments are removed it will be necessary to relieve the wax registration rim over the healing abutments which have not been utilized in the screw retention of this 'bite block/occlusal registration rim'.

2. After registration the healing abutments are returned to the patient's mouth.

Clinical Procedure Visit 3

1. The waxed prosthesis is evaluated in the patient's mouth, once correct it is returned to the laboratory for the bar construction.

Clinical Procedure Visit 4

1. The framework is screwed into the patient's mouth using the Neo abutment screw and Neo screwdriver in conjunction with the manual handle.
2. Once the fit has been verified it is tightened to 32 Ncm.
3. The denture is delivered to the patient.
4. The occlusion and retention are checked and verified.

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