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Connection of Dental Implants to Natural Teeth

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## Increase failures when connected to tooth

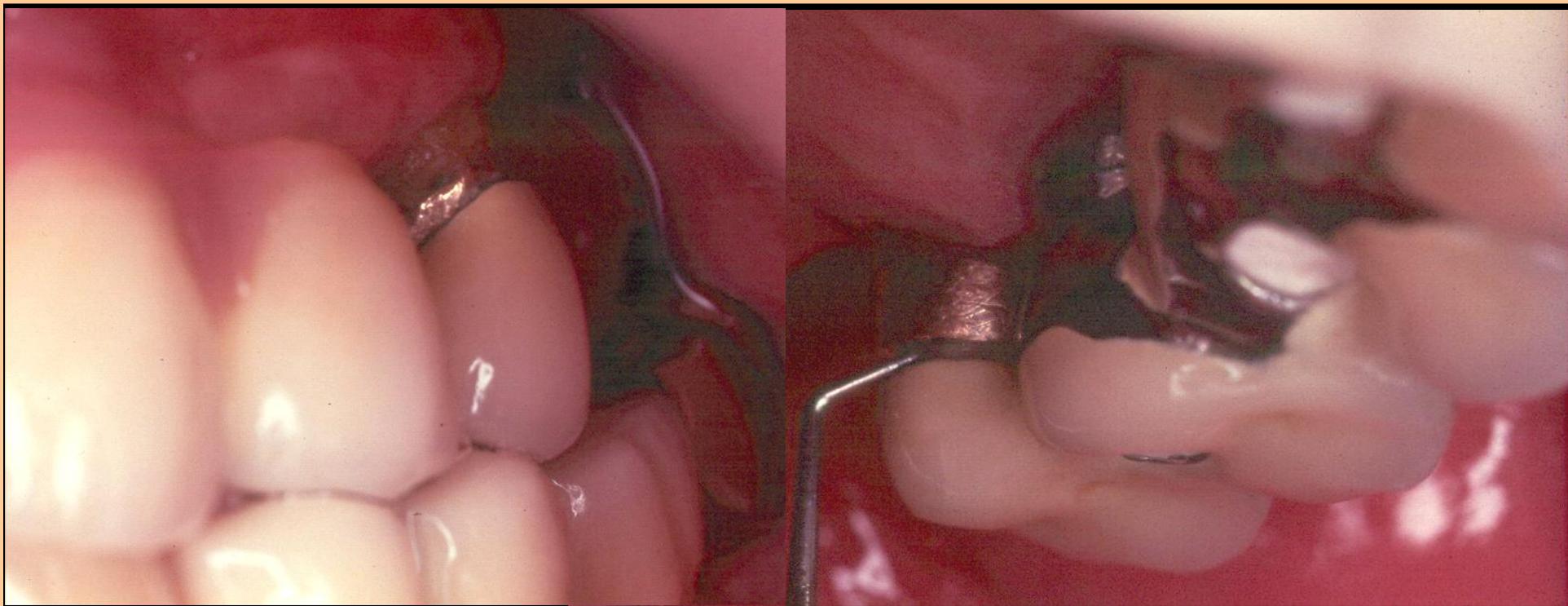
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## Most common design:

Tooth to implant connection with attachment placed between the pontic and the tooth







## Connecting implants to teeth

W. Chee and S. Jivraj

*British Dental Journal* (2006); 201, 629-632

- ❖ Implants and teeth have differential mobility and support.
- ❖ Fixed prostheses supported by implants and teeth suffer more implant failure.
- ❖ When implants and teeth are connected there is a phenomenon of tooth intrusion.
- ❖ An understanding of these points will aid in treatment planning.

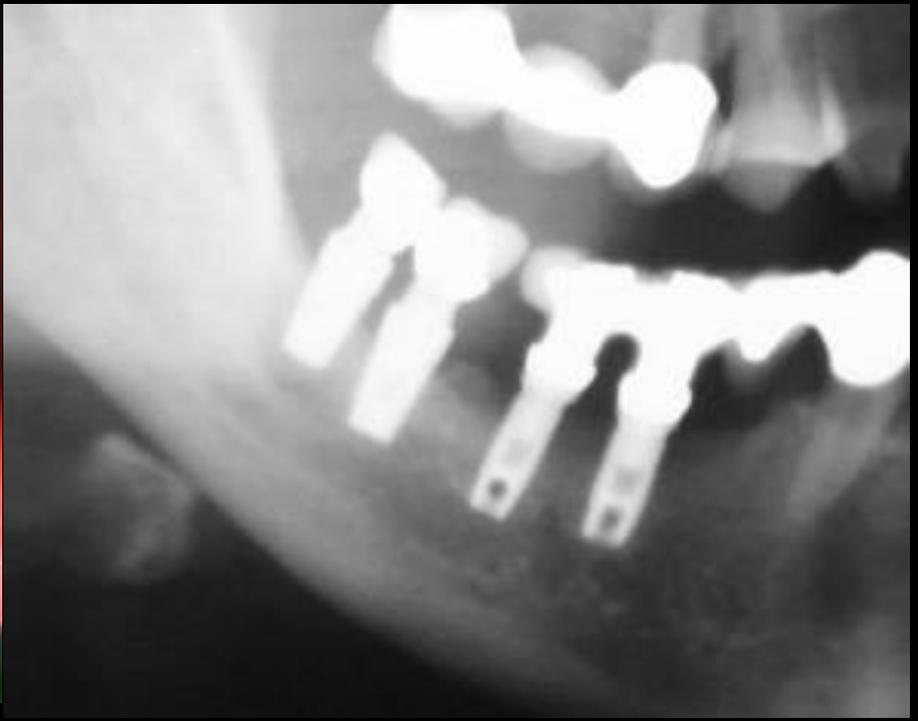


tooth to implant connection  
with attachment placed  
between the implant  
supported restoration and  
pontic.



implants to teeth with connection using a deep removable partial denture-type rest with the rest seat on the implant supported restoration

- Chee W



**Retrospective evaluation of complete-arch fixed partial dentures connecting teeth and implant abutments in patients with normal and reduced periodontal support.**

Cordaro L; Ercoli C; Rossini C; Torsello F; Feng C  
Section of Periodontics and Implant Dentistry, Eastman Dental  
Hospital, University of Rochester Eastman Dental Center,  
Rochester, NY, USA.

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Nickenig HJ; Schäfer C; Spiekermann H

Department of Prosthodontics, School of Dental Medicine, University of Aachen, Pauwelsstrasse 30, G-52074 Aachen, Germany.

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**A systematic review of the survival and complication rates of fixed partial dentures (FPDs) after an observation period of at least 5 years. II. Combined tooth--implant-supported FPDs.**

Lang NP; Pjetursson BE; Tan K; BrÄagger U; Egger M; Zwahlen M  
School of Dental Medicine, University of Berne, Berne, Switzerland.

[Clin Oral Implants Res. 2004; 15\(6\):643-53](#)

Prof. Gisbert Krekeler

of the Periodontology department in  
Freiberg University:

there are **three exceptions** to  
connecting implant to natural teeth



## Exception 1

- ✓ In order to avoid extraction of a key tooth in borderline cases, we can fix it to a series of implants.
- ✓ This can only be done if certain criteria are met e.g. number, length and diameter of the implants and bone quality.

*by Prof. Gisbert Krekeler*

## Exception 2

- ✓ In order to retain the natural feeling of chewing, the remaining teeth should be included in the superstructure of the implants to get a feedback system that obtains it by PDL.

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## Exception 3

- ✓ Where for anatomical reasons, the implant cannot stand alone i.e. the number, length or diameter of the implants are insufficient. In those cases the natural teeth help to support them. This connection is a **compromised** treatment method.

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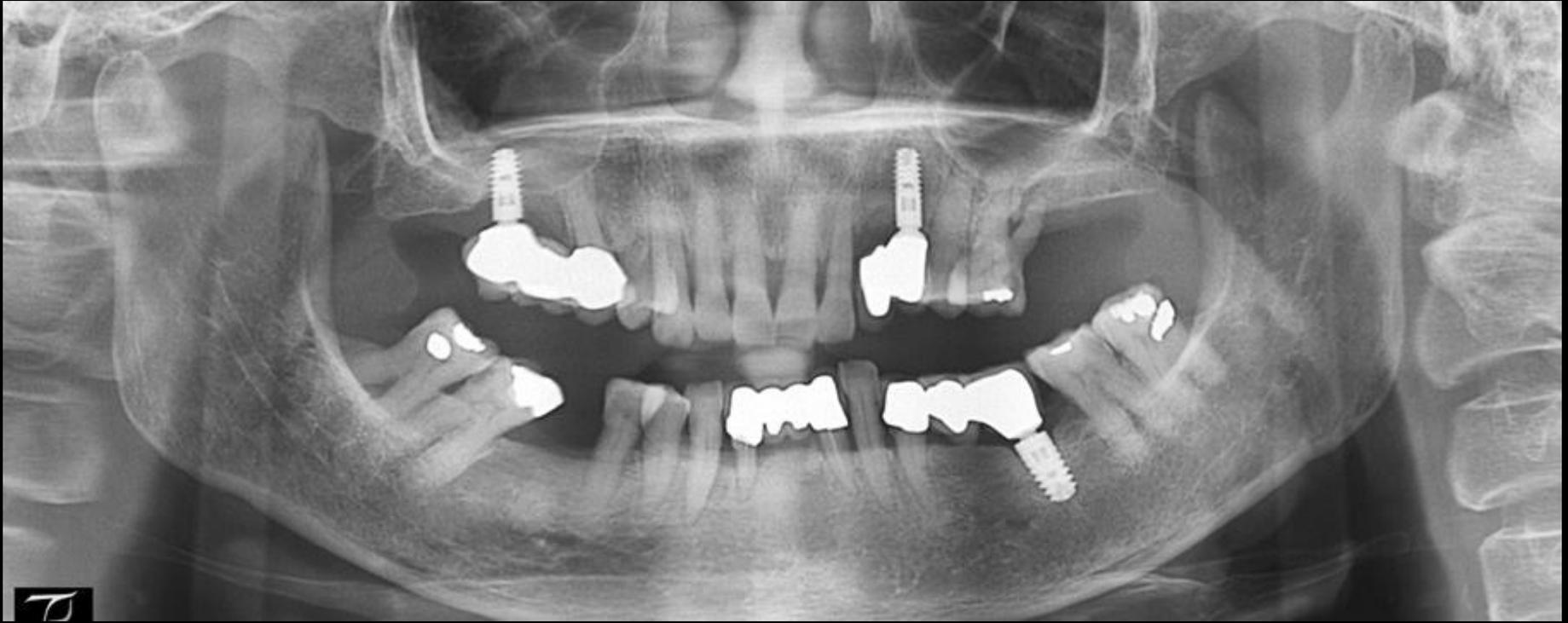
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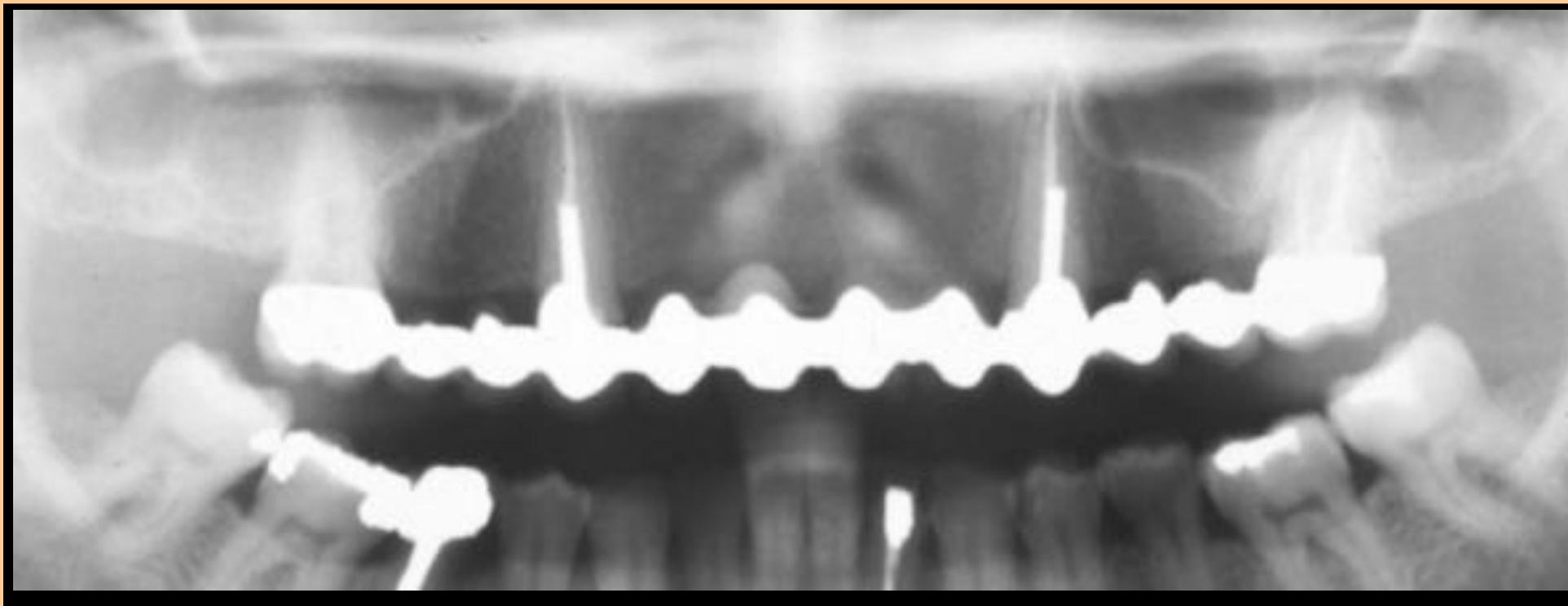


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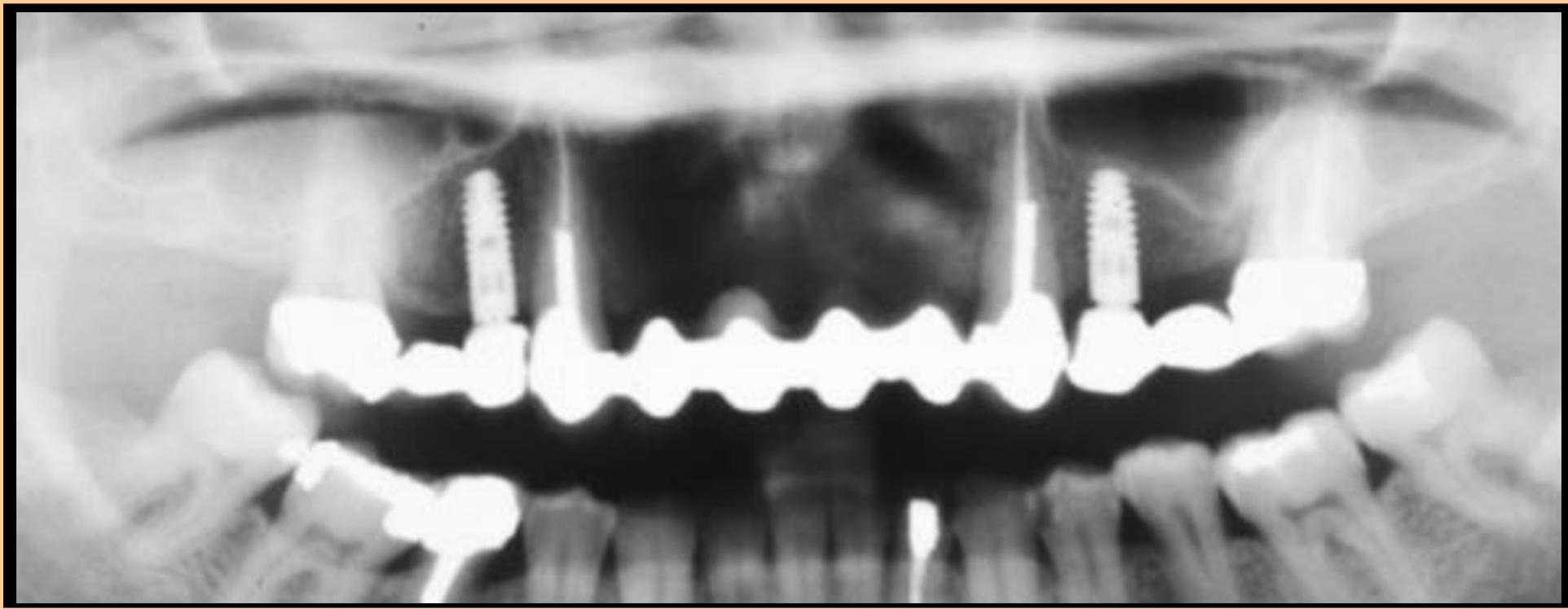


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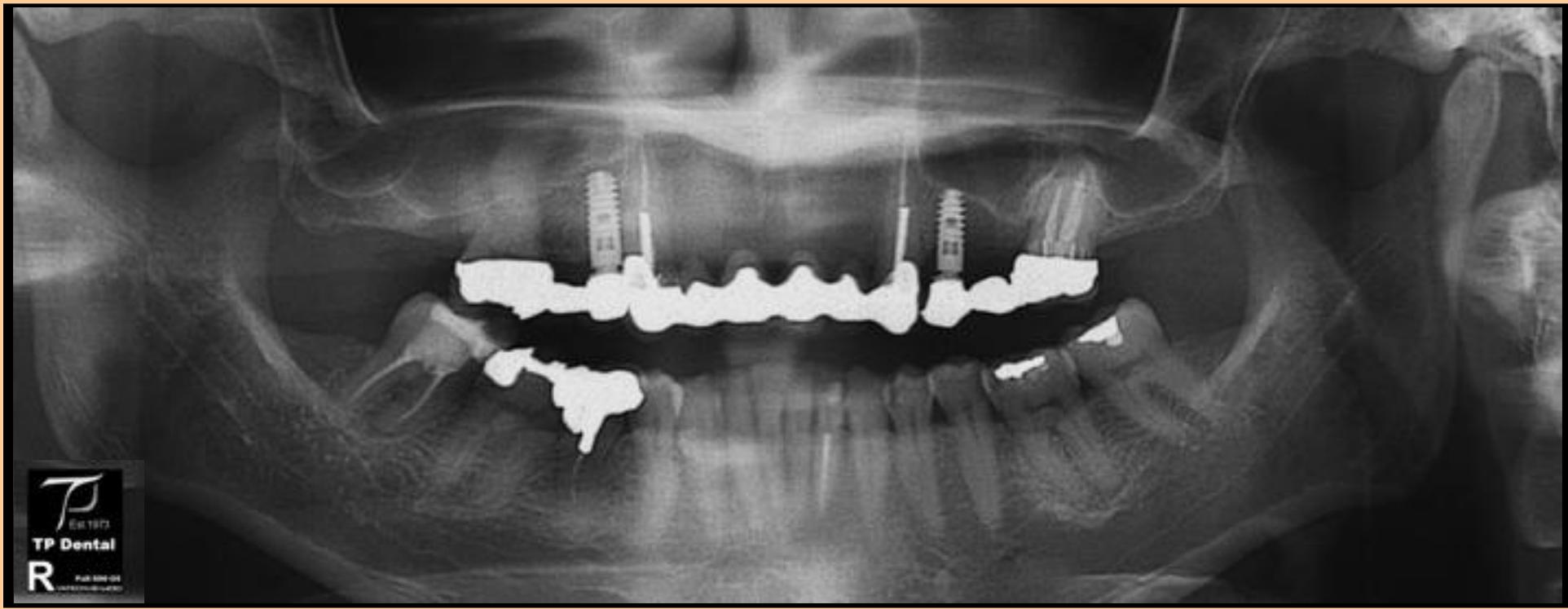




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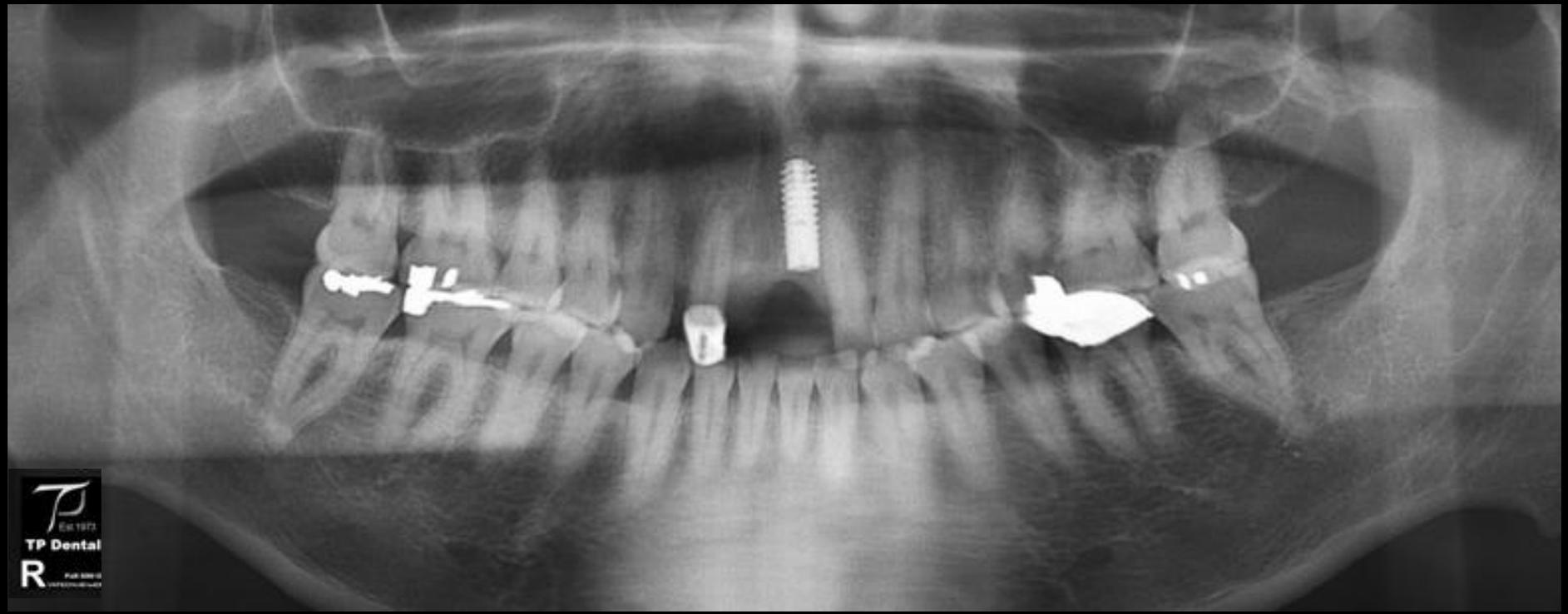
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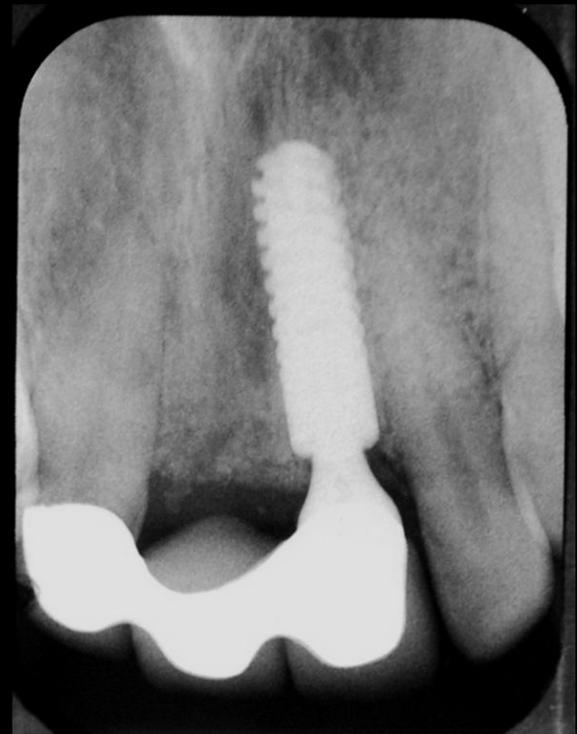
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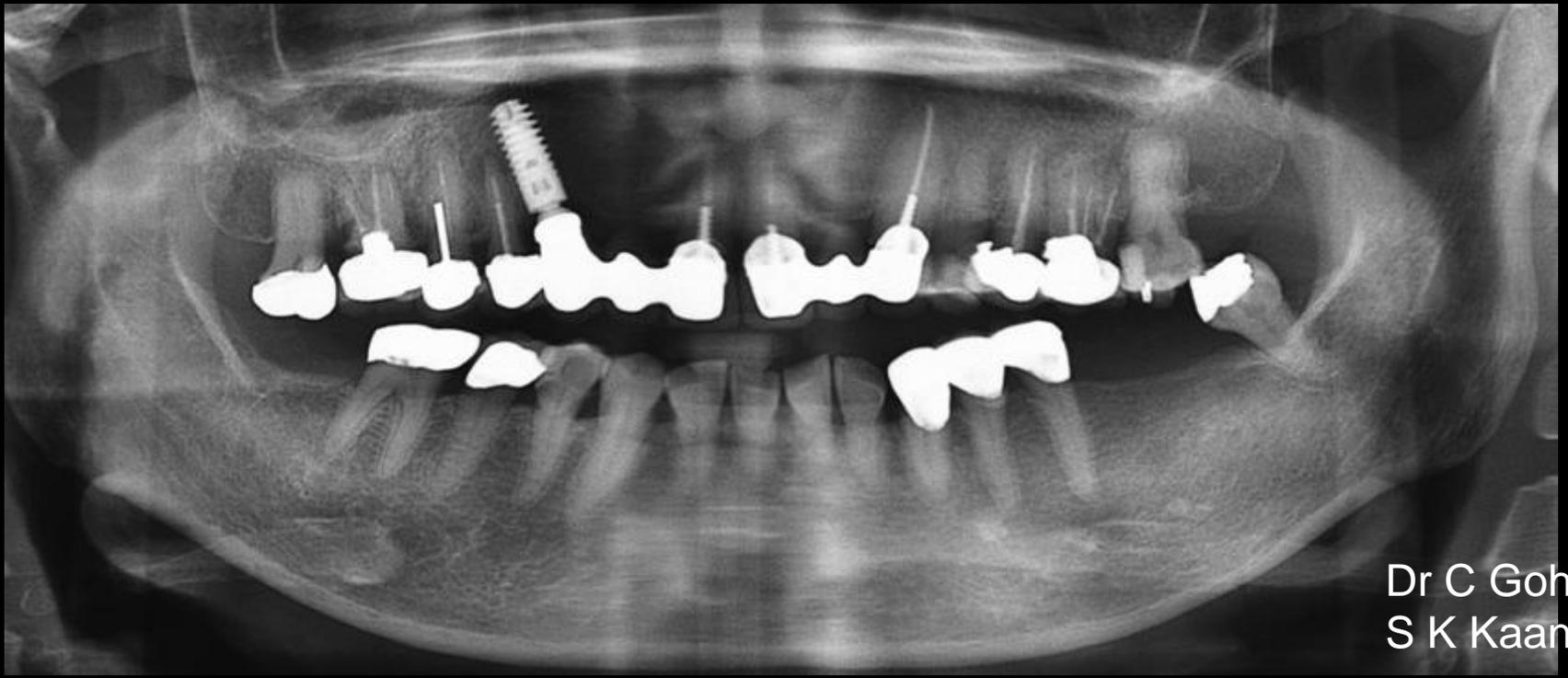


  
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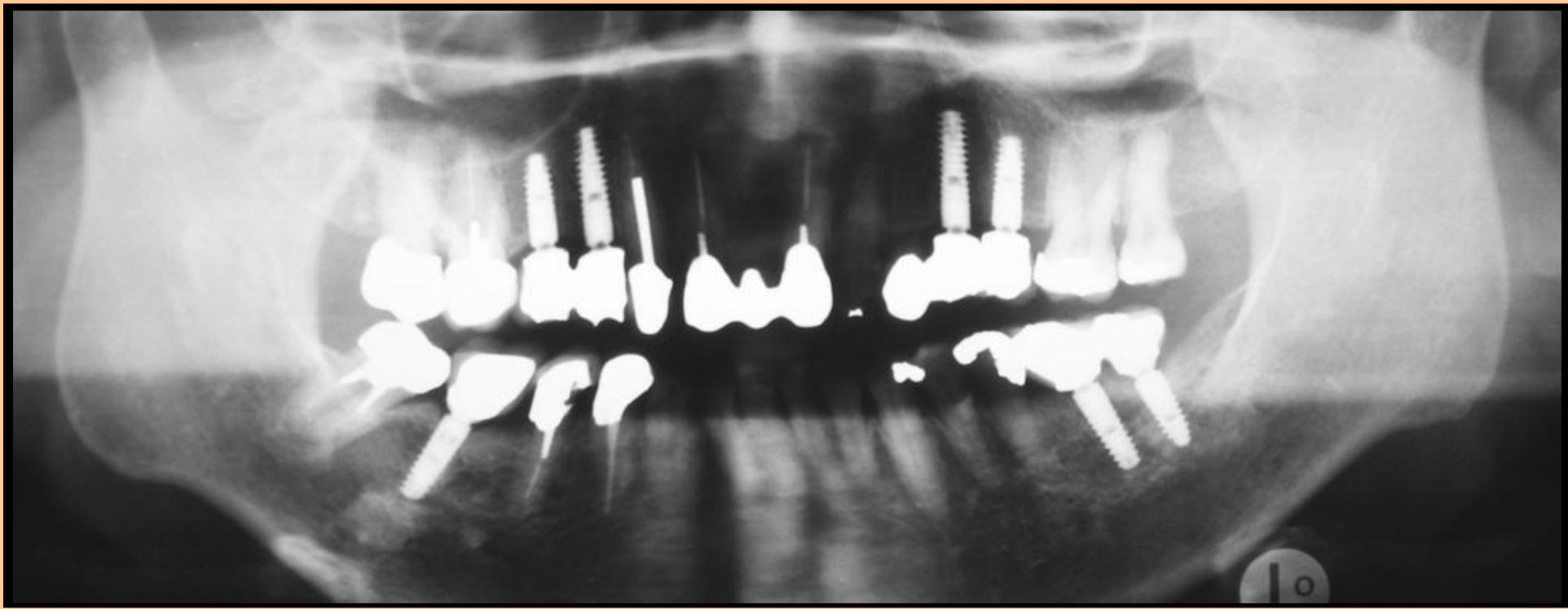
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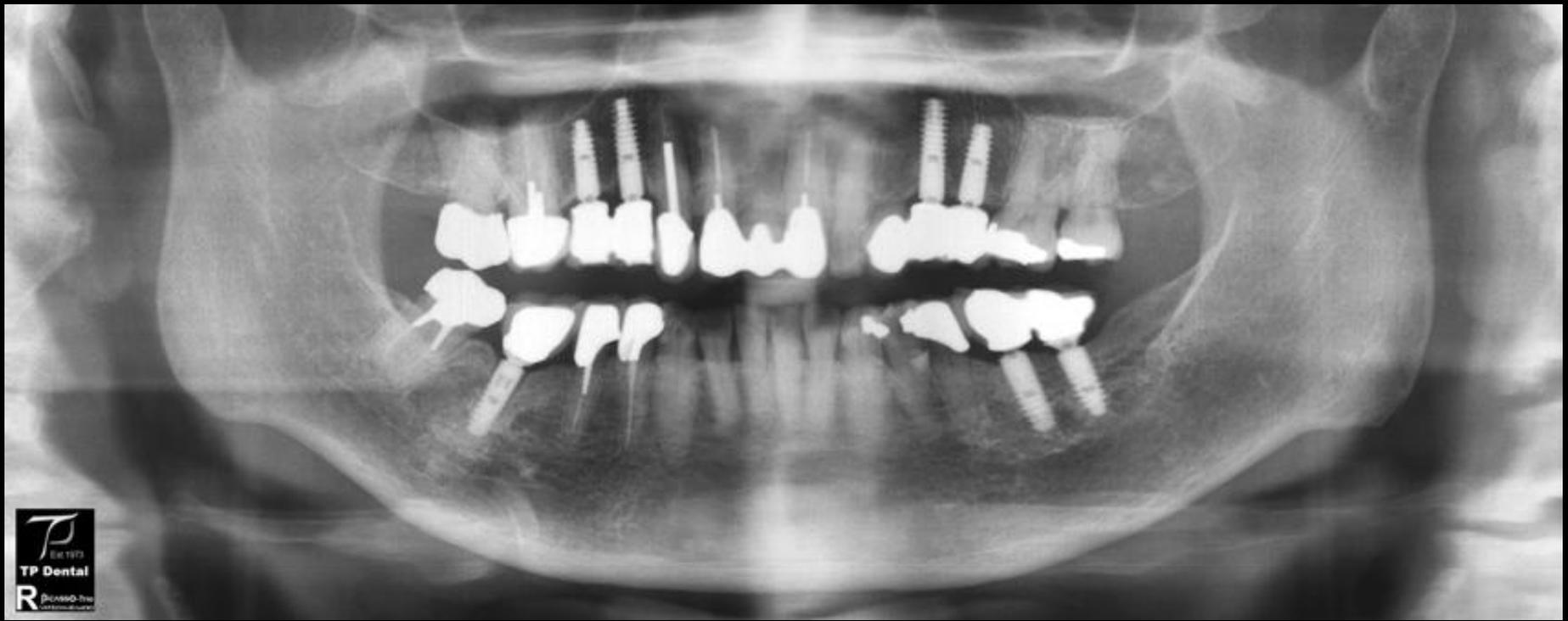
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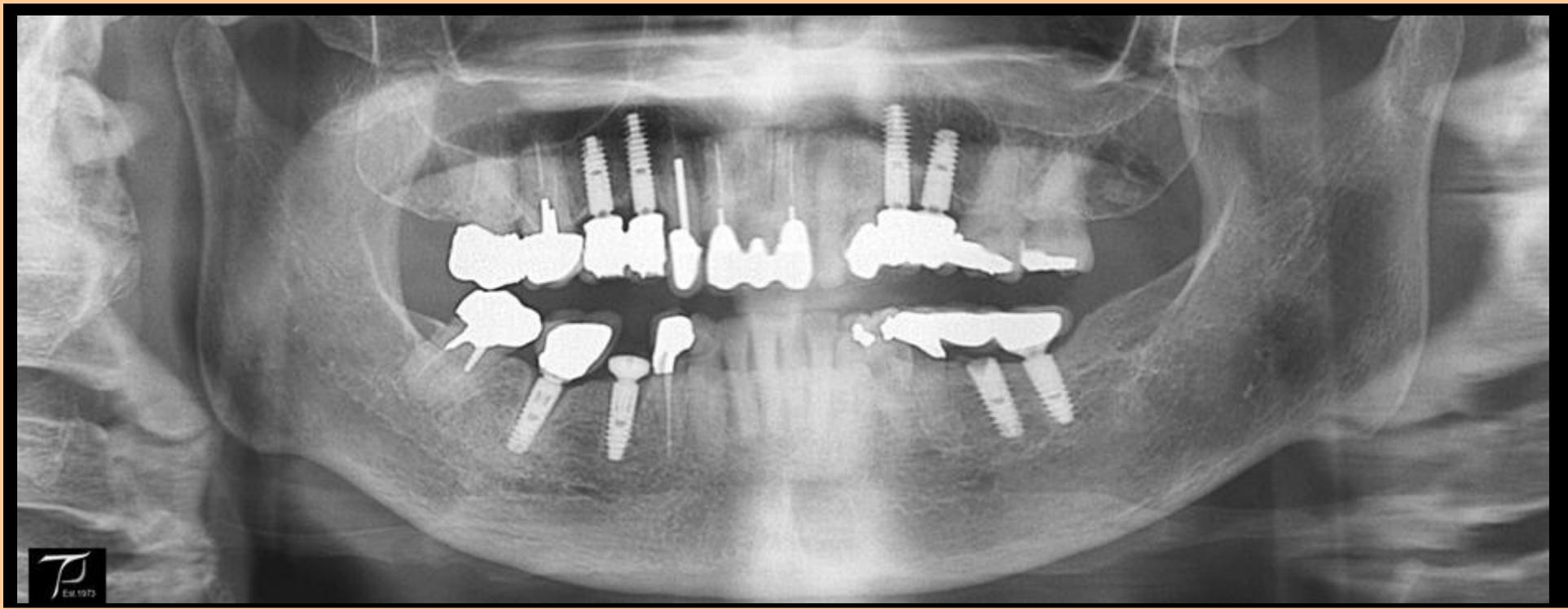






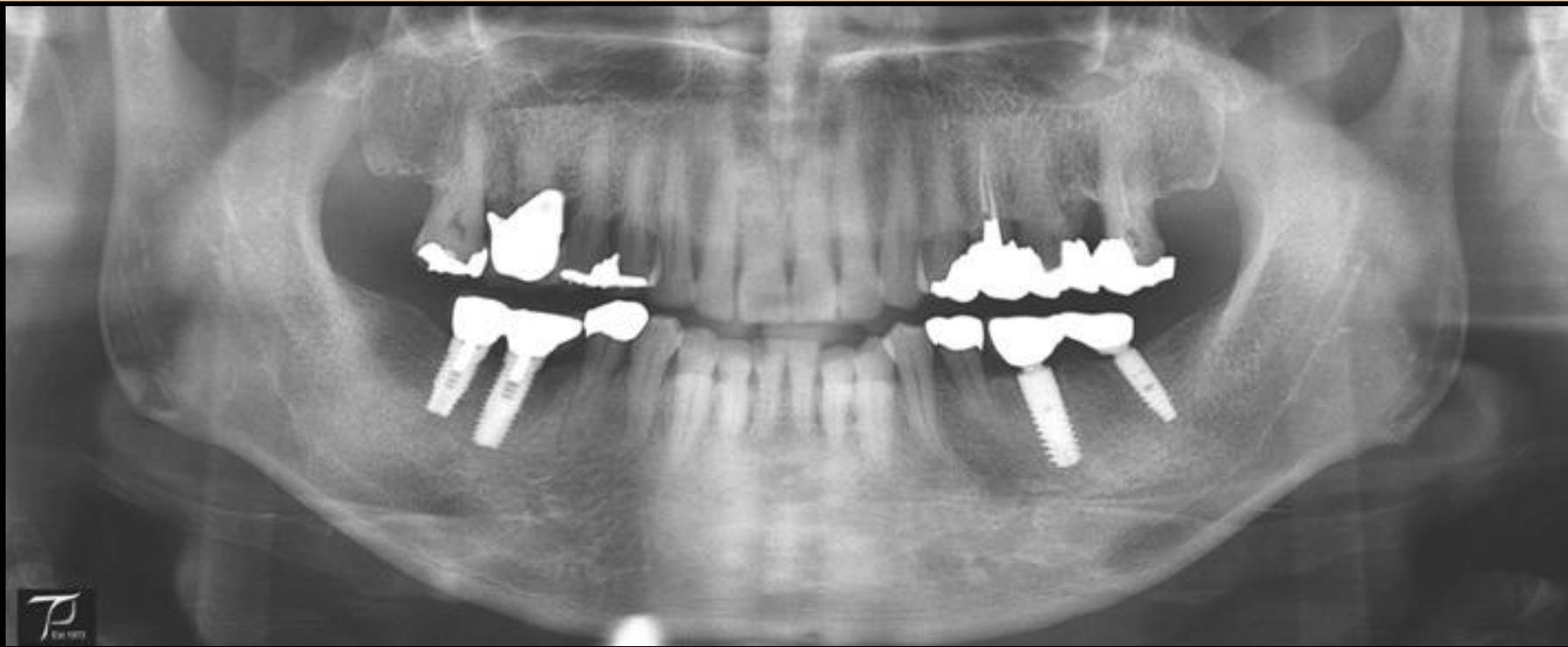






  
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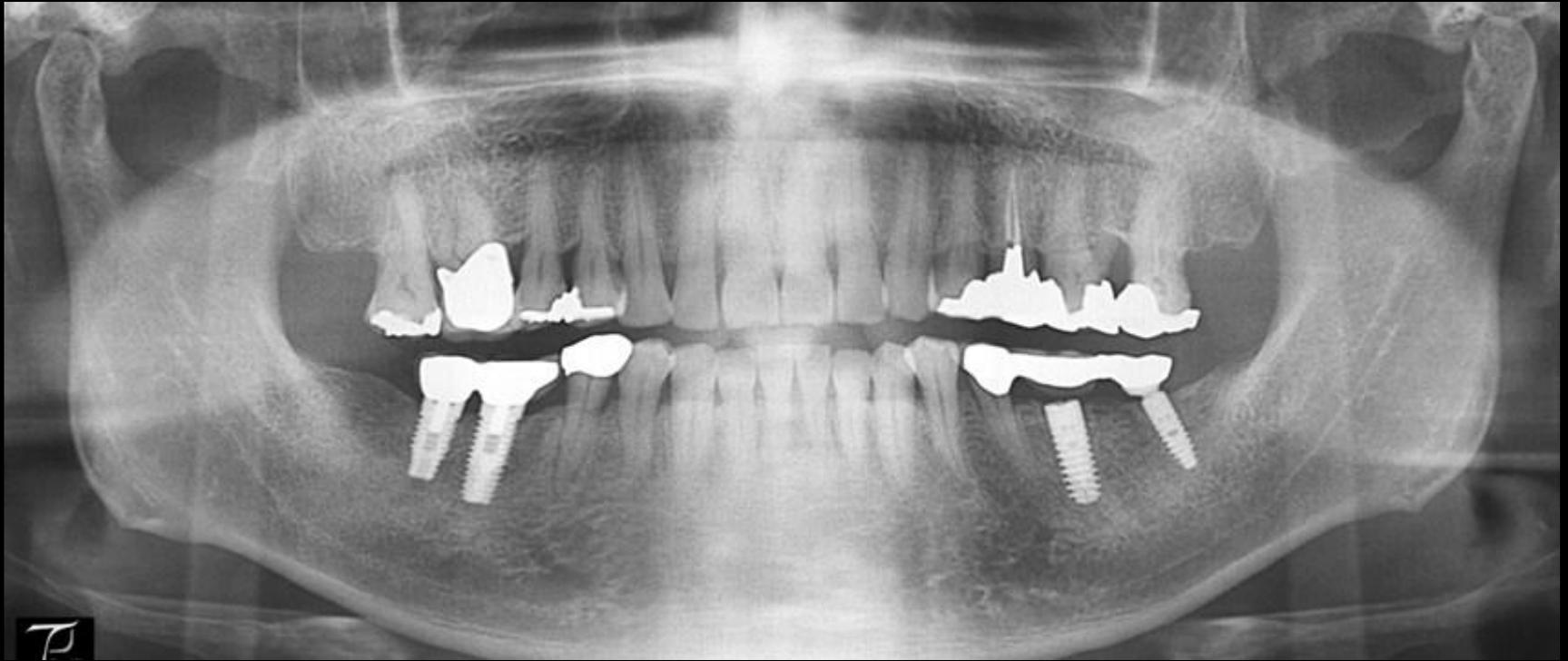


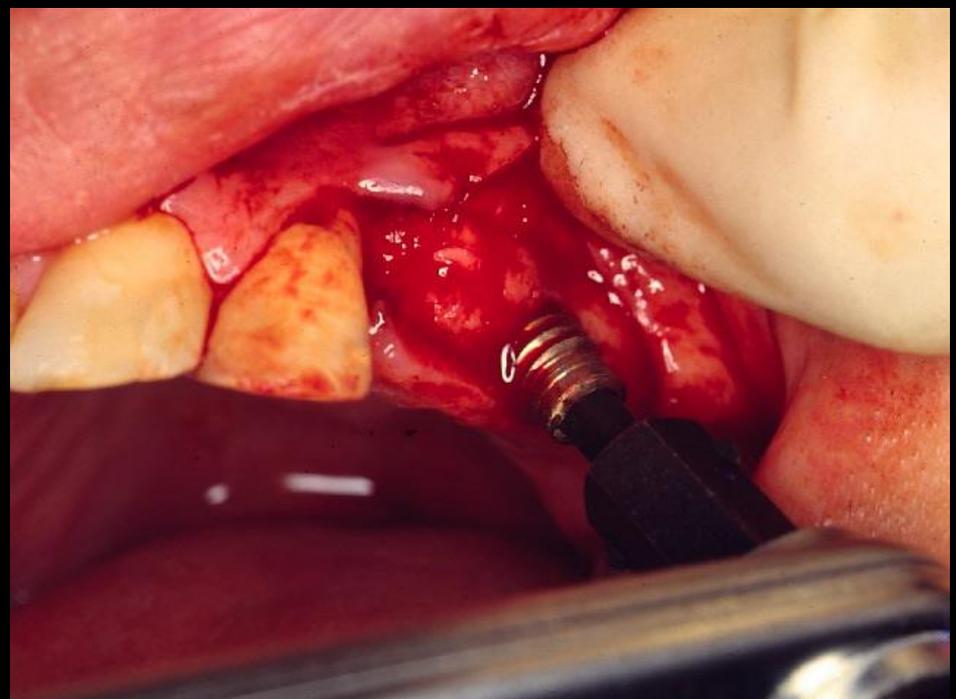


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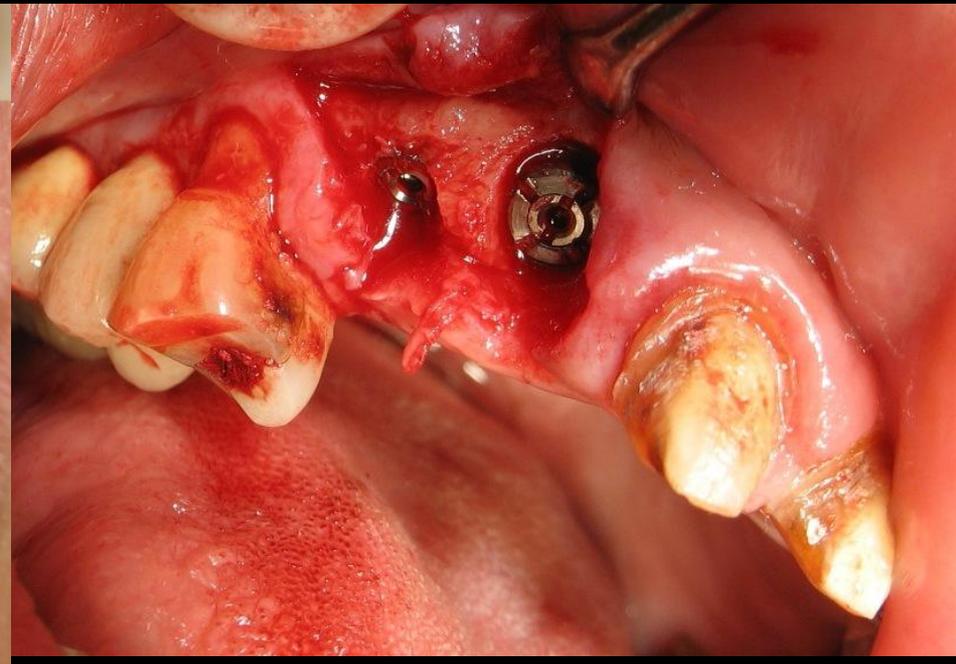


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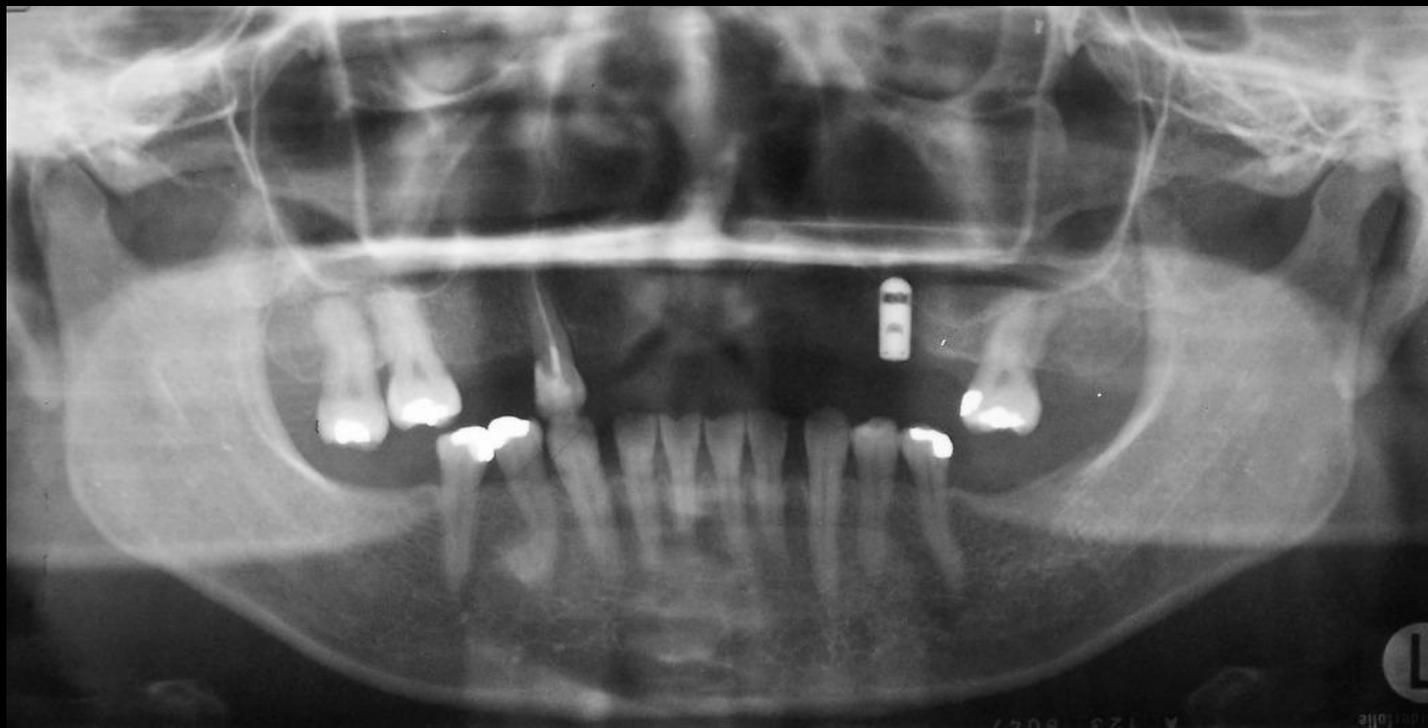


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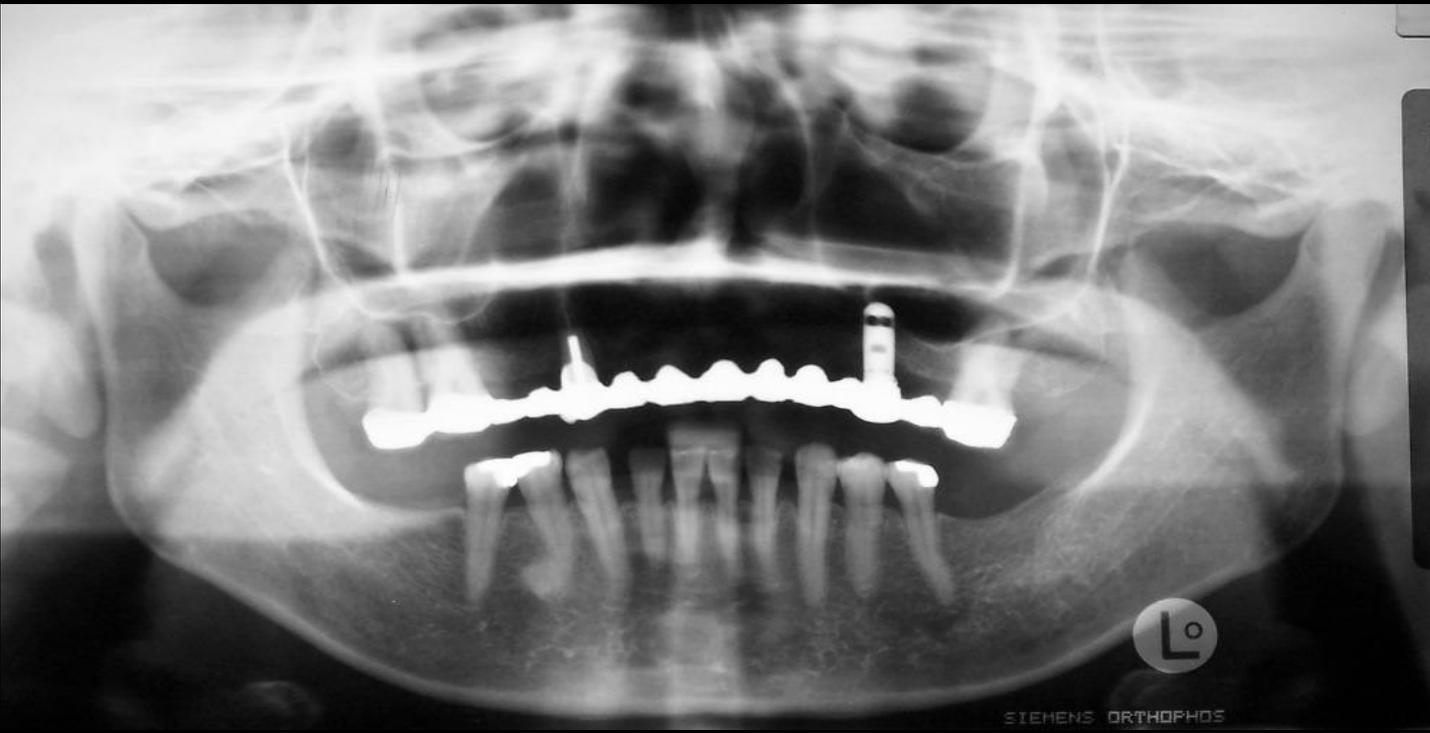




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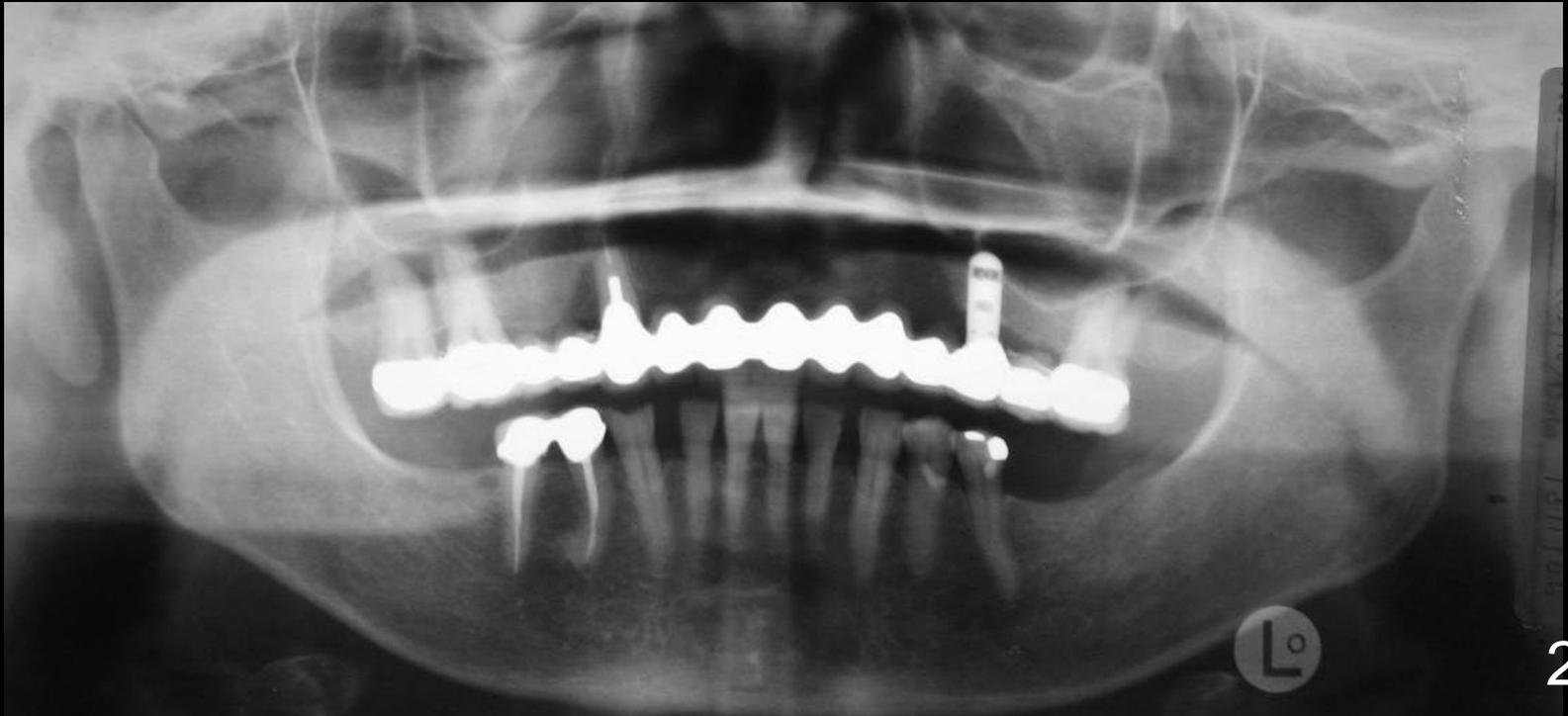


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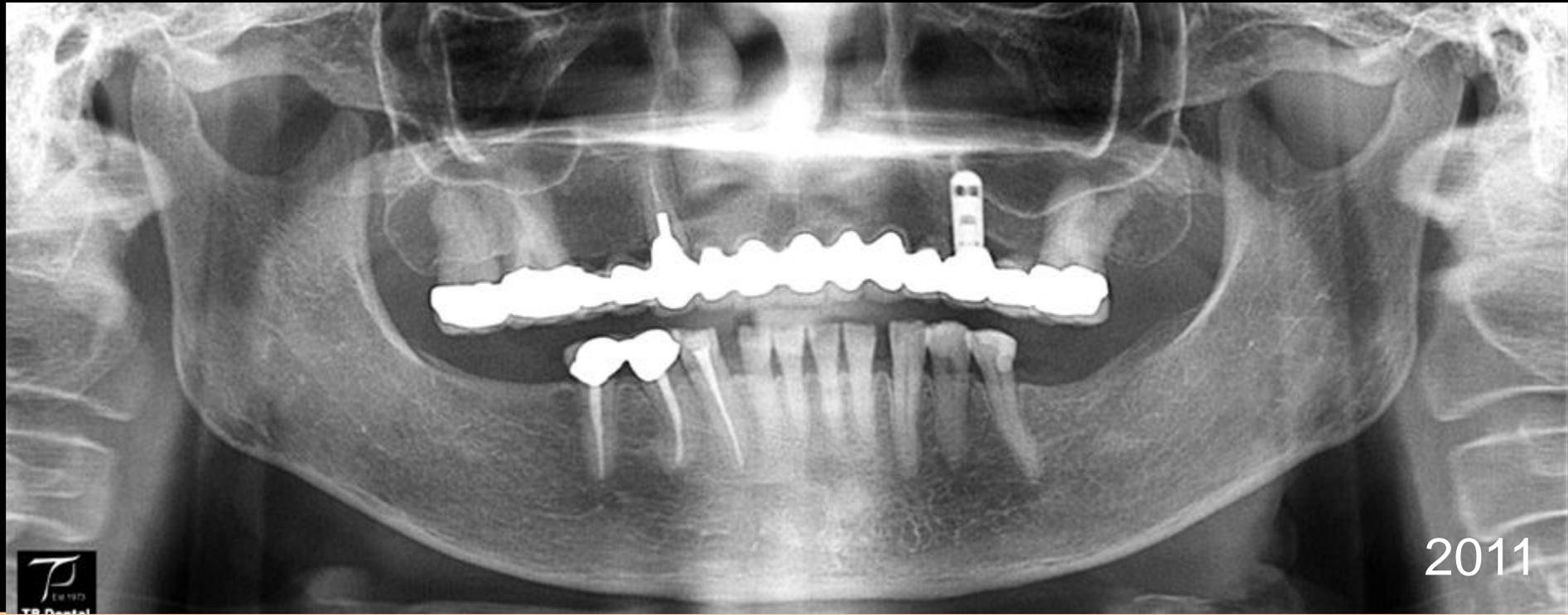








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## **Clinical Practice Guidelines**

### **11. Connection of Dental Implants to Natural Teeth**

- ❖ implant-implant connection wherever possible
- ❖ rigid implant-tooth connection is recommended in indicated situations, but
- ❖ more biological and mechanical complications are expected in the longer term

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