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**My patient is back with an implant.
Now what?**

PROFILE

Dr. Druthil Belur is a Prosthodontist. He is amongst a handful of U.S. trained Prosthodontists in Asia. His speciality includes smile makeovers, cosmetic dentistry, complex reconstructions, and implant dentistry. He obtained his Master's at Baylor College of Dentistry (Dallas, USA) and his DMD at Goldman School of Dental Medicine (Boston, USA). Originally from Bangalore, he graduated with a BDS in 2003 at R.V. Dental College, Bangalore. He is currently licensed to practice in California, and is an active member of various organizations in the United States. After practicing in Boston, Dallas and San Francisco for over 15 years, he moved back to India in 2018 as the Clinical Director at Dental Lavelle.

I intend to discuss the workflow with Dental Implants once the Specialist/referring Dentist has sent a patient back after successfully placing an Implant. I intend to cover basics such as components of an implant prosthetic kits and most frequently used implant related prosthetic parts. I will discuss impression techniques and details associated with it such as: a basic impression technique; open tray vs closed tray with literature/studies to support it; steps for fabricating a custom healing abutment; how to contour provisionals and why; soft tissue augmentation options and rationale for it. Cement retained vs Screw retained will be discussed, citing recent literature and current trends. I will go through material selection and recent developments. I would like to stress on the importance of implant planning from a restorative/prosthetic perspective. I will discuss how digital dentistry can be incorporated in to implant dentistry such as: implant planning with a software; fabricating a surgical guide that the restorative dentist can give the surgeon; steps involved with optical impressions of implants and different milling machines that are available, both in office and laboratory based.