

Arestin

I was able to place Arestin on October 30th on a Medium/Perio type II patient, Bitewings and periodontal readings were properly recorded. Patient was diagnosed with vertical bone loss on the posterior teeth, particularly the molars as well as localized probing depths of 5-6mm which corresponded to the areas on where I placed Arestin. I had a wonderful experience placing Arestin, I think it is an interesting skills that I did not know Dental Hygienist could practice. I think it gives our career more value as well as more expanded skills to treat our patients and bring them the adequate care that they need. After re-evaluation on November 27th, my patient had some areas of improvement. The probing depths reduced in some areas by 1mm; however, some sites remain the same and two other sites increased probing depths from 6mm to 7mm. All the instructions were given to patient after the placement of Arestin and I emphasized on the importance of the use of floss due to deep probing depths located interproximally. Patient mentioned to not be very constant with the floss but understood the importance of implementing it after realizing that the medication did not work in certain areas of the mouth, and that those areas could progress on a bigger problem in the future. Overall, it was a very fulfilling experience and I was happy to be able to provide this service to my patient.