



DENTAL IMPLANT SOFT TISSUE PLASTICS COURSE

14 HRS
CPD

This two-day course is designed for both beginner and advanced implant clinicians, to develop their soft tissue management skills around dental implants to optimise health, function and aesthetics.



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Combination of lectures, hands on and live patient demonstration

DATE

Friday 4th December 2026

Saturday 5th December 2026

FEES

\$2650.00 (inc gst)

Early bird pricing until 31st

July 2026 - \$2250

VENUE

Dental Artistry Academy

Training and Education Centre

Level 1/38 Broadway, Newmarket,
Auckland

This course explores the importance of soft tissue around dental implants and its role in aesthetic, functional, and long-term health outcomes. As implant dentistry evolves, peri-implant mucosa is increasingly recognised as critical, even more than bone in certain situations. Participants will gain an understanding of peri-implant mucosa, including its importance and long-term biological behaviour. The course also covers how to achieve adequate keratinized tissue thickness to provide a biological seal against implant disease and maintain stable mucosal margins. In addition, various procedures will be introduced to maintain or improve peri-implant mucosa across five critical soft tissue management timings. The course places a strong emphasis on split thickness flaps and the use of autologous tissue grafts.





Fellow of Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons, International Dental Implant Association and International Academy of Dentofacial Esthetics.

Dr Sheng Zhang is a general dentist with a special interest and practice limited to periodontics and implantology. He has studied extensively around the world learning from the leaders in the field. Dr Sheng is a published author, and his thesis was on Albumin Concentrated Growth Factors (Alb-CGF) in the sinus lift procedure. He has developed novel techniques with the use of autologous blood concentrates as an adjunct to guided bone regeneration.

Dr Sheng Zhang

Dental Artistry Practice Principal

BDS (Adel), BOH (Syd), MDS Periodontics/Implantology (UJI), GradDip Orthodontics (JCU), FRACDS, FIDIA, FIADFE

Day 1:

- The biology of mucointegration.
- What is the ideal peri-implant mucosa characteristics.
- The different soft tissue grafts we can use around dental implants
- The 5 timings for soft tissue augmentation for dental implant therapy.
- Pre-implant therapy surgical preparation.
- Soft tissue surgical strategies concurrent with dental implants and at second stage surgery.

Day 2:

- Hands-surgical training on animal models
 - Split thickness flaps
 - Apical positioned flaps / Kazanjian vestibuloplasty
 - Buccal roll flaps
 - Poncho technique
 - Palacci flaps
 - Split finger flaps
 - CTG pedicle flaps
 - Aesthetic tunnel approach
 - Tuberosity and Iceberg techniques
 - Modified Tinti / Peninsula flaps
- Post prosthetic soft tissue complication management.
- Case reviews

Learning Outcomes:

- Identify the different time points for soft tissue augmentation to improve dental implant outcomes.
- Develop surgical skills to manage soft tissue prior to implant placement, at the time of placement, and during surgical uncovering.
- Develop natural emergence profiles around implants and understand the importance of critical and subcritical restorative contour (EBC).
- Apply advanced surgical techniques for implants in the aesthetic zone.

