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In this book, you will learn from an internationally recognized leader in the field of conservative dental implantology who has transformed the lives of thousands of patients and educated hundreds of dentists through his seminars, webinars, and online training programs. Introducing the Father of Keyhole Implant Dentistry, Dr. Joseph Shohmelian.

I first met Dr. Shohmelian in 1997 and decided to take on the role of practice manager after our first meeting. As I write this introduction, I am completing my 23rd year of working with him, witnessing how he takes care of his patients, many of whom travel interstate and from overseas to seek his services!

In those early days, he used to perform tooth replacement with surgically placed dental implants, the technique which is still practised by most implant dentists.

However, in 2003 he pioneered the use of a “keyhole” technique for an elderly patient who was not medically

suitable for the extensive implant surgery available at that time to replace her nine missing upper teeth.

Since then, countless numbers of patients have benefited from his conservative non-surgical implant techniques, whether performed by him personally or by dentists who have trained under him.

In 2011, with over 8 years of successful results, he was invited to conduct his first seminars for dentists around Australia, which were sponsored by ID HEALTH and the 3M Corporation, revealing the revolutionary, minimally invasive methods he was using to help patients with missing teeth.

Since then he has conducted many more seminars and established professional organisations both in Australasia and internationally for members who perform these treatments.

In addition, he has created numerous online video trainings for dentists and regularly conducts webinars for the public and the profession. Needless to say, this information and the conservative keyhole methods that he has been teaching have been so appealing that many dentists who have attended his seminars, webinars and online courses are now successfully treating their own patients.

In my many years of private practice experience, few healthcare practitioners have impressed me with their authenticity as much as Dr. Shohmelian. He is truly genuine in his concern for the welfare of patients who have had the “misfortune” (to use his term) of having had teeth extracted, often through factors beyond their control.

In his seminars he asks attendees to consider this question: “Why should anyone with missing teeth, in this day and age have to undergo surgery for a dental implant or have their natural teeth permanently mutilated for a bridge or be condemned to wear a removable denture for the rest of their lives?”

This helps dentists to rethink why they are offering outdated vintage techniques to their patients and opens the way for them to consider changing their thinking, once they see the benefits of the conservative methods he teaches! He has revolutionised the dental profession with the introduction of the concept of “Keyhole mini implant dentistry” for crowns and bridges to replace missing teeth, bringing into question the validity of other methods in this day and age:

- He does not accept that anyone should be permanently “condemned” to wearing removable false teeth any longer, especially as such (partial) dentures can contribute to more decay and eventual loss of additional teeth!
- He does not accept that good teeth on either side of a gap should be permanently damaged to carry a bridge, especially as statistics show the average lifespan of a bridge is under 10 years, leading to potential loss of the adjacent teeth!
- He does not accept that patients need to have their gums cut open to reveal their jawbones so that healthy bone can be drilled out to create deep, wide channels to accommodate “conventional” implants.

- He does not accept that the majority of implant patients need to wait for 6 months before receiving their new teeth!
- He does not accept that additional surgery is warranted to take bone from the chin, back of the lower jaw, ribs or pelvis to graft into narrow gum ridges before placing implants to carry permanent teeth!
- He does not accept the need for sinus surgery to graft bone to carry conventional implants in areas where bone depth is deficient.

He no longer considers these as options that should be offered to patients simply because he has proven countless times that Keyhole Implant Dentistry with mini implants can create the same longterm solution in far less time with virtually no pain and at with far less expense for patients, thereby making this solution accessible to more patients than ever before.

He is a champion for conservative, minimally invasive, non-surgical implant placements to save patients from the unnecessary complexities mentioned above, even in areas of the jaws with absolutely minimal bony foundation. If there is one practitioner who cares for the comfort and long-term well-being of patients with missing teeth, it's this man! I hope you enjoy reading this book and benefit from the wisdom and decades of experience he shares with you.

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