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[The ITI introduces SAC Assessment Tool for the classification of dental implant procedures.](#)

Interactive online assessment tool assists clinicians in evaluating the risk and complexity of individual dental implant cases.

ITI World Symposium 2010, Geneva, Switzerland, April 16, 2010 – The International Team for Implantology (ITI), a leading academic organization dedicated to the promotion of evidence-based education and research in the field of implant dentistry, announced the launch of the SAC Assessment Tool, an innovative online service for the dental community. Provided free of charge on the ITI website www.iti.org, this interactive tool allows dental practitioners to assess the degree of complexity and risks involved in implant therapy cases.

The SAC Assessment Tool reflects the normative guidelines developed by the ITI at a Consensus Conference in 2007 for various types of restorative and surgical cases based on a classification system referred to as SAC (Straightforward, Advanced, Complex). The results of the conference proceedings were then published in 2009 in cooperation with the Quintessence Publishing Group in a book entitled "The SAC Classification in Implant Dentistry"¹. The SAC Assessment Tool distills the content of this book in an easy-to-use process that takes the user through each step necessary to identify the degree of complexity and potential risk involved in individual cases. Dental practitioners can thus better match cases to their skills and level of experience at the same time as developing their knowledge at a theoretical level.

"The SAC Assessment Tool represents an indispensable instrument for practitioners seeking to evaluate the difficulty level of specific clinical situations and the risk for esthetic, restorative and surgical complications," said Dr. Stephen Chen, Chairman of the ITI Education Committee. "By making this tool publicly available, the ITI underlines its commitment to quality assurance in implant therapy with the objective of ensuring best-possible treatment for patients."

In addition to its main purpose, the tool may also be used to prepare patients for implant treatment, enabling them to form realistic expectations by providing them with information on anticipated limitations, complications and outcomes. In implant education, the tool can also be

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¹ Dawson A et al, The SAC Classification in Implant Dentistry. Quintessence Publishing 2009.

used to develop educational programs with incremental levels of difficulty that take both theoretical and practical aspects into consideration.

The SAC Assessment Tool is available immediately on the ITI website at www.iti.org.

About the ITI

The International Team for Implantology (ITI) unites professionals around the world from every field of implant dentistry and related tissue regeneration. As an independent academic association, it actively promotes networking and exchange among its membership. ITI Fellows and Members, who now number more than 8,000 in total, regularly share their knowledge and expertise from research and clinical practice at meetings, courses and congresses with the objective of continuously improving treatment methods and outcomes to the benefit of their patients.

In 30 years, the ITI has built a reputation for scientific rigor combined with concern for the welfare of patients. The organization focuses on the development of well-documented treatment guidelines backed by extensive clinical testing and the compilation of long-term results. The ITI funds research as well as Scholarships for young clinicians, organizes congresses and continuing education events and also publishes reference books such as the ITI Treatment Guide series. www.iti.org

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