

and dynamic dialogue among healthcare providers during the initial treatment planning process is crucial to ensuring the provision of optimal rehabilitative care.

Several factors can influence the cancer surgical treatment plan within the realm of rehabilitation, including:

a) The patient's prognosis and systemic status. b) The potential size and location of the defect. c) Adjunctive therapies (e.g., chemotherapy or radiation) that may affect the surgical outcome. d) Anticipated changes in function and aesthetics post-cancer surgery, as well as the availability, accessibility, and cost of rehabilitative procedures.

Oral rehabilitation has witnessed continuous evolution since the 1960s, marked by the introduction of new techniques and biomaterials [10]. Notably, osseointegrated implants have emerged as a significant advancement in dentistry, serving to replace lost teeth and support prostheses in patients with substantial post-cancer surgery defects.

craniofacial structures, with the highest implant failures occurring in the frontal bone, zygoma, mandible, and nasal maxilla. A lower prevalence of implant failures was noted in the oral maxilla. The use of long fixtures, fixed retention, and adjuvant hyperbaric oxygen therapy reduced implant failures.

Surgical treatment of malignancies in the oral cavity often creates an unfavorable anatomic situation for prosthodontic rehabilitation, particularly in cases involving the tongue, floor of the mouth, alveolus, buccal sulcus, and oropharynx. Post-surgical radiotherapy exacerbates oral functioning issues. Surgical interventions after radiotherapy are preferable to avoid compromised healing, which may lead to the development of radio necrosis in soft tissues and bone, increasing the risk of implant loss. Surgical treatment after radiotherapy requires careful consideration, including measures to prevent implant loss and radio necrosis development, such as antibiotic prophylaxis and/or pre-treatment with hyperbaric oxygen (HBO). Implant placement during ablative surgery should be considered if postoperative radiotherapy is scheduled or likely to be utilized. This approach necessitates thorough pre-surgical examination and multidisciplinary consultation to establish a well-defined treatment plan. The primary focus should always be on the oncological treatment's curative intent and the prognosis for subsequent prosthodontics rehabilitation. In recent years, immediate surgical reconstruction of complex soft-tissue and bone defects resulting from tumor surgery using vascularized free flaps has revolutionized post-surgical oral reconstruction and dental prosthetic rehabilitation. The use of osseointegrated dental implants requires selective prosthetic treatment following ablative surgery and has proven beneficial in some cases. The choice between fixed or removable prostheses depends on technical considerations such as implant position, aesthetic outcomes, psychological considerations related to the acceptability of a removable prosthesis, and economic factors.

Conclusion
