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Edentulism is defined as the loss of all permanent teeth. It affects millions of people, and considered to be unresolved issue of sustained significance in the old age, it is considered to have several negative effects on the patient; It is associated with a residual ridge resorption, altered facial form, diminished masticatory function, and subsequently a reduced general health and quality of life, the ultimate goal is to restore a satisfactory level of function for the patient.

The classical treatment option for the edentulous patients is the conventional complete dentures. Although, this treatment option is inexpensive and restore most functions, it has several drawbacks in regard to the supporting structures, retention, and stability.

Although, the problems of the conventional complete dentures can be managed using fixed prostheses supported by five or six endosseous implants, many patients are satisfied with implant supported overdenture that is simple, less invasive, and less expensive.

The main limitations of using implant overdentures are that implants are expensive, also, the bone volume may be insufficient for conventional diameter implants without some interventions like bone augmentation which will increase the cost and time of the treatment.

Narrow diameter implants have diameters between mini and conventional implants, and can take the advantage of both, so, they can be called Hybrid implants; they are less expensive than conventional implants, they can be inserted in the narrow ridges without the need for additional bone augmentation, they can achieve a suitable primary stability and can be immediately or early loaded to