Brevis™ Overdenture Abutment

Technique Manual
1 OCCLUSAL REGISTRATION

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2 UNCOVER IMPLANTS

Uncover each implant using a small crestal incision and use the healing plug removal instrument to facilitate the removal of the black healing plug.

3 USE A SHOULDER DEPTH GAUGE TO DETERMINE ABUTMENT HEIGHT

Use a shoulder depth gauge to facilitate the selection of the abutment height.

4 PLACE GUIDE PINS

Place guide pins into the implants to determine their axial inclinations.
Rotate a combination of 0° and/or 15° angled abutments to achieve parallelism prior to their being seated. Brevis™ abutments are available in heights of 2.0, 4.0 and 6.0mm.

Place soft wax in the denture to act as a pressure indicator to determine the relative position of the abutments. Alternatively, the top of the abutment may be marked with a felt tip pen to indicate the location of the abutment on the denture.

Liberally relieve denture to accommodate the Brevis™ housings. Confirm clearance for housings by placing the denture over the housings.
Brevis™ Chairside Technique

9 REMOVE HOUSINGS
Remove the Brevis™ housings and place a piece of rubber dam over the abutments to act as an apron to prevent acrylic from locking onto an abutment. Ensure that the rubber dam protects the undercut of the abutment from acrylic, by placing it above the shoulder of the abutment.

10 INJECT VASELINE™
Inject Vaseline™ under the rubber dam aprons to serve as an additional precaution to prevent acrylic from locking under the abutments during the chairside pickup of the Brevis™ housings.

11 INJECT ACRYLIC
Inject flowable acrylic around the Brevis™ housings and into the relieved portions of the existing denture.

12 ASSURE PROPER SEATING
Place the denture into the mouth and instruct patient to clench bilaterally on cotton rolls to assure proper seating of the denture.
Brevis™ Chairside Technique

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Use the 15˚ Brevis™ abutment to help achieve parallelism for non-parallel implants.

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Do not make a direct impression of the overdenture abutments.

Use a rubber dam and Vaseline™ to prevent locking of the denture beneath the undercut of the abutments.

Place acrylic into a syringe for ease of use and greater control.

A too viscous mix of acrylic may inappropriately displace the orientation of the Brevis™ housing on the abutment.

It is essential for the patient to clench bilaterally on cotton rolls to ensure proper seating of the housings in the denture.

If the denture is too retentive, slightly relieve the inside of the o-ring lumen with a round bur.

A common cause of accelerated o-ring wear is a Brevis™ housing whose retentive acrylic was polymerized while the Brevis™ housing was not appropriately aligned on the abutment.

**Note:** If the denture is inadvertently locked onto the Brevis™ abutment, it is advisable to tap it off rather than attempting to cut it off.

The denture may be notched to facilitate the placement of a tapping instrument. Either the denture will be removed from the abutment or the abutment will be removed from the implant.

**Keys to Success**

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Radiograph of two Bicon implants and Brevis™ abutments. **It is paramount that overdentures be completely tissue borne and only implant retained.** If the acrylic is too viscous or only placed in the denture, it may cause displacement of the housing resulting in a misalignment of the housing and excessive wear of the rubber o-rings.

Polish the excess acrylic around the Brevis™ housings after the removal of the rubber dam.
Indirect Transfer Technique

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6 SEAT IMPRESSION CAPS
Seat black plastic impression caps onto the Brevis™ abutments.

7 MAKE IMPRESSION USING CAPS
Make impression using Brevis™ impression caps. Do not make a direct impression of the titanium abutments.

8 INSERT TRANSFER DIES
Insert the aluminum transfer dies into the impression caps prior to the pouring of a master stone model.

9 BLOCK OUT UNDERCUTS
Block out undercuts on the model.
Removing/Inserting Rubber O-Ring into Brevis™ Housing

1. **REMOVE HOUSINGS**
   Remove rubber o-rings with a scaling instrument or explorer.

2. **INSERT EXPLORER**
   Insert the explorer in between the o-ring and Brevis™ housing and loosen the o-ring from the housing.

3. **SQUEEZE O-RING**
   Using cotton pliers, squeeze the o-ring into a figure eight and insert it into the housing.

4. **PLACE O-RING**
   Place the entire o-ring into the retentive groove within the Brevis™ housing.

5. **MOVE O-RING INTO PLACE**
   If the o-ring is fully inserted, yet not secure in the retention lip of the housing, use an explorer to move the o-ring into place.
Rubber O-Ring Maintenance

► Keys to Success

- Each patient maintains and inserts his denture differently. The o-ring should be changed every 6 to 24 months depending upon its wear.
- The o-rings should not be soaked in a solution with high alcohol content. Some cleaning solutions may dry out the rubber o-rings and cause them to lose retention faster than normal.
- An inappropriately aligned housing will result in excessive wear of the rubber o-ring.
- If excessive wear of o-ring is noted, remove and re-align the housing in denture with a sufficiently flowable acrylic injected onto the housing and into the relieved denture.

► Measurement Guide

The design of the Bicon abutment system is such that the hemispherical base of the abutment does not sit flush with the neck of the implant. By design, there is a space below the abutment post when the abutment is fully seated. When viewing this on a radiograph, it can be seen as a radiolucency. Please note that the post of any abutment may not be modified. Altering the abutment post in any manner or using a cementing medium will affect the frictional fit of the locking taper resulting in a potentially non-retentive abutment. The following diagram depicts the final seating of a Brevis™ abutment as well as the method for measuring each abutment.

Brevis™ Abutment

The height of the Brevis™ abutment is measured from the top of the implant to the shoulder of the Brevis™ abutment. The available heights are 2.0, 4.0 or 6.0mm. The total height from the top of the implant to the top of the abutment is approximately 5.0, 7.0 or 9.0mm, respectively.
Place soft wax to record relative position of abutments.

Record position of abutments in soft wax. Alternatively, abutments could be marked with a wet ink prior to inserting denture for recording an ink transfer mark.

Mark position of abutments on denture.

Liberally relieve denture to accommodate Brevis™ housings and confirm position intra-orally.

Place rubber dam apron over abutments.

Apply Vaseline™ under rubber dam apron.
Chairside Brevis™ Technique

7. Snap Brevis™ housing onto abutments.

8. Sufficiently apply fluid acrylic to Brevis™ housing to prevent displacement of housing upon insertion of denture.

9. Place minimal acrylic into relieved denture.

10. Patient clenches bilaterally on cotton rolls while acrylic sets.

11. Polish excess acrylic from denture and remove palatal coverage for maxillary dentures.
Indirect Transfer Technique

1. Place plastic alignment caps on abutments and record impression.

2. Insert aluminum transfer dies into alignment caps in the impression and pour the master model.

3. Snap Brevis housing on to the aluminum transfer die and block out undercut with stone.

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*Each abutment is packaged with one titanium Brevis housing.

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