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3D-REGENERATIVE TISSUE GRAFT

Scientific and clinical evidence

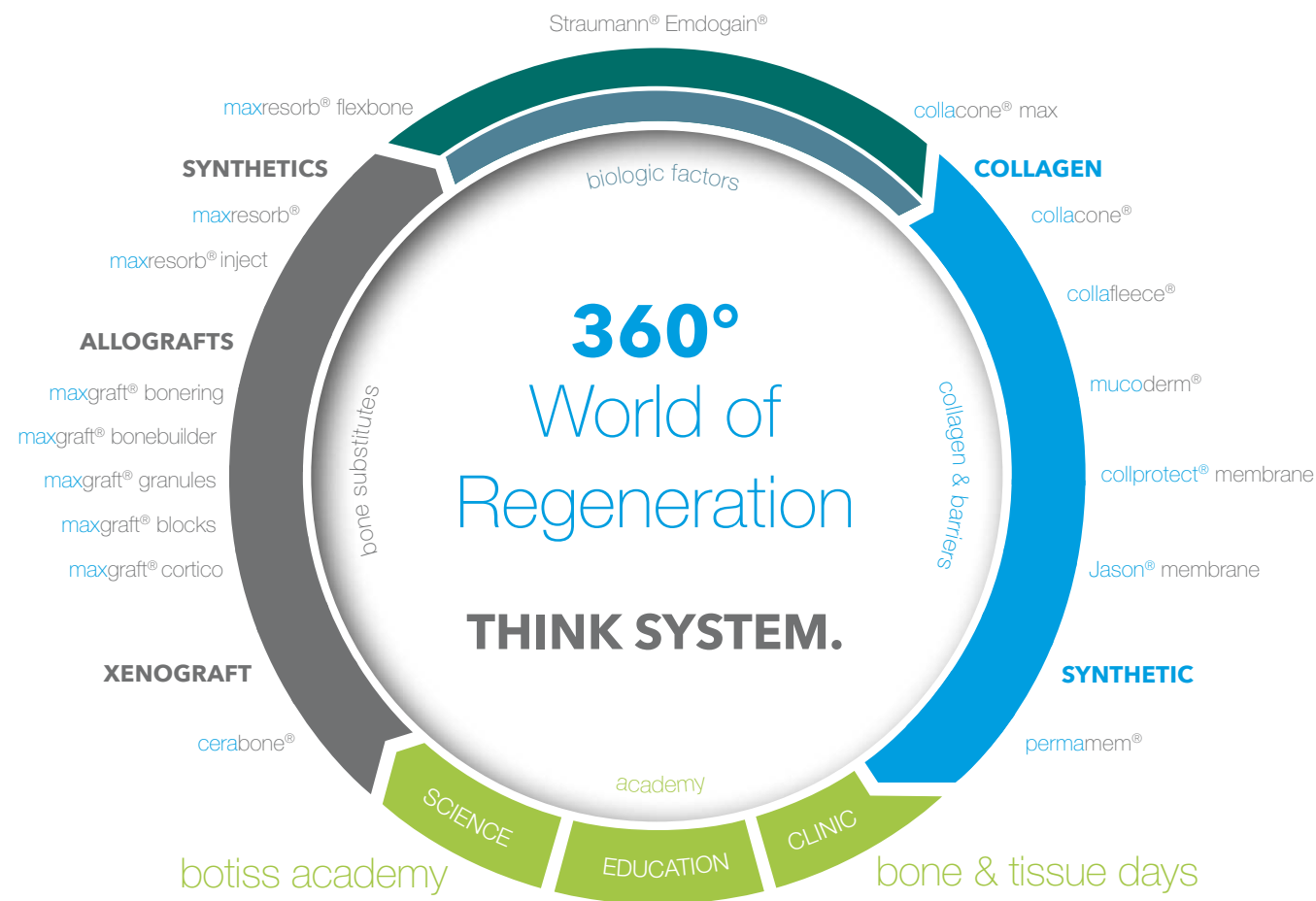
soft tissue

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stable

three-dimensional

botiss regeneration system



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cerabone® Natural bovine bone graft	maxgraft® cortico Processed allogenic bone plate	maxgraft® bonebuilder Processed allogenic bone graft	maxgraft® bonering Patient matched allogenic bone implant	maxgraft® bone ring Processed allogenic bone ring	maxresorb® inject Synthetic injectable bone paste	maxresorb® flexbone Synthetic biphasic calcium phosphate	maxresorb® cortico Flexible blocks (CaP / Collagen composite)
Straumann® Emdogain® Enamel matrix derivative	collacone® max Flexible cone (CaP / Collagen composite)	collacone® Collagen hemostat (Cone)	collafleece® Collagen hemostat (Sponge)	mucoder® 3D-stable soft tissue (Collagen) graft	collprotect® membrane Native collagen membrane	Jason® membrane Native pericardium GBR / GTR membrane	permamem® High-density PTFE barrier membrane

Periodontal surgery and soft tissue grafts

Importance of periodontal plastic surgery

The growing demand for aesthetic procedures has recently led to an increased interest in periodontal plastic surgery, resulting in the development of new surgical techniques and concepts. Gingival recessions as well as reductions of the mucosa around pontics/dental implants or the reduced width of the keratinized gingiva may have a significant impact on the patient's smile. Beside aesthetic reasons, several indications require the treatment of soft tissue deficiencies.



Clinical consequences of soft tissue reduction

Despite the ongoing debate about the meaning of keratinized gingiva, most scientists and clinicians agree that a sufficiently broad band of keratinized tissue exerts a positive effect on the tooth health and long-term prognosis of dental implants. Not only does the attached gingiva provide protection against mechanical traumas, it also acts as a barrier against the penetration of bacteria and food particles. Studies are still debating if a reduction in the width of the keratinized gingiva is associated with an increased risk of infections, loss of attachment, and higher plaque accumulation. Such situations may favor gingival recessions, which in turn may lead to hypersensitivity of tooth roots, root caries, and, at worst, tooth loss.

Mucosal- and connective tissue grafts

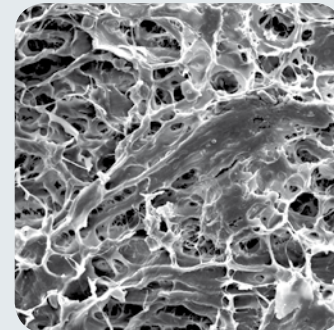
Today, modern techniques of plastic-aesthetic periodontal surgery ensure a satisfactory regeneration of soft tissue deficiencies in the majority of cases. Free mucosal- and subepithelial connective tissue grafts, both commonly harvested from the palate, are frequently used. Despite their clinical success, their use is associated with significant disadvantages. For instance, when harvesting autologous tissue a second surgical site is created, which may result in increased post-operative pain as well as a higher risk of infections and complications. In addition, the quality of the harvested tissue varies from patient to patient, and its limited availability may become an issue, particularly for the correction of larger soft tissue defects or multiple recessions.

In order to overcome these issues, allogenic and porcine acellular collagen matrices have been developed. mucoder® is a xenogenic matrix produced by botiss that offers a valid alternative to autologous soft tissue grafts.

mucoderm®

3D-REGENERATIVE TISSUE GRAFT

mucoderm® is a natural, non-cross-linked tissue matrix, consisting of collagen type I and III, which strongly resembles the native structure of the human dermis. In a natural enzymatic process mucoderm® is integrated into the surrounding tissue and replaced by the patient's own connective tissue. The natural collagen network of mucoderm® that results from the multistep purification process acts as a scaffold for soft tissue cells and blood vessels.

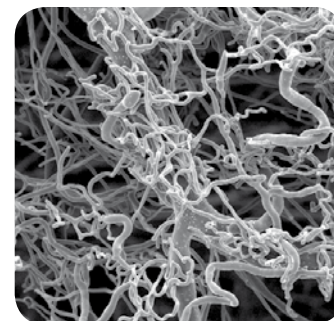


The porous structure of the mucoderm® surface enables the ingrowth of micro-vessels and soft tissue cells

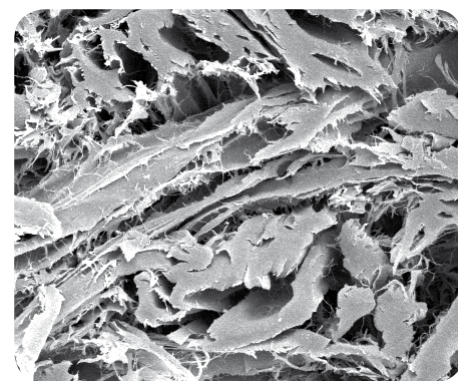
During the healing process, mucoderm® is vascularized and integrated into the surrounding tissue. For a broad range of indications mucoderm® serves as a safe alternative to autologous connective tissue grafts.

Natural, three-dimensional collagen structure

The mucoderm® matrix is made of pure porcine collagen without any artificial/chemical cross-linking. Scanning electron microscopic pictures of mucoderm® show its rough surface and open-porous collagen network that acts as a guiding structure for soft tissue cells and blood vessels.



Corrosion preparation showing a vascular network running through the mucoderm® matrix



Compact collagen structure of mucoderm®

PROPERTIES

- Native collagen matrix
- Fast vascularization and integration
- Soft tissue graft avoiding the need for autograft harvesting
- Complete remodeling into patient's own tissue in ~six to nine months
- Rapid hydration
- Easy handling

General product handling of mucoderm®

HYDRATION

A sufficiently long hydration of mucoderm® prior to application is necessary. Hydration should be performed in sterile saline solution or blood for five to 20 minutes, depending on the technique used and the desired flexibility of the matrix—the flexibility of the mucoderm® graft increases with hydration time.

TRIMMING



Trimming of hydrated mucoderm® with a scalpel

The size and shape of the matrix should be adapted to the size of the defect. After hydration, mucoderm® can be easily trimmed to the desired size with a scalpel or a pair of scissors. Rounding off the edges following brief hydration of the matrix can prevent a perforation of the gingival tissue during flap closure.

For the coverage of multi-recession defects, the surface of mucoderm® can be extended by cutting the matrix on alternating sides (mesh-graft technique) and pulling it.

EXPOSURE

mucoderm® should only be left for open healing, if a revitalization from the surrounding or underlying wound bed is ensured. Exposure should always be avoided when used for recession coverage. Open healing is feasible in the case of a vestibuloplasty, if mucoderm® is sutured to the periosteum.



Convenient handling of mucoderm® after hydration in blood

FIXATION

When a split-thickness flap is used, a close contact between the periosteal wound bed and the immobilized mucoderm® matrix should be ensured by suturing the matrix to the intact periosteum using single-interrupted- or crossed sutures.

SUTURING

A tension-free flap closure is always recommended.

mucoderm® trimmed for application with the mesh-graft-technique



Handling Tips

Hydration

from five to 20 minutes

Trimming

use a scalpel or a pair of scissors to cut to the desired shape

Exposure

mucoderm® should only be left for open healing, if a revitalization from the surrounding or underlying wound bed is ensured

Fixation

suturing of mucoderm® helps to prevent micromovements

Scientific results

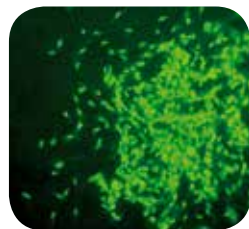


Biocompatibility

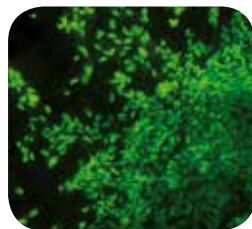
affirmed by MTT-based cell viability assay¹

The viability assay supports the high biocompatibility of the mucoderm® three-dimensional collagen matrix *in vitro*.

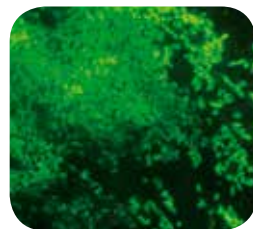
The MTT test demonstrated a significantly higher viability of gingival fibroblasts, endothelial cells, and osteoblasts on mucoderm® compared to the control at day six *in vitro* (p<0.05).



Gingival fibroblasts on mucoderm®



HUVEC cells on mucoderm®

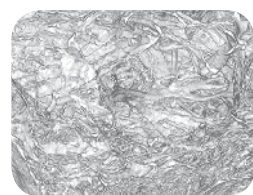
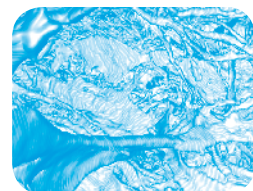


Osteoblasts on mucoderm®

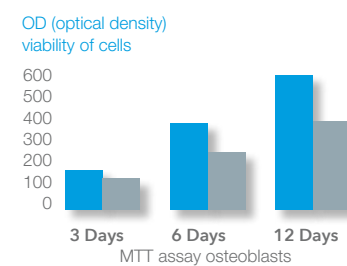
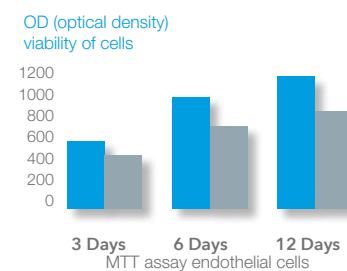
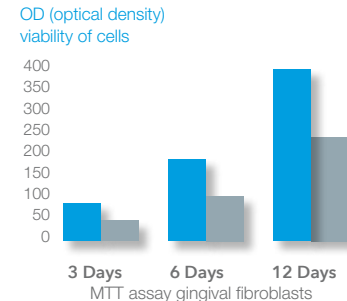
mucoderm® is characterized by a high interconnected porosity and natural collagen structure

Visualization of the open porous collagen structure of mucoderm® by the innovative synchrotron-based x-ray tomography².

The unique structure of the matrix strongly resembles that of the human dermis and supports the ingrowth of cells and blood vessels, thereby promoting a fast tissue integration of mucoderm®.



In vitro testing

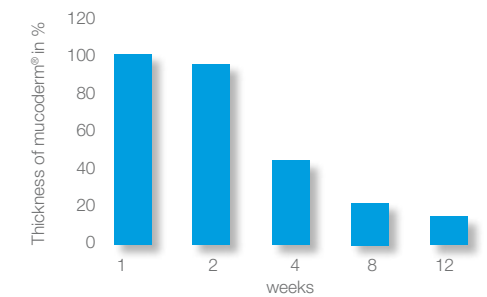


Tissue integration and degradation of mucoderm®

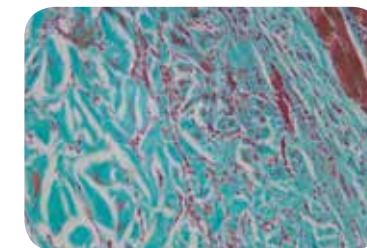
Results from Prof. Dr. Dr. Daniel Rothamel

after subcutaneous implantation of mucoderm® in rats³

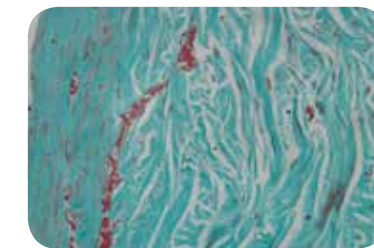
After only two weeks, mucoderm® showed an extensive ingrowth of blood vessels as well as an inflammation-free healing with superficial cell invasion. In the following four to eight weeks, a continuous degradation with an increasing homogeneous cell distribution can be observed. After eight weeks, 20% of the original matrix volume functioning as scaffold for the formation and reorganization of the connective tissue.



After 12 weeks, mucoderm® was almost completely replaced by newly formed connective tissue (please note that a period of one month in rats corresponds to approximately three months in humans).



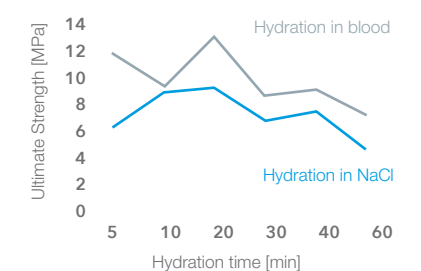
mucoderm® demonstrates a very good tissue integration and initial cell invasion after two weeks



Complete remodeling of mucoderm® and inflammation-free connective tissue were observed after 12 weeks *in vivo*

Biomechanics and hydration of mucoderm®

The hydration protocol and its influence on the biomechanical properties of mucoderm® were analyzed in a study of Prof. Dr. Adrian Kasaj⁴. mucoderm® demonstrated optimal mechanical properties after hydration for ten to 20 minutes. A rehydration in blood can improve the biomechanical properties of mucoderm®. Notably, prolonged hydration (30 to 60 minutes) showed only minor effects on the biomechanical properties of the collagen matrix.



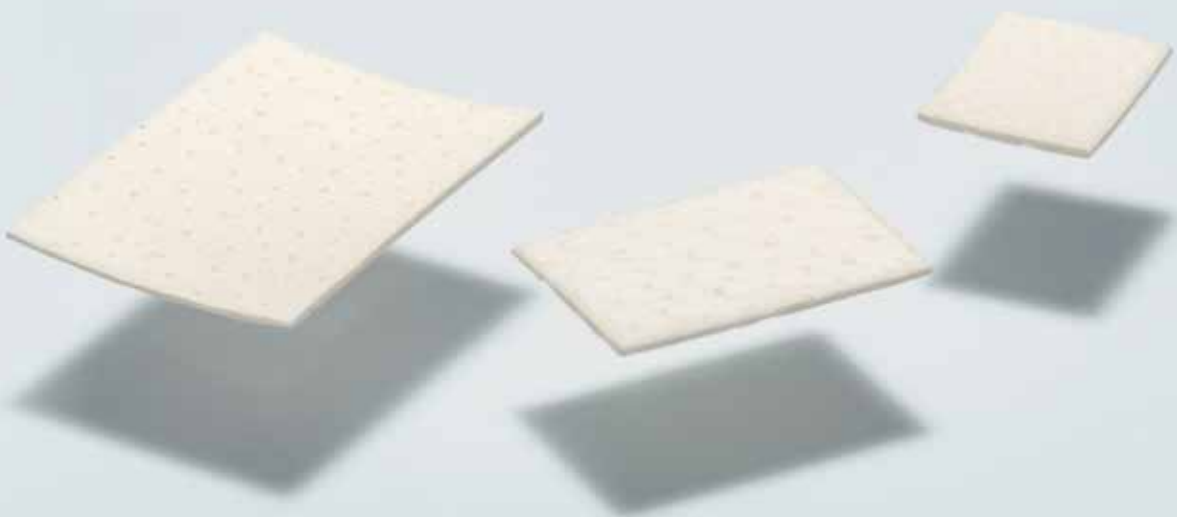
¹ Pabst et al. (2014): In vitro and in vivo characterization of porcine acellular dermal matrix for gingival augmentation procedures. In J Periodont Res 49 (3), pp. 371–381. DOI: 10.1111/jre.12115.

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³ Rothamel et al. (2014): Biodegradation pattern and tissue integration of native and cross-linked porcine collagen soft tissue augmentation matrices – an experimental study in the rat. In Head Face Med 10 (1), p.10, DOI: 10.1186/1746-160X-10-10.

⁴ Kasaj et al. (2015): The influence of various rehydration protocols on biomechanical properties of different acellular tissue matrices. Clin Oral Investig. 20(6):1303-15, DOI: 10.1007/s00784-015-1614-1.

INDICATIONS for mucoderm®



Implantology, Oral Surgery and CMF

- Thickening of peri-implant soft tissue
- Soft tissue augmentation in combination with GBR
- Widening of attached gingiva
- Closing of extraction sockets (socket seal technique)

Periodontology

mucoderm® is indicated for guided tissue regeneration procedures as well as for periodontal and recession defects for periodontal plastic surgery. It can be used in conjunction with:

- Coronally advanced flap technique
- Envelope technique
- Tunnel technique

Product Specifications

Art.-No.	Dimensions	Content
701520	15 × 20 mm	1 × matrix
702030	20 × 30 mm	1 × matrix
703040	30 × 40 mm	1 × matrix
710210	Ø 10 mm	1 × punch



mucoderm® punch

Peri-implant soft tissue thickening

Studies have shown that the initial thickness of the mucosa plays an important role in the etiology of early bone loss around dental implants⁵. It has been demonstrated that a thickness of 2 mm or less increases the risk of crestal bone lack.

In order to prevent bone loss and to improve the long-term stability of dental implants, it is recommended to thicken the peri-implant soft tissue in cases of thin gingiva biotypes. Soft tissue thickening can be performed prior or simultaneously to implant placement. The application of a xenogeneic soft tissue matrix, such as mucoderm®, helps to avoid soft tissue harvesting from the palate. For simultaneous implant placement and soft tissue augmentation, mucoderm® can be applied as a “poncho” over the healing cap. In that indication, mucoderm® should be covered by vital tissue (flap) to guarantee revitalization of the matrix by ingrowing cells and blood vessels. Prevention of tension is crucial for a complication-free wound healing.

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MUCOSAL THICKENING AROUND BONE LEVEL IMPLANTS⁶



Crestal incision of the edentulous ridge and raising a full-thickness flap buccally and lingually



Bone preparation for Straumann® Bone Level implant placement



Implant insertion and crestal bone contouring with a straight handpiece



Hydrated mucoderm® perforated and pulled over the healing cap



The margins of the flap are adapted and sutured leaving the abutment open



Situation after suture removal one week post-operative



Wider healing abutment after four months



Smooth emergence profile visible after removal of the healing abutment



Final restoration five months post-operative

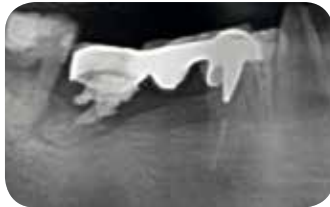


Stable clinical situation after five years

⁵ Puisys A, Linkevicius T (2015). The influence of mucosal tissue thickening on crestal bone stability around bone-level implants. A prospective controlled clinical trial. Clin Oral Implants Res ;26(2):123.
⁶ Puisys A, Schlee M, Vindasiute E, Linkevicius T (2015). Vertical soft tissue augmentation with porcine-derived collagen matrix membrane: A prospective study with 20 consecutive patients. EAO Stockholm. Manuscript in preparation.

CLINICAL CASE BY
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PERI-IMPLANT SOFT TISSUE AUGMENTATION
WITH MUCODERM® FOR PONTIC



X-ray of the initial clinical situation



Lost ridge bone and lack of keratinized tissue after tooth extraction



Primary stability of two placed Straumann® BLT implants



mucoderm® cut in half and inserted buccally to increase the tissue thickness



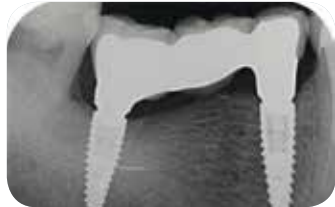
Second half of mucoderm® positioned to correct the anatomical shape of the soft tissue



Tension-free wound closure with a slightly exposed area



Healing three months post-op with larger layer of keratinized tissue



Placement of standard ceramic-metal bridge



X-ray control shows stable tissue for pontic

CLINICAL CASE BY
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GBR AND SOFT TISSUE AUGMENTATION
WITH CERABONE® AND MUCODERM®



Initial situation: missing teeth 11 & 12 and badly broken tooth root 21



Bone defect after extraction, occlusal view



Immediate implant placement of tooth 21 and delayed implant placement of tooth 11



GBR with autologous bone chips covered with small cerabone® particles and two mucoderm® as barrier membrane and for soft tissue augmentation.



Augmentation site occlusal view



mucoderm® stabilized with titanium pins and sutured together to achieve maximum stability



Closure without tension using sling sutures



Complete closure of the wound



12 weeks after surgery: satisfactory convexity



18 weeks after surgery: regenerated and matured soft tissue



Final screw retained restoration five months after surgery



Final clinical outcome

ATTACHED GINGIVA—

protection of teeth and implants

Under healthy conditions, the teeth are lined by a band of attached gingiva of about five millimeters in width, which is anchored to the underlying alveolar bone and cementum through connective tissue fibers. This particular arrangement creates a barrier around the teeth, protecting the tooth roots against penetration of bacteria and food particles.



Moreover, the attached gingiva reduces the mechanical strain from the lip-, cheek-, and mimic muscles, shielding the teeth from the strain. A reduction or lack of attached gingiva may cause root recessions and inflammation (periodontitis), which may lead to bone resorption and tooth loss. Likewise, a sufficient width of attached gingiva around dental implants may improve their survival by facilitating plaque control in the peri-implant area and preventing recessions at the implant. In particular, prior to or immediately after implant placement, an augmentation of the attached gingiva is indicated.

AUGMENTATION OF THE ATTACHED GINGIVA

The current standard technique to widen the attached gingiva is called vestibuloplasty, which is performed in combination with a free mucosal graft⁷. Following the preparation of a mucosal flap, the soft tissue graft is fixed to the exposed periosteum (donor bed) and left for open healing.

However, the harvesting of the graft causes additional discomfort for the patient and may cause further post-operative discomfort, an increased risk of swelling, post-operative bleeding, paresthesia, and inflammation⁸. In some cases, post-operative discomfort may persist for several weeks. The application of a xenogenic collagen matrix, such as mucoderm®, can avoid the painful harvesting procedure and consequently increase the patient's acceptance of the treatment plan.

APPLICATION OF MUCODERM® IN PLACE OF A FREE MUCOSAL GRAFT

mucoderm® matrix may be applied instead of a free mucosal graft to cover the prepared donor bed during vestibuloplasty. Following hydration and shaping, the matrix is adapted to the periosteum and fixed with sutures.

A close contact between the periosteum and mucoderm® is essential to ensure fast integration and revitalization of the matrix by the ingrowth of blood vessels and cells. mucoderm® serves as a scaffold for the formation of connective tissue and is completely remodeled into the patient's own tissue within weeks following surgery.

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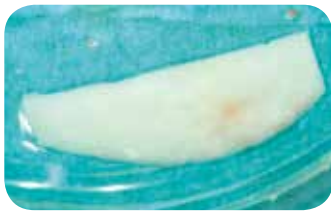
TREATMENT WITH MUCODERM® TO INCREASE THE PERI-IMPLANT KERATINIZED MUCOSA⁹



Lack of sufficient keratinized mucosa is visible as a result of considerable horizontal ridge augmentation



The split-thickness flap was prepared; the buccal peri-implant mobile mucosa was positioned apically, creating an immobile periosteal recipient bed



The xenogenic dermal matrix (mucoderm®) was trimmed and rehydrated in sterile saline



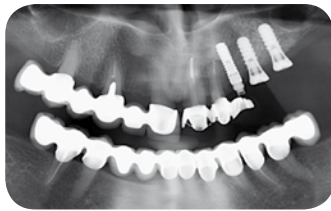
mucoderm® was immobilized with modified deep periosteal and superficial mattress sutures to attain a tight contact to the periosteum



No signs of allergy, rejection, suppuration, or ulceration were detected; following maturation of the graft, three Straumann SLActive® implants were inserted according to the prosthetic indication



Sufficient peri-implant keratinized mucosa and deep vestibulum were achieved around all implants



Six months after insertion of the xenogenic dermal matrix, the new peri-implant keratinized mucosa showed matured and stable properties



Six years follow-up

⁷ Fröschl and Kerschner (1997): The optimal vestibuloplasty in preprosthetic surgery of the mandible. In Journal of Cranio-Maxillofacial Surgery 25 (2), pp. 85–90. DOI: 10.1016/S1010-5182(97)80050-9.

⁸ Griffin et al. (2006): Postoperative complications following gingival augmentation procedures. In J Periodontol 77 (12), pp. 2070–2079. DOI: 10.1902/jop.2006.050296.

⁹ Horvath et al., (2014): Comparison of different approaches aiming at increasing peri-implant keratinized mucosa. ITI Poster presentation.

CLINICAL CASE BY

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AUGMENTATION OF THE ATTACHED GINGIVA WITH MUCODERM®

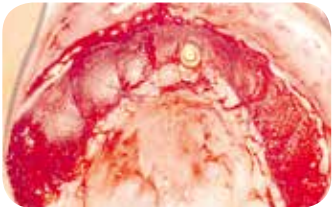
Full arch reconstruction of insufficient vestibular depth and lack of keratinized tissues. Application of mucodermm® with an apically repositioned split-thickness flap.



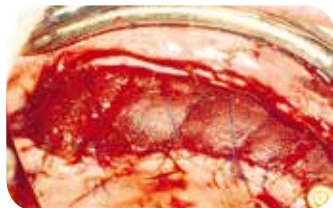
Insufficient keratinized mucosa and extremely shallow vestibulum on the edentulous maxilla following bilateral sinus floor elevation and horizontal GBR therapy



Apically repositioning of the flap by palatal incision along the maxilla. Split-thickness flap preparation with an intact periosteal layer over the augmented bone



Fixation of the buccal flap to the exposed periosteum deep in the vestibular fold. Fixation of mucodermm® with resorbable monofilament (Monolac) single and cross-typed sutures



mucodermm® fixed to the periosteum with single and cross-sutures



Clinical situation one week post-operative: secondary epithelization and newly formed capillary vessels detectable



Two weeks post-operative: secondary healing continued over mucodermm® treated areas, remaining sutures were removed



Clinical situation four weeks post-operative: secondary healing completed



Clinical situation six months post-operative: excellent tissue maturation, favourable color and thickness of the newly formed soft tissue around the implants

The socket seal technique

In recent years, a variety of treatment concepts has been developed to prevent/minimize the loss of hard and soft tissue structures following tooth extraction and to create optimal conditions for later implantation or conventional prosthetic restoration.^{10,11}

The socket seal technique aims to maintain the soft tissue volume as well as ridge contour. After an atraumatic tooth extraction, the socket is closed with a soft tissue graft. The extraction socket may be filled with a bone substitute material prior to sealing. The sealing stabilizes the blood clot, while the grafting material (if used) protects the socket from contamination and helps to maintain the topography of the alveolus. An autologous mucosal transplant harvested with a punch from the palate is typically used to close the alveolus. In this situation, mucodermm® might be applied as an alternative that spares grafting of the tissue from the palate. After rehydration, the matrix may be easily cut to shape and sutured to the marginal gingiva. For this particular indication, botiss has designed a pre-shaped mucodermm®, called mucodermm® punch which does not need further cutting and is ready to use.

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SOCKET SEALING WITH MUCODERM® PUNCH



Extraction of tooth 21



Atraumatic extraction



Hydration of mucodermm® punch in sterile saline



Fixation of mucodermm® punch with single interrupted sutures



Healing after 12 weeks

10. Rossi AL, Capilupi V, Palombo D, Chiapasco M. 2018. Socket sealing post-extractive with a xenogenic porcine collagen matrix: a prospective clinical trial. DentalCadmos 86(5): 400-413. Original in Italian.

11. Montinari AL, Rossi AL, Manera F, Capilupi V, Chiapasco. 2019. Management of the post-extractive site with a collagen xenogenic membrane: a prospective clinical study. Original in Italian.

CLINICAL CASE BY
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SOCKET SEALING WITH MUCODERM®



Initial clinical situation showing strongly compromised tooth 21



Enoral, periapical X-ray showing poor root dimension



Filling of extraction socket with bone grafting material



Application of mucoderm® following hydration and cutting to shape



Coverage of the socket with mucoderm® adapted to the alveolar morphology. 2/3 of mucoderm® surface is covered by mucosal flap



Stabilization of the mucosal flap by nylon sutures 5/0



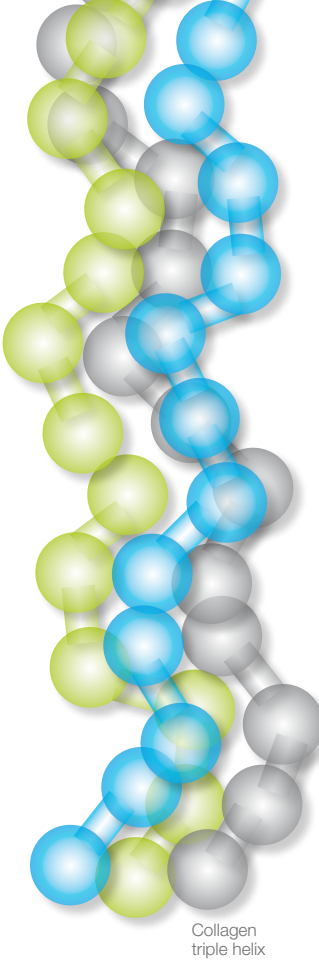
Eight weeks after surgery, occlusal view



20 weeks after surgery perfect aesthetic integration of newly formed keratinized tissue with the surrounding tissue



Implant placement



Collagen triple helix

Application of **mucoderm®** in plastic-aesthetic periodontal surgery

Gingival recessions are not only an aesthetic issue. They can also cause clinical problems, such as root hypersensitivity, cervical root caries, and root abrasion. Today, autologous connective tissue grafts are considered the “gold standard” for the treatment of periodontal recessions; however, harvesting is often associated with pain and discomfort for the patient. The application of a regenerative tissue graft avoids autologous connective tissue harvesting, thereby enhancing the patient's acceptance for a surgical procedure.

The correct application and handling of the graft material is a prerequisite for aesthetically optimal, clinical results. The following application guidelines, based on clinical results, have been developed together with Prof. Dr. Adrian Kasaj, specialist for Periodontology at the Department of Operative Dentistry and Periodontology at the University of Mainz.

Selection of patients

mucoderm® offers a safe and effective alternative for covering recession defects, especially when patients do not agree to undergo palatal autograft harvesting. Nevertheless, expectations concerning the clinical and aesthetic outcome of the surgery should be carefully considered and discussed with the patient. Compliance with the post-operative treatment plan, as well as an unimpaired or controlled state of health, are indispensable for a successful treatment.

Product Specifications

Regardless of the applied technique, the clinical success of the treatment of Miller class I/II defects is more predictable than that of class III/IV defects. In principle, a complete recession coverage can only be obtained for Miller class I/II defects. Likewise, the predictability and success rate for the treatment of defects in the maxilla are higher than those of mandibular defects. mucoderm® can be used in combination with all mucogingival surgical techniques, including the coronally advanced flap, envelope technique, and tunnel techniques.

Post-operative treatment

After the surgery, it is necessary to avoid any mechanical trauma of the treated site. Patients should be instructed not to brush their teeth at the respective side for four weeks following surgery. Plaque accumulation can be prevented by rinsing with a 0.2% chlorhexidine solution. Post-operatively, the patient should be recalled weekly for plaque control and healing evaluation.

CLINICAL CASE BY

Prof. Dr. Adrian Kasaj, University of Mainz, Germany

RECESSION COVERAGE WITH THE MODIFIED CORONALLY ADVANCED FLAP TECHNIQUE (ZUCCHELLI TECHNIQUE)



Multiple gingival recessions at teeth 12,13 and 14 before treatment with mucoderm®



A sulcular incision from tooth 11 to 15 is made and a split-full-split-thickness flap is raised



Hydrated mucoderm® is trimmend and placed over the denuded roots and fixed on the periosteum



The flap is coronally repositioned over the root surfaces and the matrix fixed with sling sutures



Three months post-operative: Significant coverage of the roots and increased thickness of the marginal tissue



Clinical situation 18 months post-operative



Handling Tips

- Contact of mucoderm® with the periosteal wound bed and immobilization should be ensured by suturing the matrix to the periosteum using single-interrupted- or crossed sutures
- Rounding off the edges of a briefly hydrated matrix prevents perforation of the gingival tissue after flap closure

RECESSION COVERAGE WITH THE CORONALLY ADVANCED FLAP TECHNIQUE



Initial situation with gingival recession and muscle strain on tooth 24



mucoderm® hydrated, cut-to-shape, and sutured to the periosteum



Repositioning and suturing of the flap over mucoderm® and the tooth root



Situation after a healing period of three months

CLINICAL CASE BY

Prof. Dr. Adrian Kasaj, University of Mainz, Germany

RECESSION COVERAGE WITH MUCODERM® BY THE ENVELOPE TECHNIQUE



Gingival recession at tooth 13 before the treatment with mucoderm®; previous surgery with FG is visible



mucoderm® is hydrated and cut to shape for placement over the root



A subepithelial pouch is prepared by a partial thickness incision; mucoderm® is placed in the pouch



Handling Tips

- For the tunnel technique a prolonged hydration of mucoderm® is recommended (ten to 20 minutes)
- Fixation of the matrix can be done with single interrupted or cross-sutures



After positioning of mucoderm®, the flap is fixed to completely cover the graft



Clinical situation at three months: significant root coverage and increased thickness of marginal tissue



Situation after gingival plastic for leveling of the FG

COVERING OF MULTIPLE RECESSIONS WITH MUCODERM® BY THE TUNNEL TECHNIQUE



Clinical view before treatment with mucoderm®; gingival recessions at teeth 23 and 24



Preparation of roots by scaling and planning with sonic scaler



Conditioning of roots with 24% EDTA gel for two minutes



Sulcular incisions around teeth 22 to 25; a partial-thickness dissection by undermining the papillae using tunneling instruments



Hydrated and trimmed mucoderm® is checked to fit into the defect and placed over the roots by pulling it through the tissue tunnel



The flap is repositioned over the mucoderm® and sutured



Three months post-operative: previously exposed roots are significantly covered; in addition, the thickness of the marginal tissue has increased



Clinical situation 12 months post-operative

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**COVERING OF MULTIPLE RECESSIONS IN THE LOWER JAW WITH THE
MODIFIED TUNNEL TECHNIQUE AND MUCODERM®**



Situation before surgery



Preparation of the tunnel



Hydration of mucoderm® and
cutting to shape



mucoderm® inserted into the
tunnel and sutured



Repositioning of the flap over
the mucoderm® and suturing



Healing after one week



Clinical situation at suture
removal after four weeks



Healing after two months



Healing after 12 months

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**COVERING OF MULTIPLE RECESSIONS WITH THE MODIFIED CORONALLY
ADVANCED TUNNEL (MCAT) TECHNIQUE¹²**



Clinical situation before surgery: multiple recessions



Preoperative measurement of the recession depths



Using a microsurgical blade and tunneling knives, mucoperiosteal
flaps were raised beyond the mucogingival junction at each involved
tooth



Flaps were then extended laterally from each recession forming a
mucoperiosteal tunnel. Interdental papillae were left intact, having
only been slightly undermined



Hydration of mucoderm® for about five minutes in sterile saline
or blood and adapting its shape according to the width of the
recession defects



For a tension free coronal movement of the flap all muscle insertions
and collagen fibres were cut. mucoderm® is pulled into the tunnel by
mattress sutures and fixed to the inner aspect of the flap



mucoderm® was fixed at the CEJ of each treated tooth by means of
sling sutures. The tunnel flap was moved coronally and fixed by sling
sutures, to cover completely the mucoderm® matrix



Stable clinical situation at 24 months post-surgery

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Notes



RECESSION COVERAGE USING A COMBINATION OF MUCODERM® AND STRAUMANN® EMDOGAIN®¹³



Multiple gingival recessions at teeth 21, 22 and 23 prior to surgery



Sulcular incision from teeth 21 to 23



Preparation of a split-full-split-thickness flap and de-epithelialization of the anatomical papillae



Application of Emdogain® to the conditioned root surfaces



Adaptation of the hydrated and cut-to-shape mucoderm®, and suturing to the periosteum



Repositioning of the flap over mucoderm® and the root surface



Wound closure, occlusal view



Healing four weeks after surgery



Clinical situation eight weeks post-operative



Satisfactory coverage of the roots and thickening of the marginal gingiva, nine months post-operative



Handling Tip

Emdogain® can be directly applied to the tooth roots and then covered with mucoderm®. Alternatively, mucoderm® may be coated with Emdogain® prior to application.

¹³ Kasaj et al. (2016): Gingival recession coverage: Do we still need autogenous grafts? Quintessence Int. 47:775-783.

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