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INTRODUCTORY TALK

The examiner at each level will ask the candidate one introductory question:

Tell me/us in a few words about yourself and your professional duties.

Then examiner will ask three questions on one of the topics listed below.

1. **Choice of profession.**
2. **Education for healthcare professionals.**
3. **Daily routine of the professional.**
4. **Future perspectives of the profession.**
5. **Research and development of the profession.**
6. **Dentistry professional - client relationship.**
7. **Healthcare system.**
8. **Preventive Medicine.**
9. **Role of foreign languages in healthcare.**
10. **Conventional vs. alternative medicine.**

SITUATION

Task: Use the information presented in the table below to interact with the patient in a professional way.
Location: Dental Clinic
You: Dentist
Examiner: 67-year-old patient

FACT SHEET

A 67-year-old patient, after missing teeth for a long time due to an accident, would like to receive new teeth in positions upper right 4 and 6 with the help of implants.

A **dental implant** is a surgical fixture that is placed into the jawbone and allowed to fuse with the bone over the span of a few months. The dental implant acts as a replacement for the root of a missing tooth. In turn, this "artificial tooth root" serves to hold a replacement tooth or bridge. Having a dental implant fused to the jawbone is the closest thing to mimicking a natural tooth because it stands on its own without affecting the nearby teeth and has great stability. Most dental implants are made of titanium, which allows them to integrate with bone without being recognized as a foreign object in our body.

When it comes to **tooth replacement**, generally, there are **three options**:

1. removable dental appliance (complete denture or partial denture),
2. fixed dental bridge (cemented), and
3. dental implant.

Dentures are the more affordable option for replacement teeth but are the least desirable because of the inconvenience of a removable appliance in the mouth. Furthermore, dentures can affect one's taste and sensory experience with food.

Dental bridgework was the more common restorative option prior to the relatively recent shift to dental implant treatment. The main disadvantage to bridgework is the dependence on existing natural teeth for support. Implants are supported by bone only and do not affect surrounding natural teeth.

Deciding on **which option to choose depends on many factors**. Specifically for dental implants, these factors include

- location of missing tooth or teeth,
- quantity and quality of the jawbone where the dental implant is to be placed,
- health of the patient,
- cost, and patient preference.

A dental surgeon examines the area to be considered for the dental implant and makes a clinical assessment of whether the patient is a good candidate for a dental implant. There are great advantages to choosing a dental implant for tooth replacement over the other options. Dental implants are conservative in that missing teeth can be replaced without affecting or altering the adjacent teeth. Furthermore, because dental implants integrate into the bone structure, they are very stable and can have the look and feel of one's own natural teeth.

Source: https://www.medicinenet.com/dental_implants/article.htm

Act out the previously-presented situation based on the following tasks.

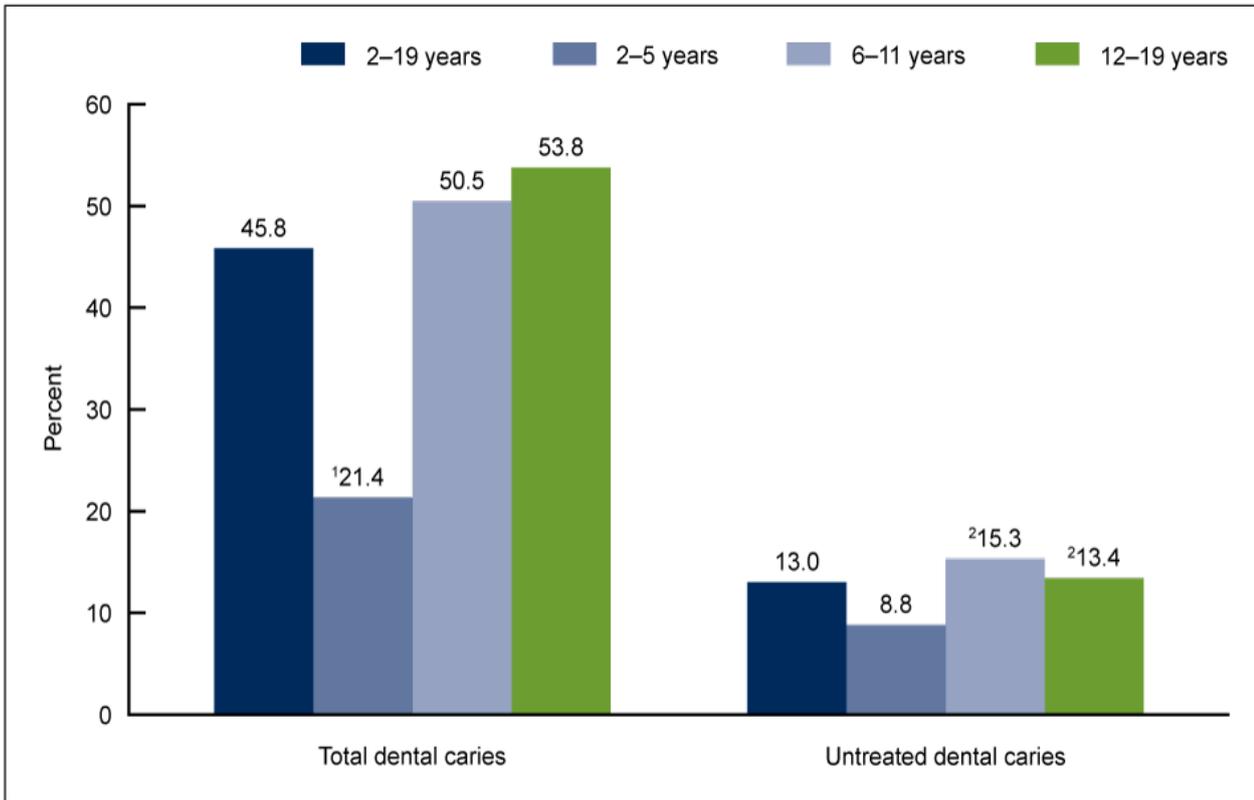
Note: You will be assessed on your ability to communicate not on your reading comprehension or your medical knowledge in the field of medicine.

TASKS

1. Ask the patient about the reason for the visit.
2. Ask about the missing teeth (causes, replacement).
3. Tell the patient about dental implants.
4. Explain the surgical procedure of dental implants to the patient.
5. Explain the outcomes of dental implant placement to the patient.
6. Tell the patient all the options available for tooth replacement.
7. Explain the disadvantages of dentures and bridgework.
8. Explain the most important factors of clinical assessment for dental implants.
9. Summarize the advantages of choosing dental implants.
10. Ask the patient about her concerns and assure her about the success of the procedure.

Describe and explain the following diagram. Present the detailed information in 5-7 minutes.

Figure 1. Prevalence of total dental caries and untreated dental caries in primary or permanent teeth among youth aged 2–19 years, by age: United States, 2015–2016



¹Significant linear trend with increasing age.

²Significantly different from youth aged 2–5 years.

NOTES: Total dental caries included untreated and treated caries. Access data table for Figure 1 at: https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/databriefs/db307_table.pdf#1.

SOURCE: NCHS, National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, 2015–2016.

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