The Current Status of Periodontal Treatment in Thailand

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Periodontal disease is widespread throughout the world and effected 98% of the Thai population. Dental health education is widely accepted and practiced but ineffectively. Dental service is the critical problem especially in suburban area.

Most periodontal treatments are conveyed by provision of plaque control instruction, scaling and root planing by general practitioners. Patients who practice adequate plaque control and absent from disease are put on maintenance but in the patients whose disease is remained in relation to the deep pockets, then the surgery is carried out by the periodontist. Mucogingival surgery, osseous surgery both resection and regeneration are performed under the diagnosis, concept, judgement and experience of the periodontist individually, after surgery, all the patient is put on maintenance. In this few years, Goretex, guided tissue regeneration material enables the periodontists to gain more successful treatments. Dental implants, the challenging technology is now play an important role in changing the periodontal treatment planning. Many poor prognostic teeth are now substituted with osseointegrated dental implants.

Providing conservative or advanced periodontal treatment is depend on the needs, educational and economic status of the patients. Man power as well, is the critical problem that should be solved to provide not only adequate and effective treatment but prevention also.