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Guideline 2022: Cologne ABC Risk Score for implant treatment

Risk assessment at a glance with the updated guideline of the 17th European Consensus Conference (EuCC)

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After ten years, the guideline on the Cologne ABC Risk Score has been revised and updated. The 17th European Consensus Conference (EuCC) of BDIZ EDI conducted this year's proceedings using remote communication technology.

Held in conjunction with the Expert Symposium, the European Consensus Conference (EuCC) discussed the topic "Cologne ABC Risk Score for implant treatment". As every year, the results of the conference were condensed into a BDIZ EDI guideline designed to assist dental implantologists in assessing the individual complexity of a given impantological procedure, thereby contributing to minimizing risks associated with implant therapy.

The EuCC hosted by Professor Hans-Joachim Nickenig, University of Cologne, discussed a working paper submitted by members of the BDIZ EDI and the University of Cologne. Using a simple ABC system, possibly and attractively visualized in four colours, clinicians are given the opportunity to assess the risk of their planned implant treatment.

There are four partial scores: medical history, local findings, surgical, restorative. Each partial score is given a summary rating, with the results – like the criteria – expressed in terms of the colours green, yellow and orange, corresponding to

A = Always lowest assessed risk, green

B = Between medium risk, yellow

C = Complex increased risk, orange

Red is reserved for cases where the risk assessment shows that treatment at issue may not be recommended – which is not the same as being contraindicated. "We do not want to issue any contraindications, but if a partial score is red, the therapy in question may not be recommended", says Professor Jörg Neugebauer, Secretary General of BDIZ EDI.

Compared to the previous version, Neugebauer points out that certain changes have been made, particularly in the area of medication.

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