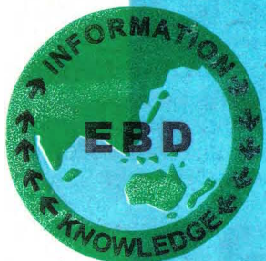


# FIRST NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON EVIDENCE-BASED DENTISTRY



10-11, March 2001

CENTRE FOR EVIDENCE-BASED DENTISTRY  
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*extends an invitation to the*

## *Inaugural Ceremony* OF THE FIRST NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON EVIDENCE-BASED DENTISTRY

### Chief Guest

Dr. S. Chandrashekar Shetty  
Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, RGUHS

### Guest of Honour

Padmashree Dr. R. K. Balli  
President, DCI

### Presided over by

Dr. S. Shivashankarappa  
Hon. Secretary, BEA

### Guest of Honour

Shri I. P. Vishwaradhya  
Chairman, CODS

### Special Invitees

Dr. Derek Richards  
Director, CEBD, Oxford

Dr. Asbjorn Jokstad  
Member, FDI Commission  
Norway

Dr. T. Samraj  
Prof & Head, Dept. of Dental Surgery  
Christian Medical College, Vellore

**Saturday, 10th March 2001, 11.00 am**  
**Seminar Hall, College of Dental Sciences**

Dr. V. V. Subba Reddy  
Chairman, CEBD-I

Dr. Anmol S. Kalha  
Chief Convener

## PROGRAMME

### DAY ONE: 10 March, 2001

0800 hrs	Breakfast and Registration
0900 hrs	Orientation to EBD The CODS-EBD Staff
1000 hrs	EBD: Glossary of terms Dr. Sukhdeep Singh
1030 hrs	Tea
1100 hrs	Inaugural Function
1230 hrs	Why EBD? Dr. A. S. Kalha
1300 hrs	Lunch
1400 hrs	Introduction to EBD Dr. Derek Richards
1430 hrs	Asking the right question Small group exercise
1515 hrs	Levels and sources of evidence Small group exercise
1615 hrs	Tea
1630 hrs	Demystifying Computers & Internet Dr R. V. Subramanyam
1645 hrs	Searching for evidence Small group exercise
1800 hrs	TEA
1815 hrs	Hands-on session continues
2000 hrs	BANQUET

### DAY TWO: 11 March, 2001

0800 hrs	BREAKFAST
0900 hrs	Are you scared of numbers? Dr. Shailesh M. Lele
0930 hrs	Introduction to Critical Appraisal
1035 hrs	Appraising Randomised Clinical Trials (RCTs) Hands-on course
1130 hrs	TEA
1145 hrs	Feedback and Plenary on RCTs—
1300 hrs	LUNCH
1400 hrs	Introduction to Systematic Reviews
1500 hrs	Small group exercise
1545 hrs	Feedback and Plenary on Systematic Reviews
1630 hrs	Valedictory function



*Randomised  
Controlled Trials  
and Oral Implants*

*Asbjørn Jokstad  
Dental Faculty  
University of Oslo*

# Prosthetic Dentistry

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The discipline of dentistry concerned with the consequences of congenital absence or acquired loss of oral tissues on appearance, stomatognathic function, comfort, and local and general health of the patient, and with the methods for, and assessment if more good than harm is done by, inserting artificial devices made from alloplastic materials to change these conditions\*.

\*Jokstad A, Ørstavik J, Ramstad T. A Definition of Prosthetic Dentistry. Int J Prosthodont 1998; 11:295-301.





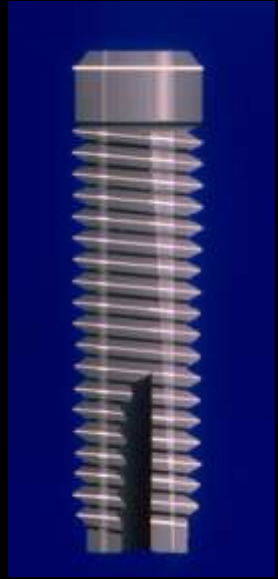
## *Objectives*

1. To test the null hypothesis of no difference in the success, function and patient satisfaction between conventional prostheses and oral implants against the alternative hypothesis of a difference.

# *Oral Implants*

Dentists have to choose from more than 1,300 implants\*.

These vary in form, material, dimension, surface properties and interface geometry.



\*Binon PP. Implants and components: entering the new millennium. Int J Oral Maxillofac Implants 2000;15:76-94





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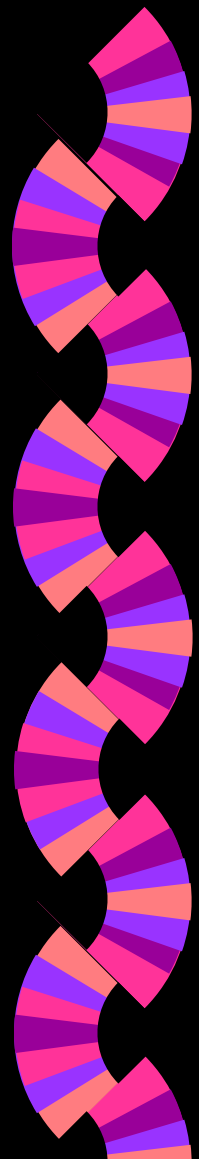
2. To test the null hypothesis of no difference in the long term success, morbidity, function and patient satisfaction between different oral implant characteristics and techniques against the alternative hypothesis of a difference.

## *Method of a review- Search for papers*

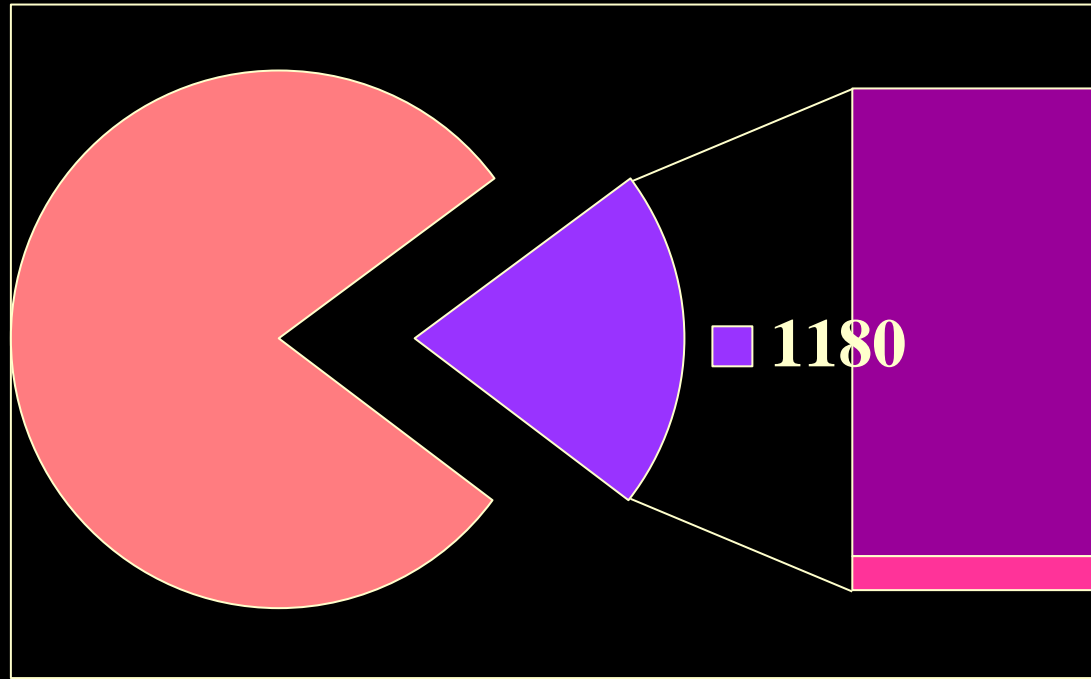
1. Search of the Cochrane Oral Health Group specialist register, using key words (e.g. prosthesis, bridge, implant\*). Based on handsearch of journals .
2. Search for RCT trials in Medline
3. Search of the bibliographies of identified RCTs, reviews and personal references
4. Letters to first named authors of identified RCTs for further information about trials and attempts to identify unpublished studies



# *Randomised Controlled Trials in Oral Implant research*



■ 4630



■ 1100

■ 1180

■ 80



■ Reports   ■ Clinical trials   ■ RCTs

## *Method of a review- Initial data synthesis*

1. Two reviewers work independently, and in duplicate.
2. The relevance of each potentially interesting article appraised in a non-blinded fashion with regard to the types of intervention.
3. Recordings of article ownership, affiliation, year of publication and journal.
4. Identification of funding source (commercial, independent or unclear) clinical setting (university, non-university, unclear) study design (parallel, split-mouth or cross-over) and sample size.



# *Method of a review- Quality assessment*

5. Quality assessment of RCTs trials with sample sizes:

$\geq 10$  for parallel trials

$\geq 5$  for split-mouth and cross-over studies

A sensitivity analysis conducted if appropriate.



# *Method of a review- Quality assessment*

- A) Was a sample size calculation undertaken?**
- B) Randomization and allocation concealment method**
- C) Were inclusion/exclusion criteria clearly defined?**
- D) Was reason for withdrawal specified by study group?**
- E) Were the control and treatment groups comparable at entry for important prognostic factors?**
- F) Was there any attempt at blinding (for example, independent assessor)?**
- G) Was the statistical analysis appropriate?**



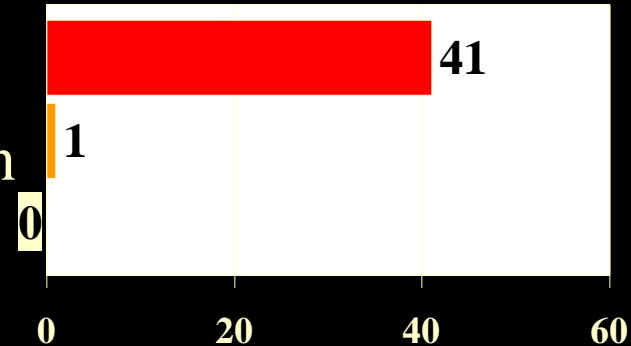
# *Method of a review- Quality assessment*

## **A) Was a sample size calculation undertaken?**

0 No/not mentioned

1 Yes, but not confirmed by calculation

2 Yes, confirmed



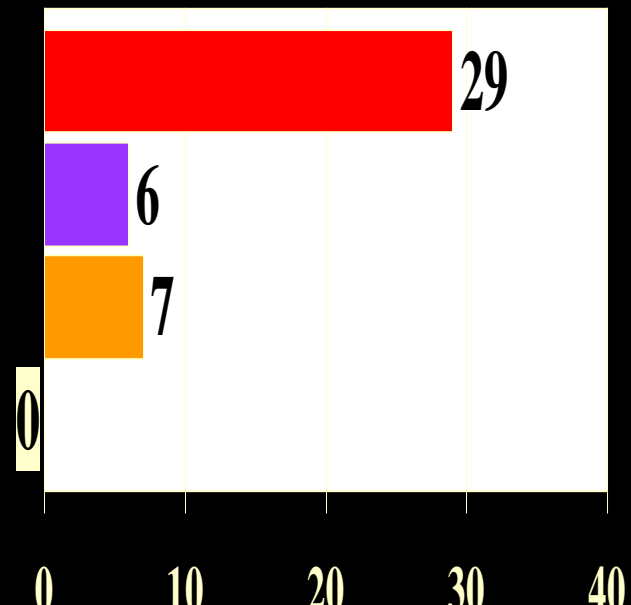
## **B) Randomization and allocation concealment method**

0 Not described

1 Clearly inadequate - transparent before assignment

2 Possibly adequate-sealed envelopes

3 Clearly adequate- centralized randomization and third party contact for group code



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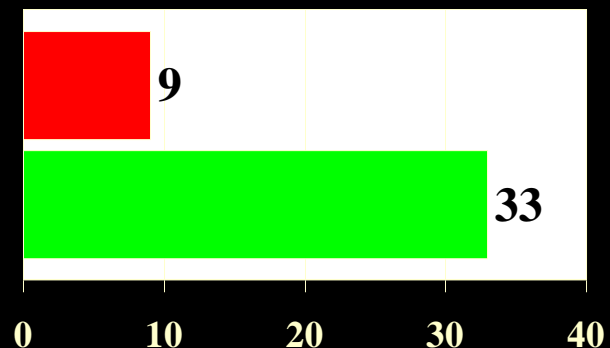
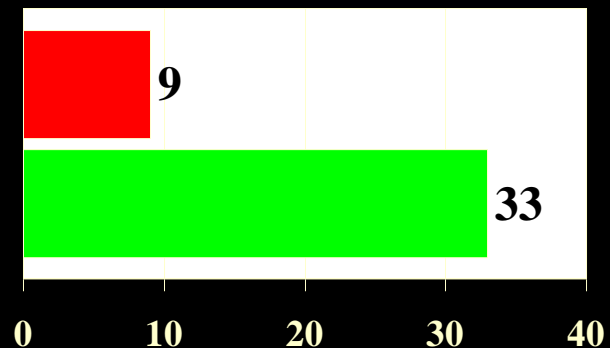
0 No

1 Yes

**D) Was reason for withdrawal specified by study group?**

0 No/not mentioned

1 Yes, or not applicable as no withdrawals





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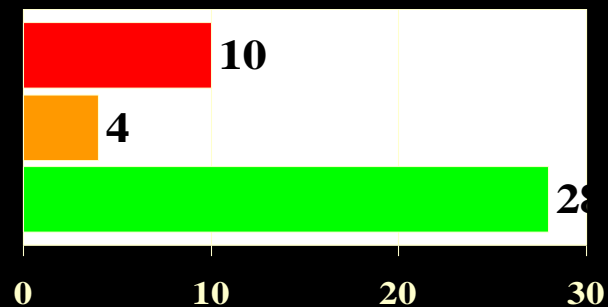
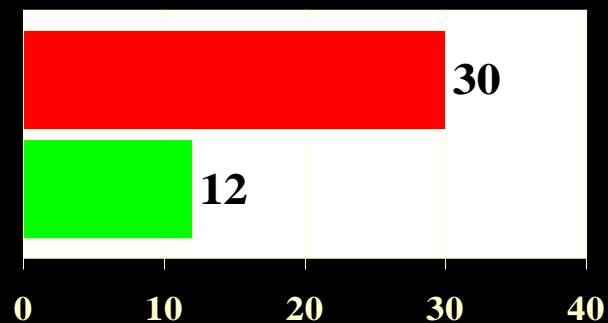
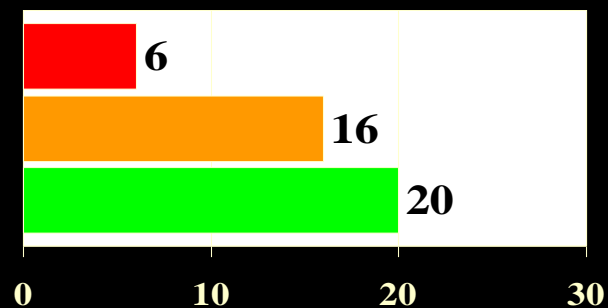
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**F) Was there any attempt at blinding (for example, independent assessor)?**

0 No 1 Yes

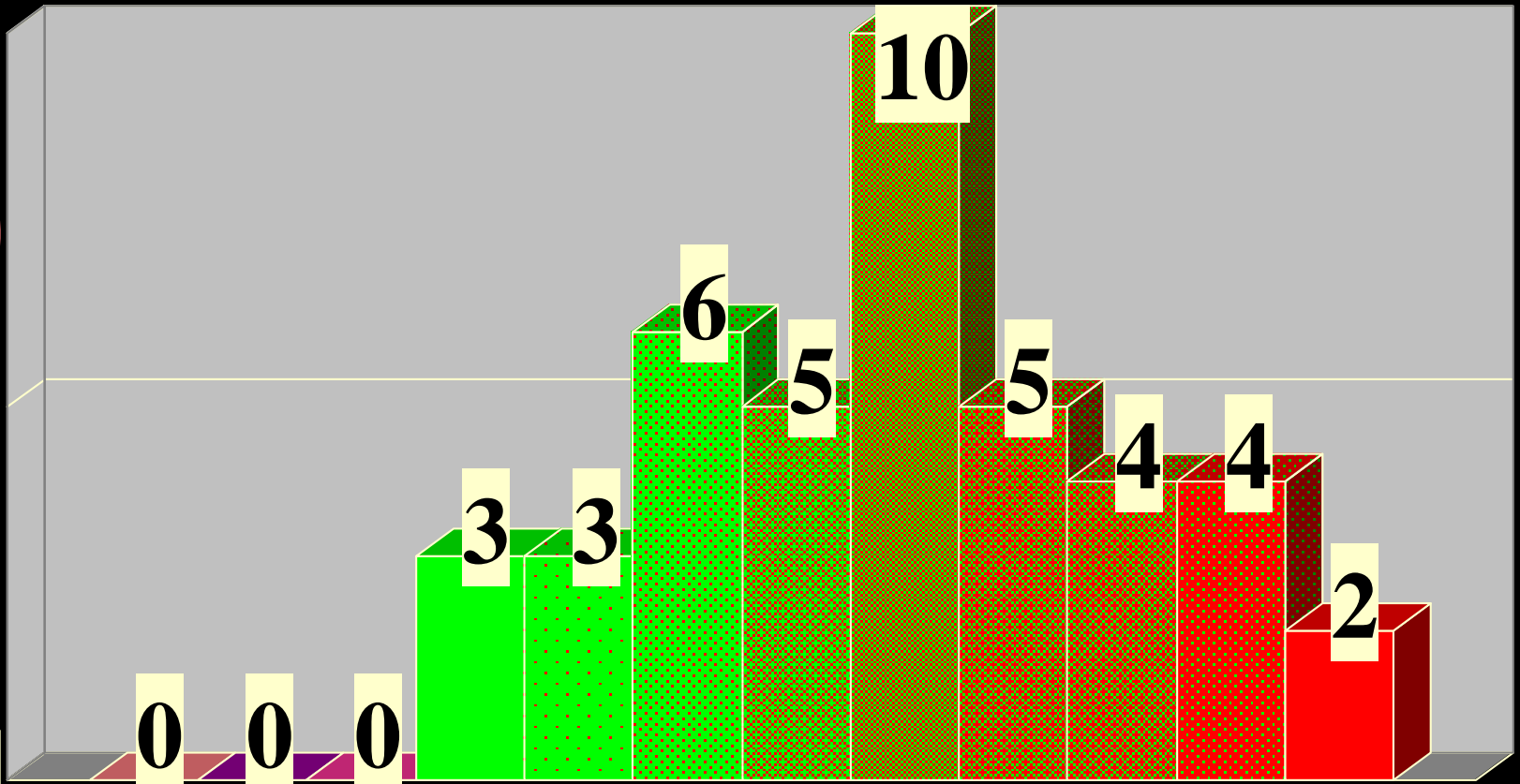
**G) Was the statistical analysis appropriate?**

0 No 1 Unclear 2 Yes



# *Methodologic scoring of RCTs*

*(n=42)*



# *Method of a review- Data synthesis*

1. Two reviewers work independently, and in duplicate.
2. Appraise:
  - ◆ patient age
  - ◆ withdrawals by group
  - ◆ reasons for withdrawals.
  - ◆ primary outcomes for all time points mentioned in the study report.



# *Which outcome criteria?*

Interventions comparing oral implants with different materials, shapes and surface properties

- 1) Implant mobility and implant removal of stable implants dictated by progressive marginal bone loss
- 2) Implant fracture and other mechanical complications that do not allow the use of the implants
- 3) Radiographic marginal bone level changes on standardised intra-oral radiographs



# *Which outcome criteria?*

Oral hygiene procedures self and professionally administered, local and systemic therapeutic agents for the maintenance of oral health

- 1) Plaque
- 2) Marginal bleeding
- 3) Probing pocket depth
- 4) Probing “attachment” level
- 5) Radiographic marginal bone level changes on standardised intra-oral radiographs



# *Measures relative to treatment outcomes*

## Perceived/self reported:

- ◆ Adaptation to prosthesis (satisfaction/dissatisfaction)
- ◆ Appearance
- ◆ Function (chewing, speech)
- ◆ Dietary significance (intake, selection)
- ◆ Health
- ◆ Quality of life (psyche, wellbeing, self esteem)
- ◆ Social activity

## Perceived/self reported:

- ◆ Appearance
- ◆ Function
- ◆ Dietary significance
- ◆ Health indices \*
- ◆ HRQL indices\*
- ◆ Social activity
- ◆ Activity\*





## *Study aims*

- ◆ Conventional versus implant prosthodontics
- ◆ Prosthesis characteristics
- ◆ Implant-prosthesis connection characteristics
- ◆ Implant characteristics
- ◆ Implant surgery techniques
- ◆ Guided bone regeneration
- ◆ Maintenance



# *Study aims - Prosthesis characteristics*

Prosthesis type

Stress-breaker vs non-stress breaker

Splinted vs unsplinted connection

Implant-prosthesis connection

Fixed vs overdentures

Hybrid versus ball-attachment

Different overdenture attachments

Laser-welded vs cast Ti-framework





# *Study aims - implant characteristics*

Implant location

Wide vs minimised spaces

Implant number

2 vs 4 implants supporting overdenture

Implant type

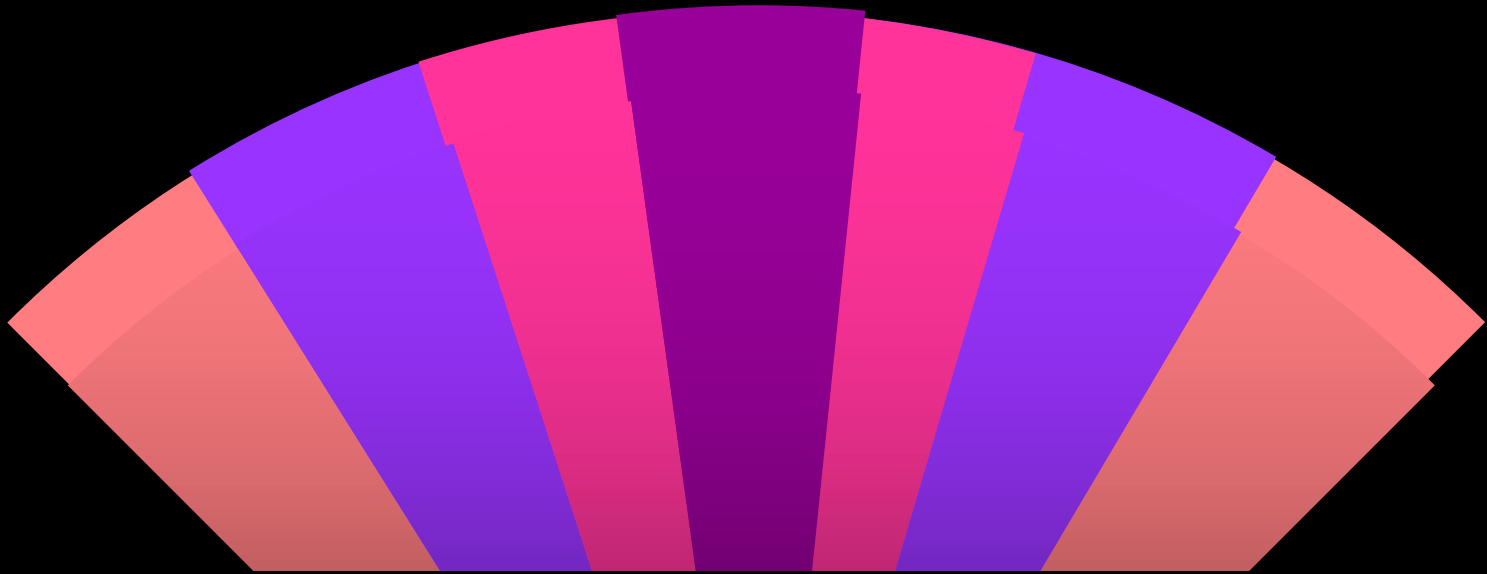
Self-tapping vs standard

Rough vs smooth surface

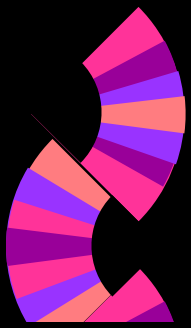
Titanium vs Hydroxyapatite

Staple vs 2 & 4 implants



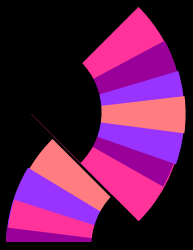


*Patient centered criteria ?*



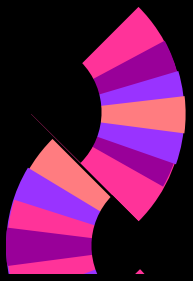
## Perceived/self reported: Adaptation to prosthesis (satisfaction/dissatisfaction with prosthesis)

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- ◆ Magnet attach vs. ball attach: less. Burns, Davis, Naert
- ◆ Magnet attach vs. clip attach: less. Naert
- ◆ Ball attach. vs clip attach: less/similar. Bergendal, Naert, Tang, Wismejer
- ◆ 2 Ball attach vs 4 ball attach: similar. Wismejer
- ◆ Bar-clip attach vs. fixed bridge: less. de Grandmont, Feine
- ◆ Ball attach vs transmandibular: similar. Geertman, Kwakman



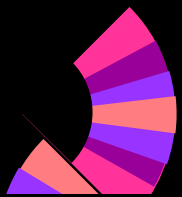
## *Perceived function - chewing ability*

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- ◆ Ball attach vs clip attach: better/ similar. Naert, Tang, Wismejer
- ◆ No occlusion vs occlusal morphology: less. Khamis
- ◆ 2 Ball attach. Vs 4 ball attach: similar. Wismejer
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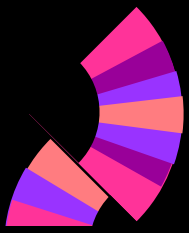
## *Perceived/self reported: Pain*

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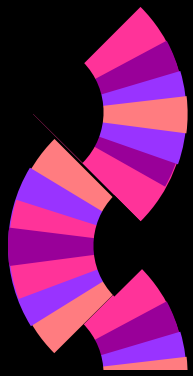
## *Perceived/self reported: appearance*

- ◆ Conventional denture vs implant: less. Boerrigter-Geertman
- ◆ Magnet attach vs. ball attach implant: similar. Naert
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- ◆ Ball attach vs clip attach implant: less or similar. Naert, Tang
- ◆ Abutment appraisals: similar. Andersson, Kemppainen
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# *Perceived function - speech*

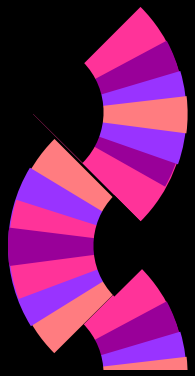
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## *Quality of life (psyche, wellbeing, self esteem)*

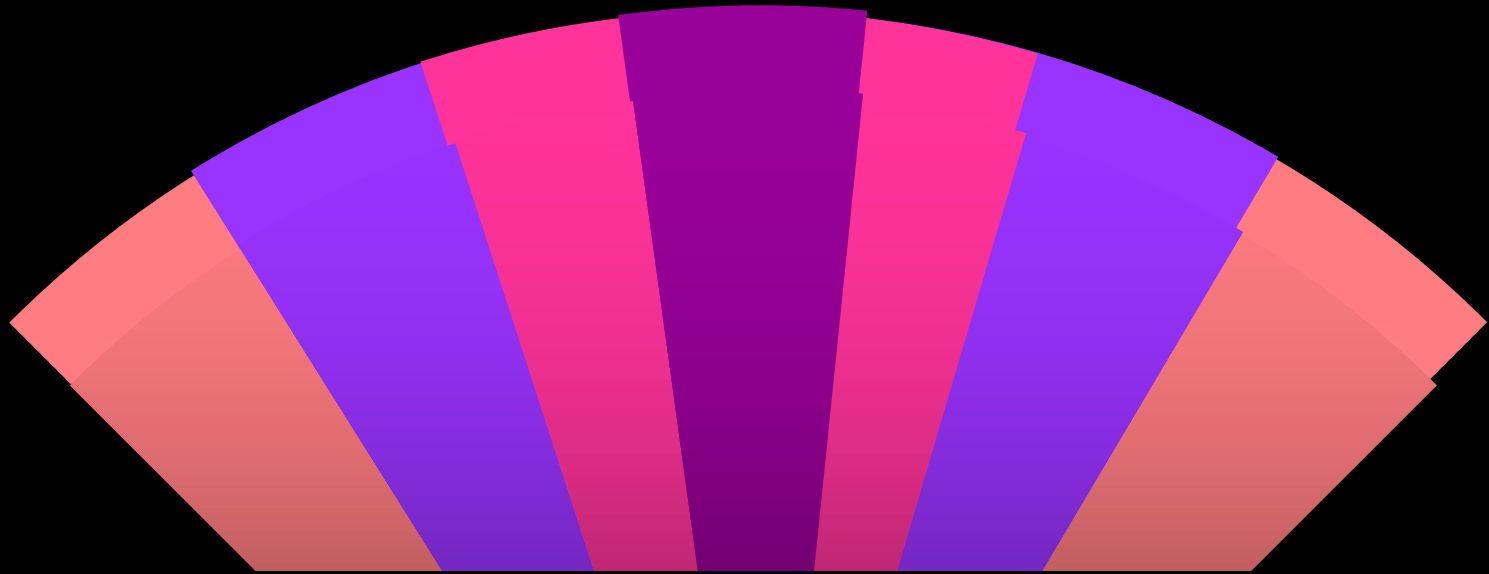
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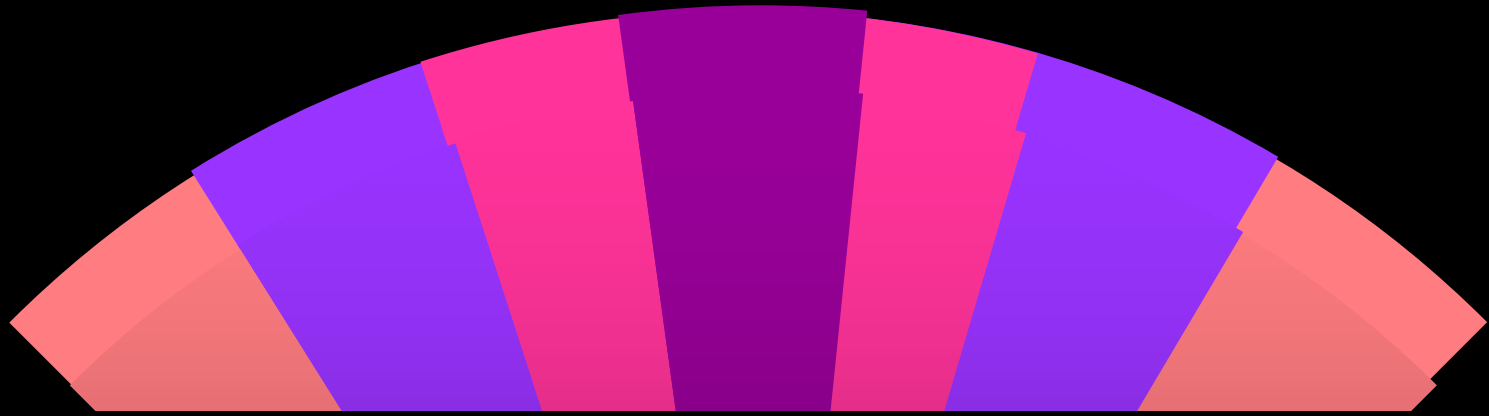


## Observed/examined: Function (*chewing efficiency, speech*)

- ◆ Conventional denture vs implant: less or similar. Geertman, Garrett
- ◆ Occlusal morphology: similar. Khamis
- ◆ Ball attach. vs clip attach : similar. Tang
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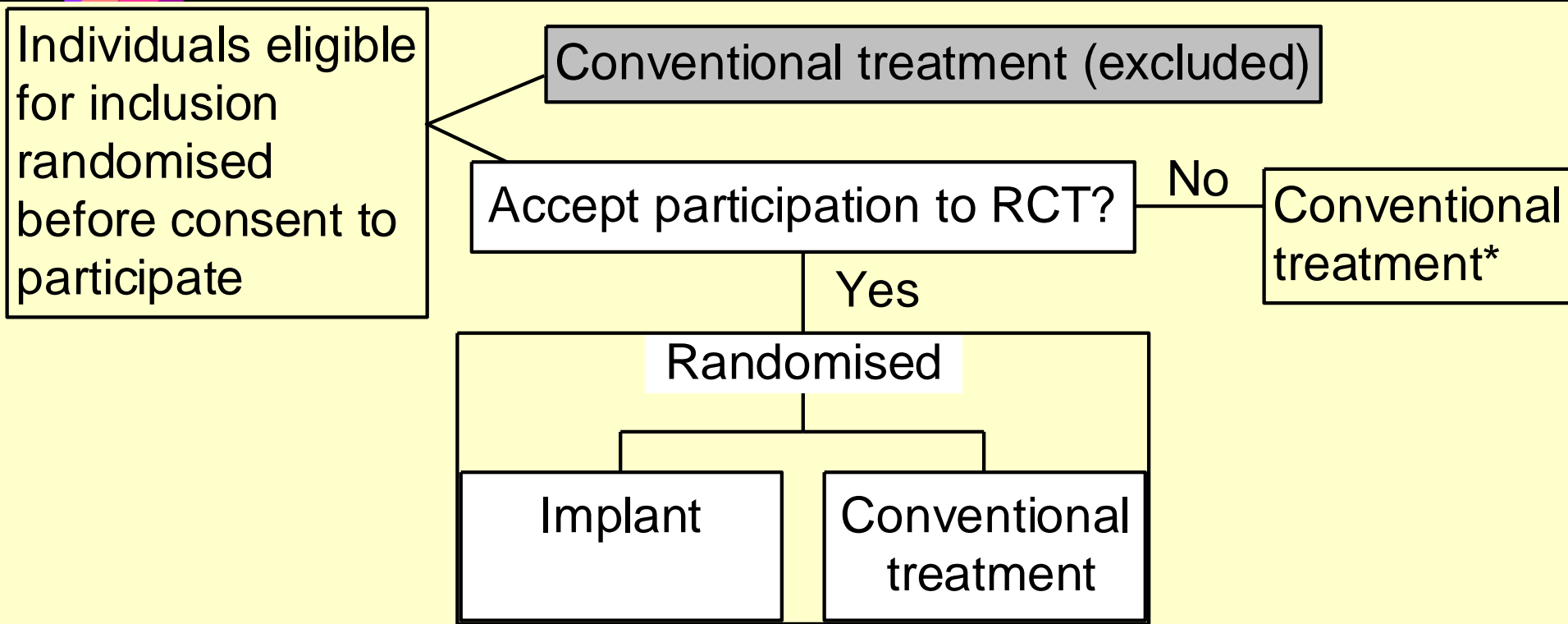
*Why so few Randomised  
Controlled Trials in  
Prosthetic Dentistry ?*



*Randomised Controlled  
Trials in Prosthetic  
Dentistry need to take into  
account Patient Preferences*

# Zelen design

*Zelen M. A new design for randomized controlled trials. N Engl J Med 1979; 300: 1242-45. Advantage that almost all eligible individuals are included. Allows evaluation of the true effects of offering experimental interventions to patients. Disadvantage that it is an open trial, and statistical power affected if high proportion of participants choose to have the standard treatment.*



*\* Given conventional treatment, but analysed as if they have received exp. treatm.*

# Zelen double randomised consent design

*Olszewski et al., 1985. Ethical concerns overcome by offering the opportunity to switch to other group*

Individuals eligible for inclusion randomised before consent to participate

Conventional treatment (excluded)

Accept participation in RCT?

No

Conventional treatment\*

Yes

Randomised

Implant

Conventional

Accept

Refuse

Accept

Refuse

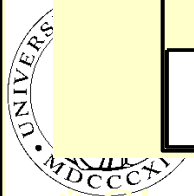
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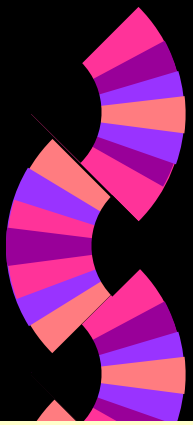
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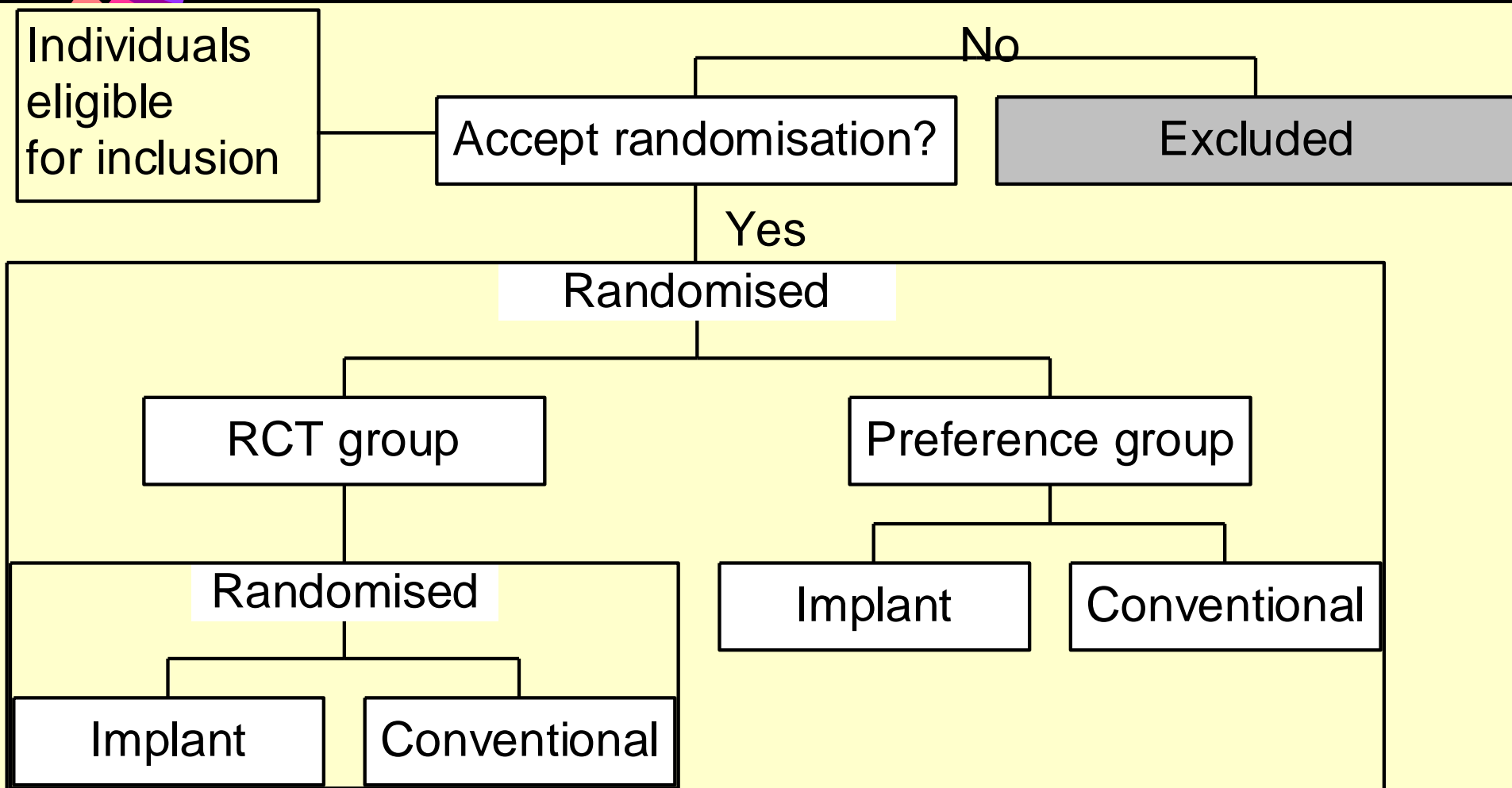
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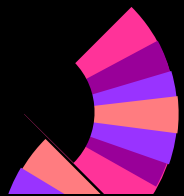




# Wennberg design

*Include individuals who agree to be randomised*



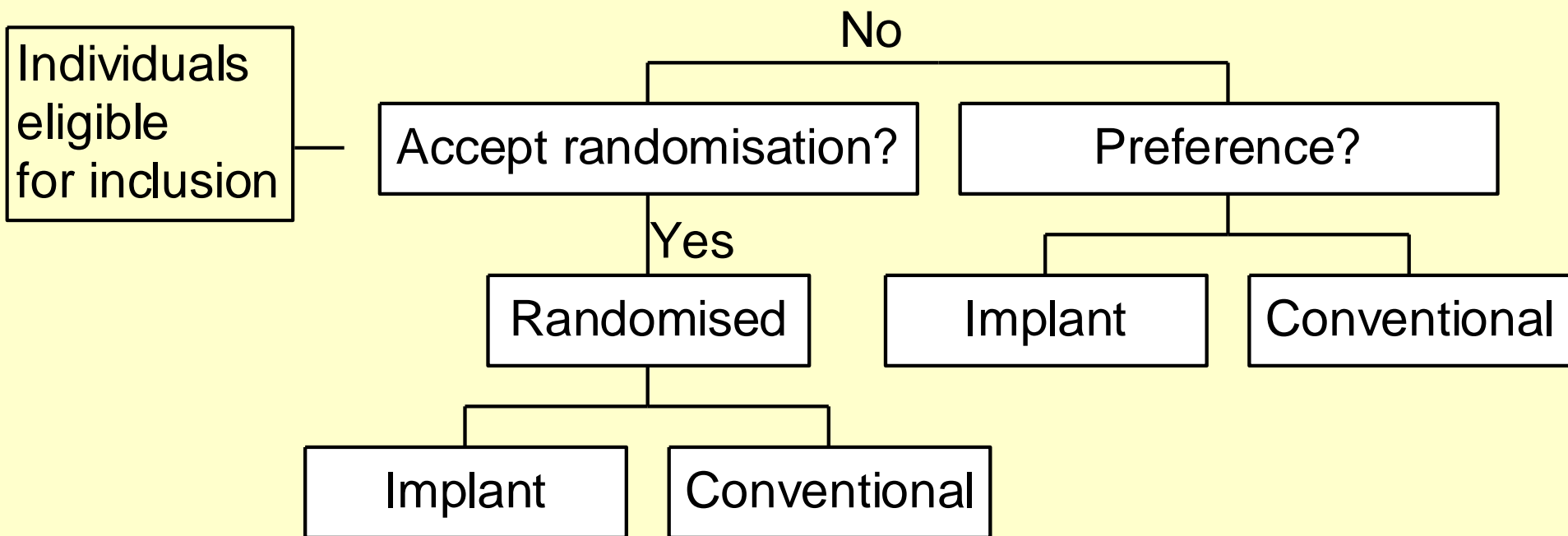


# Comprehensive cohort design

Olschewski et al., 1985; Brewing & Bradley, 1989.

All participants are followed up, regardless of randomisation status.

Outcomes of RCT and cohort groups can be compared. Ideal where it is likely that many patients will refuse, because patients or operators have a strong preference for one intervention. A disadvantage is no status of differences in baseline characteristics in the RCT and preference groups. Satisfaction with existing conditions very likely influence.



# Feine & Awad design

*Feine J, Awad MA. Community Dent Oral Epidemiol 1998.*

