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Palavras chaves: Prótese dentária; Implante dentário; Análise de elementos finitos.

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Material and methods: Three 3D models were designed with aid of Invesalius, Rhinoceros 3D 4.0 and SolidWorks 2011 software. Each model contained a bone block of the premaxillary área (type III bone) with 10m of standard height with one implant (4x8, 5mm (C), 4x10mm (B) and 4x11.5mm (BNFE)), supporting a cemented metal free crown. The models were processed by the FEMAP v.11.0 and NEiNastran 11 using load of 178 N at different inclinations (0° , 30° , 60°). Von Mises (TvM), maximum principal stress (TMxP), microstrain ($\mu\epsilon$) and displacement maps (D) were plotted to results analysis.

Results: Analysis of TvM showed increased of stress concentration with increasing load inclination for implants, fixation screws and abutments, with similar pattern of distribution for the tested models. Under TMxP and $\mu\epsilon$ analysis, bone tissue showed higher traction stress concentrations under oblique loads (30° and 60°) around the implant neck for the conventional technique. Displacement analysis showed increase of inclination tendency similar for all models as the load increased inclination.

ABSTRACT

Conclusion: Bicortical techniques using longer implants showed lower stress distribution to the bone tissue and increase of force inclination showed more concentrated pattern of stress distribution for all tested situations.

Keywords: Dental prosthesis; Dental implants; Finite element analysis.

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MEF	-	Método dos Elementos Finitos
Mpa	-	Mega Pascal
3D	-	Tridimensional
mm	-	Milímetros
TD	-	Tendência de deslocamento
PM	-	Pré-molar
N	-	Nilton
TvM	-	Análise de variância
TMxP	-	Tensão máxima principal
HI	-	Hexágono interno
$\mu\epsilon$	-	Microstrain
C	-	Convencional
B	-	Bicorticalização
BEAN	-	Bicorticalização com elevação do assoalho nasal

Sumário



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Palavras chaves: Prótese dentário; Implante dentário; Análise de elementos finitos.

As reabilitações com próteses implantossuportadas na região anterior atualmente apresentam elevados índices de sobrevivência e sucesso^{12,18}. Entretanto, as instalações dos implantes podem estar limitadas a disponibilidade do tecido ósseo, e quando o volume ósseo é reduzido, isso pode comprometer a estabilidade primária dos implantes^{4,19}.

A instalação de implantes na maxila anterior muitas vezes é comprometida por apresentar esta área uma cortical óssea menos espessa quando comparada com o osso mandibular¹¹. Esse fator contribui para reabsorção progressiva do rebordo alveolar após a perda do elemento dentário⁶, causando a proximidade com o assoalho nasal e restrição na espessura de rebordo, restringindo assim a instalação de implantes de maior comprimento¹⁹.

Assim, uma das alternativas para contornar essa limitação é a utilização de implantes curtos¹². No entanto, os implantes curtos podem estar associados com taxas mais elevadas de insucesso¹², devido a redução do contato osso-implante²⁵, comprometendo a estabilidade primária dos implantes² em comparação com implantes de maior comprimento. Além disto, os implantes curtos podem não atingir um travamento bicortical podendo apresentar portanto uma desvantagem biomecânica²⁹.

Além da utilização dos implantes curtos, diferentes abordagens podem ser utilizadas para o tratamento dessa região, como por exemplo o travamento bicortical e o levantamento de assoalho nasal com ou sem enxerto ósseo associado, no intuito de utilizar implantes de maiores comprimentos e diâmetros, melhorando a estabilidade primária, bem como favorecendo a distribuição das forças oclusais⁷.

Estudos biomecânicos avaliando a influência de diferentes técnicas cirúrgicas sugerem que a utilização da técnica bicortical é mais vantajosa quando comparada com técnica convencional quando se mantém o comprimento dos implantes^{14,29,30}. No entanto, dados da literatura ainda indicam controvérsia quanto a bicorticalização para melhorar o prognóstico dos implantes, pois esta poderia aumentar o estresse no osso cortical a um nível indesejável para a osseointegração. Estudo retrospectivo relata que a taxa de falha de implantes colocados em implantação bicortical foi de cerca de 4 vezes maior que implantes colocados de forma monocortical⁸.

Clinicamente, existem situações para resolução cirúrgico-protética nesta região. O profissional poderá optar pela instalação de implantes curtos de maneira convencional,

ou implantes de maior comprimento utilizando as técnicas de bicorticalização, com ou sem elevação de assoalho nasal. Porém, não existe comparação da técnica cirúrgica empregada em relação ao comprimento do implante utilizado.

Assim, o objetivo deste estudo foi avaliar, pela metodologia dos elementos finitos 3D, a distribuição de tensões em próteses unitárias implantossuportadas sobre implante de hexágono interno (HI) na área de pré-maxila, variando o tipo de ancoragem óssea (convencional, bicorticalização e bicorticalização associada à técnica de levantamento de assoalho nasal) e as direções de carregamento (0° , 30° e 60°).

A hipótese nula testada foi de que não existe influência do comprimento do implante na distribuição de tensões em relação a técnica cirúrgica empregada.

3.1 - DELINEAMENTO EXPERIMENTAL

Esta pesquisa foi desenvolvida considerando-se três fatores: técnicas cirúrgicas (Convencional, Bicorticalização e Bicorticalização associada à técnica de levantamento de assoalho nasal), comprimentos de implante ($4,0 \times 8,5$ mm, $4,0 \times 10,00$ mm e $4,0 \times 11,5$ mm) e carregamento (0° , 30° e 60°). Dessa forma, foram confeccionados três modelos tridimensionais descritos na tabela 1.

Tabela 1. Descrição dos modelos utilizados no estudo

Modelos	Ancoragem	Diâmetro e Comprimento (Implantes)	Angulação
1	Convencional	$4,0 \times 8,5$ mm	0°
			30°
			60°
2	Bicorticalização	$4,0 \times 10$ mm	0°
			30°
			60°
3	Bicorticalização associada à técnica de levantamento de assoalho nasal	$4,0 \times 11,5$ mm	0°
			30°
			60°

3.2 - MODELAGEM TRIDIMENSIONAL

Esse estudo seguiu a metodologia de estudos prévios^{29,30}. Cada modelo representou uma secção óssea da região de pré-maxila, sendo simulado um implante do

tipo hexágono interno (Conexão Sistemas de Prótese Ltda., São Paulo, Brasil), com 4,0 mm de diâmetro e com diferentes comprimentos, variando-se a disponibilidade óssea clínica: implantes de 8,5 mm de comprimento instalado com a técnica convencional; implantes de 10 mm de comprimento instalado com a técnica de bicorticalização; e implantes de 11,5 mm de comprimento utilizando a técnica de bicorticalização associada à técnica de levantamento de assoalho nasal, na região do elemento 21, suportando uma coroa metal free sobre UCLA preparado para prótese cimentada.

O bloco ósseo apresentou altura padrão de 10 mm para todos os modelos simulados, sendo simulando osso tipo III, composto por osso trabeculado envolto por 1 mm de tecido ósseo cortical^{29,30}. Assim, o modelo com implantação convencional teve 1,5 mm de tecido ósseo remanescente apicalmente ao implante; já na implantação bicortical o implante teve o seu ápice travado na cortical superior óssea; e na bicorticalização associada ao levantamento de assoalho nasal uma projeção de 1,5 mm foi realizada para envolver o ápice do implante de 11,5 mm. A modelagem do tecido ósseo foi obtida através de uma recomposição tomográfica utilizando o software InVesalius (CTI, Campinas, São Paulo, Brasil). Em seguida, o modelo foi transferido para o software Rhinoceros 3D 4.0 (Seattle, WA, USA) onde foram realizadas as simplificações de superfícies.

Os desenhos dos implantes foram obtidos através do desenho original de um implante HI fornecido pelo fabricante (Conexão Sistemas de Prótese Ltda., Arujá, São Paulo, Brazil) no programa SolidWorks 14 (SolidWorks Corp, Waltham, MA, USA), sendo exportado posteriormente para o programa Rhinoceros 4.0 para simplificação do desenho do implante, sem que isso compromettesse o resultado final das análises²⁸.

A coroa foi desenhada diretamente no software Rhinoceros 4.0 a partir das fotografias diretas das várias faces dentárias e escalonada posteriormente no tamanho real da coroa fotografada, sendo a finalização do desenho semelhante aos trabalhos anteriores^{29,30}. Após, o desenho da superfície foi utilizado para realizar a montagem com os demais componentes anteriormente citados, sendo simulada uma coroa protética de espessura média mínima de 0,7 mm, com incisal de 2 mm, e espessura de cimentação ao redor do UCLA de 0,8 mm, com inclinações de parede de preparo de 5 graus.

Em seguida, todas as estruturas simuladas (tecido ósseo cortical e trabeculado, implante, UCLA, parafuso de fixação e coroa) foram agrupadas no programa Rhinoceros 4.0 para exportação dos sólidos para análise de elementos finitos.

Os sólidos obtidos anteriormente foram exportados para pré-processamento no programa de elementos finitos FEMAP 11.1.2 (Siemens PLM Software Inc., Santa Ana, CA, USA). No pré-processamento foram definidas as propriedades mecânicas de cada material envolvido no estudo, atribuídas as propriedades a cada estrutura utilizada de acordo com trabalhos prévios (Tabela 2), para posterior geração das malhas tridimensionais (Figura 1), com elementos sólidos tetraédricos parabólicos, sendo todos os materiais considerados isotrópicos, homogêneos e linearmente elásticos, com contatos colados entre as estruturas simuladas à exceção do contato UCLA/implante que foi definido como contato justaposto para se assemelhar ao modelo real de contato clínico implante-coroa.

Tabela 2 - Propriedades mecânicas dos materiais

Estrutura	Módulo de Elasticidade (E) (GPa)	Coeficiente de Poisson (ν)	Referência
Osso trabeculado baixa densidade (osso tipo III)	1,37	0,30	Verri et al. (2014)³¹
Osso Cortical	13,7	0,30	Verri et al. (2014)³¹
Titânio (UCLA, implante)	110,0	0,35	Verri et al. (2014)³¹
Porcelana de recobrimento (e.max CAD)	95,000	0,2	Schmitter et al (2014)²²
Cimento resinoso	18,300	0,33	Lazari et al. (2014)¹⁰



Figura 1- Malha de Elementos Finitos (Osso Cortical, Osso trabecular, Implantes, UCLA, Parafuso de Fixação, Cimento resinoso e Coroa. 1) Técnica Convencional, 2) Técnica de Bicorticalização e 3) Técnica de Bicorticalização associada à técnica de levantamento de assoalho nasal.

Ainda no pré-processamento, as condições de contorno foram estabelecidas como fixa em todos os eixos (x, y e z) em linhas de construção do bloco ósseo na região superior relativa à parede do assoalho nasal, permanecendo outras partes do modelo sem quaisquer restrições. Foi realizada uma aplicação de carga linear, sendo toda a estrutura envolvida no estudo (coroa/componentes/implante/tecido ósseo) possível de se movimentar e sofrer intrusão, restando apenas a base do bloco ósseo fixada e sem movimentação. A força aplicada foi de 178 N a 0°, 30° e 60°, localizada cerca de 2 mm abaixo da superfície incisal do dente, de acordo com estudos prévios³⁰.

Após pré-processamento foram gerada análises para processamento no programa Nei Nastran 11.1 (Noran Engineering, Inc., Westminster, California, USA) e exportação dos resultados. Desta forma, os resultados foram transferidos ao FEMAP 11.1.2 para o pós-processamento e visualização gráfica. A Tensão Máxima Principal (TMxP) foi utilizada como critério de análise das tensões no tecido ósseo por ser esta estrutura friável, uma vez que tal análise fornece valores de compressão (valores negativos) e tração (valores positivos)²⁹. Os mapas de von Mises (TvM) foram utilizados para avaliar componentes protéticos/implantes/parafusos^{30,31}, materiais dúcteis. Os mapas de Microstrain ($\mu\epsilon$) foram utilizados para análise do tecido ósseo e os mapas de deslocamento foram utilizados para análise de todo conjunto (osso/implante/componentes protéticos/cora)^{29,30}. A unidade de medida usada para mensurar a TMxP e TvM foi Mega-Pascal (Mpa) e para mensurar o deslocamento foi o milímetro (mm).

4.1 - TENSÃO MÁXIMA PRINCIPAL

Na análise do mapa de tensão máxima principal para o tecido ósseo cortical (vista oclusal) e cortical e trabecular (vista lateral) sob carregamento 0° , foi observada menor magnitude e área de concentração de tensões de compressão próximas à interface osso/implante, com padrão semelhante de distribuição para todos os modelos. Menores magnitudes de tensões de tração foram observadas (Figura 2).

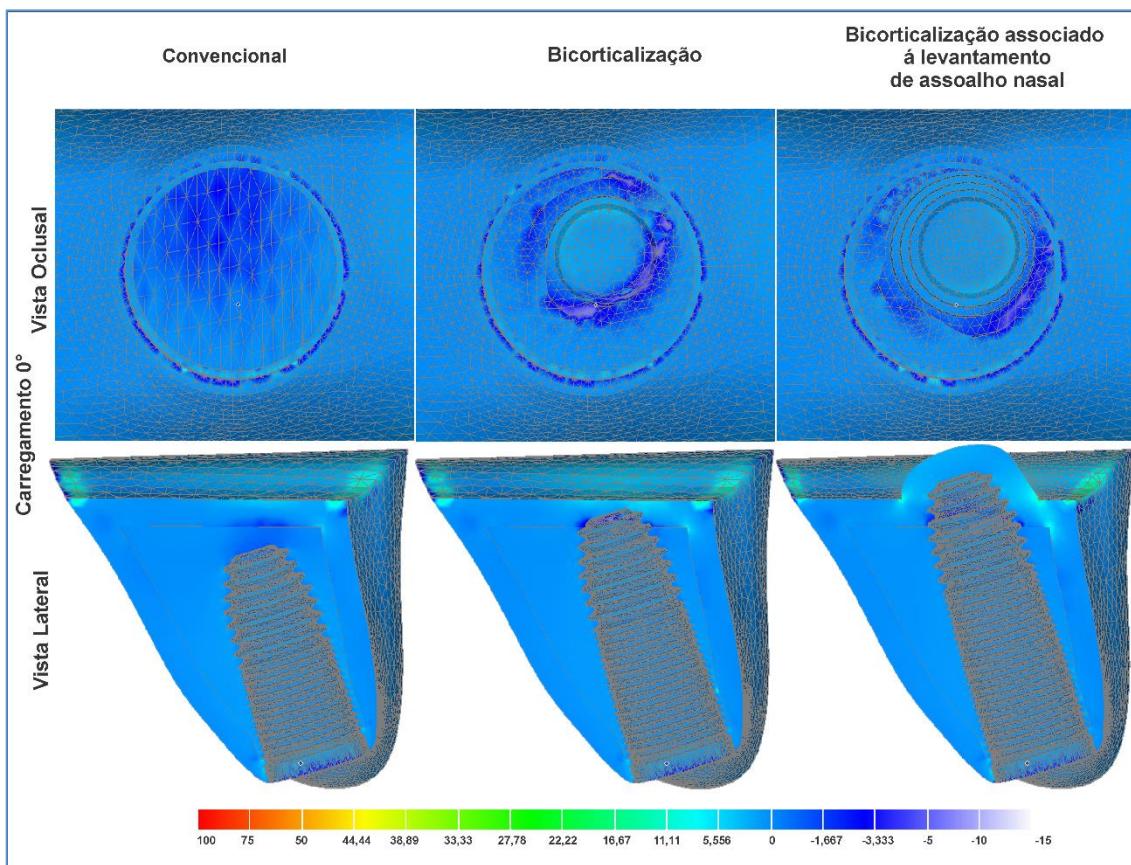


Figura 2- Mapas de Tensão Máxima Principal para o carregamento 0° , vista oclusal (osso cortical) e vista lateral (osso trabecular).

Sob carregamento 30° e 60° em vista oclusal, observou-se maiores concentrações de tensões de tração para o modelo de técnica convencional na região peri-implantar (interface

osso/implante) quando comparado com as técnicas bicorticais. A tensão de compressão revelou padrão semelhante para todos os modelos estudados.

Em vista lateral foram observadas concentrações de tensão de tração em região platina e vestibular de todos os modelos, com padrão de distribuição similar para todas as técnicas testadas. Além disso, a análise mostrou que quando há um aumento na inclinação da carga há um aumento da concentração de tensão no tecido ósseo (Figura 3 e 4).

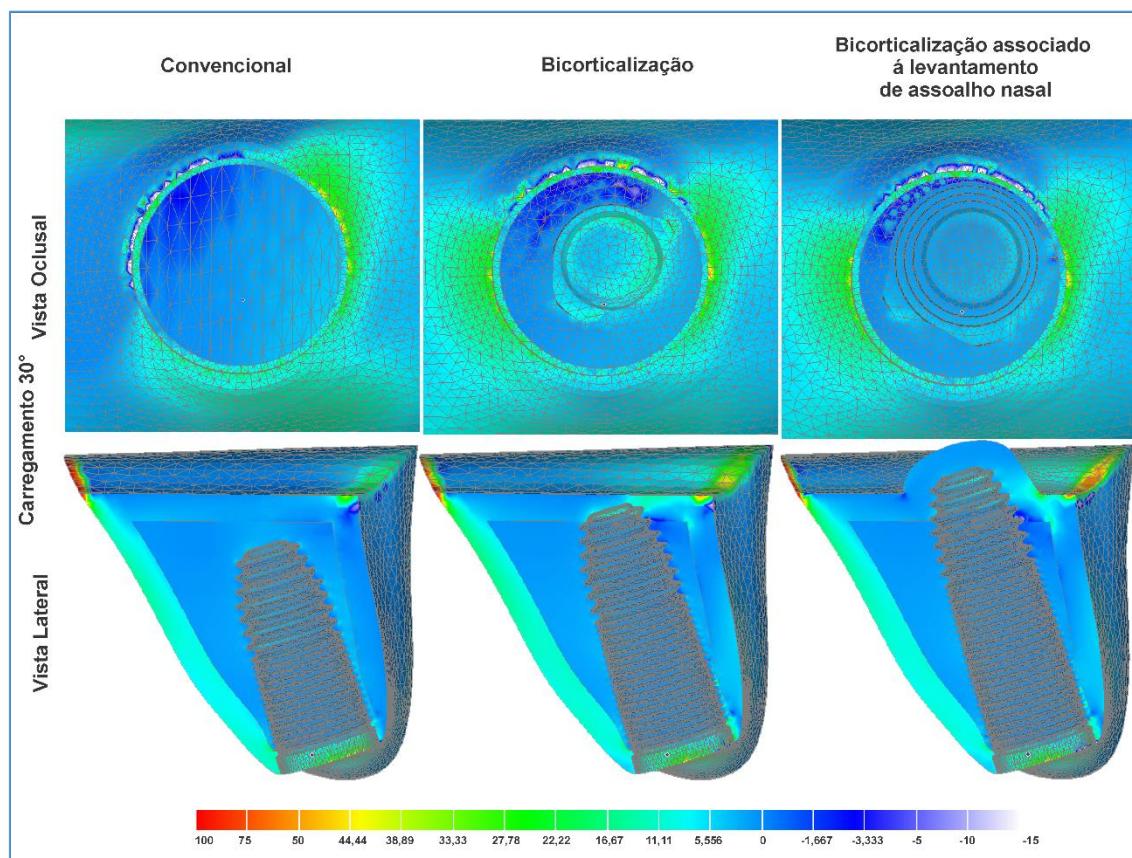


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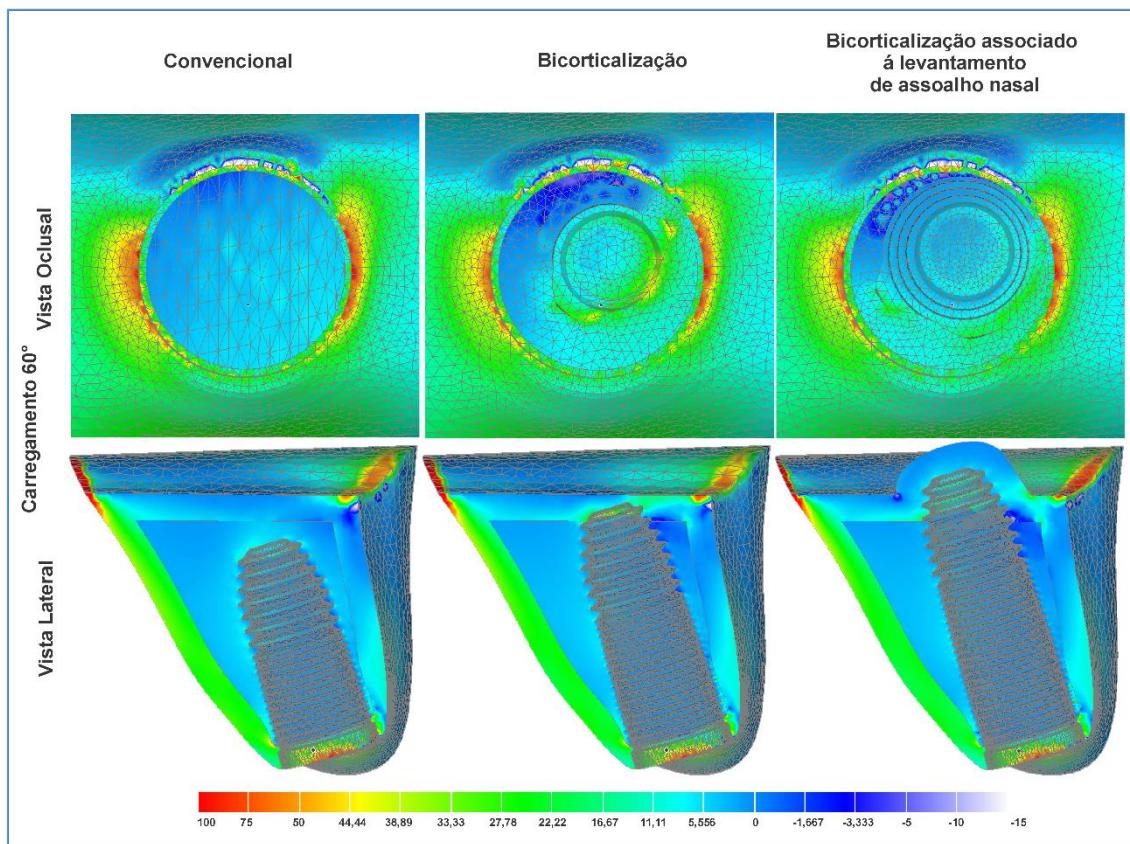


Figura 4 - Mapas de Tensão Máxima Principal para o carregamento 60°, vista oclusal (osso cortical) e vista lateral (osso trabecular).

4.2 - TENSÃO DE VON MISES

Na análise da distribuição de tensões de von Mises sob carregamento 0° foi possível observar um padrão de distribuição semelhante entre os modelos avaliados, com uma ligeira sobrecarga na região palatina dos implantes e menor concentração no ápice para todos os comprimentos testados (Figura 5). Maiores concentrações de tensão foram observadas no carregamento de 30° e 60°, sendo possível verificar também distribuição das tensões similares entre os modelos para as cargas oblíquas. Leve aumento de concentração foi observada para os implantes bicorticalizados na região

vestibular, mais visível sob inclinação de força de 30°. (Figura 6) Além disso, com o aumento do ângulo de carregamento houve maior sobrecarga das paredes dos UCLAS, implantes e parafusos de fixação para todos os modelos. (Figura 6 e Figura 7).

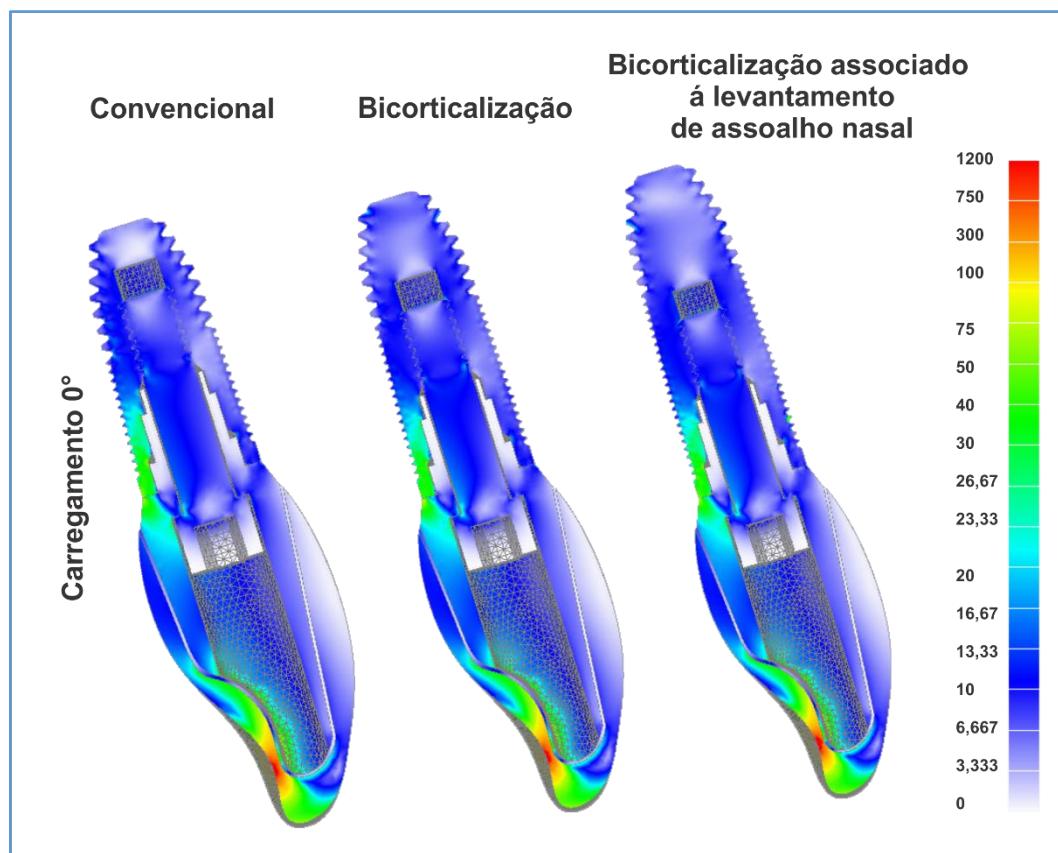


Figura 5- Mapas de tensão von Mises para o carregamento 0° (implantes/componentes/coroa).

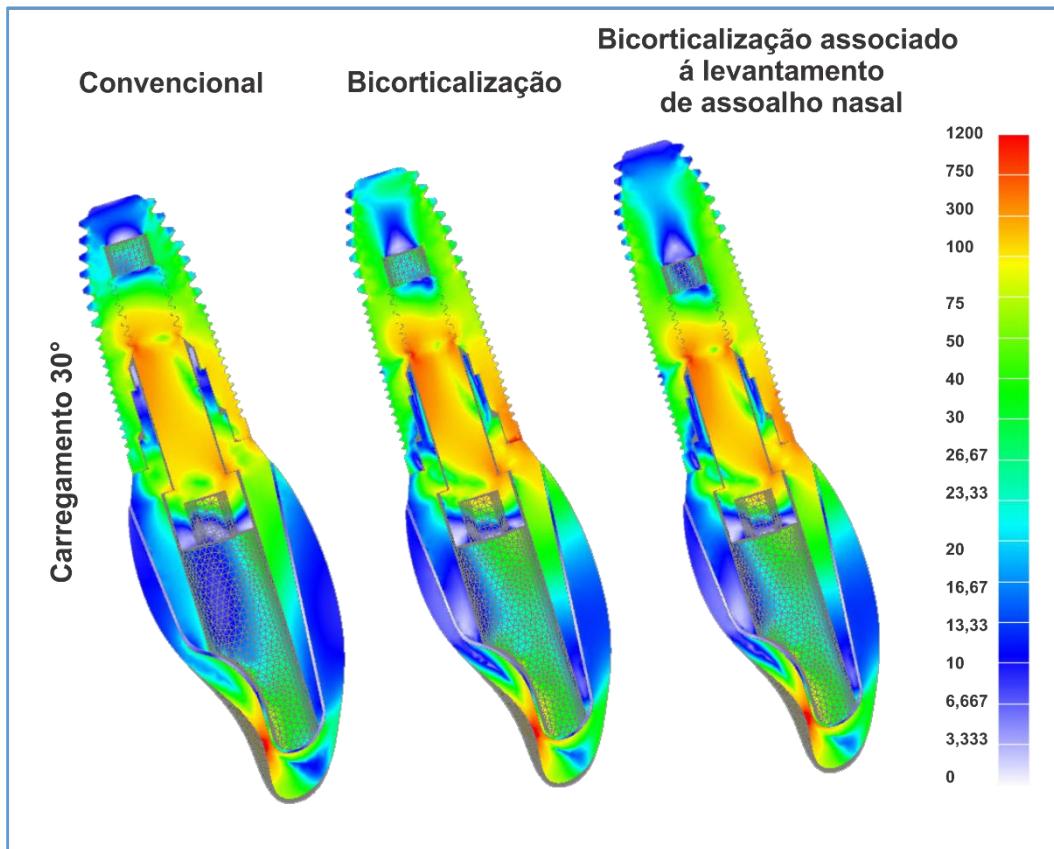


Figura 6- Mapas de tensão von Mises para o carregamento 30° (implantes/componentes/coroa).

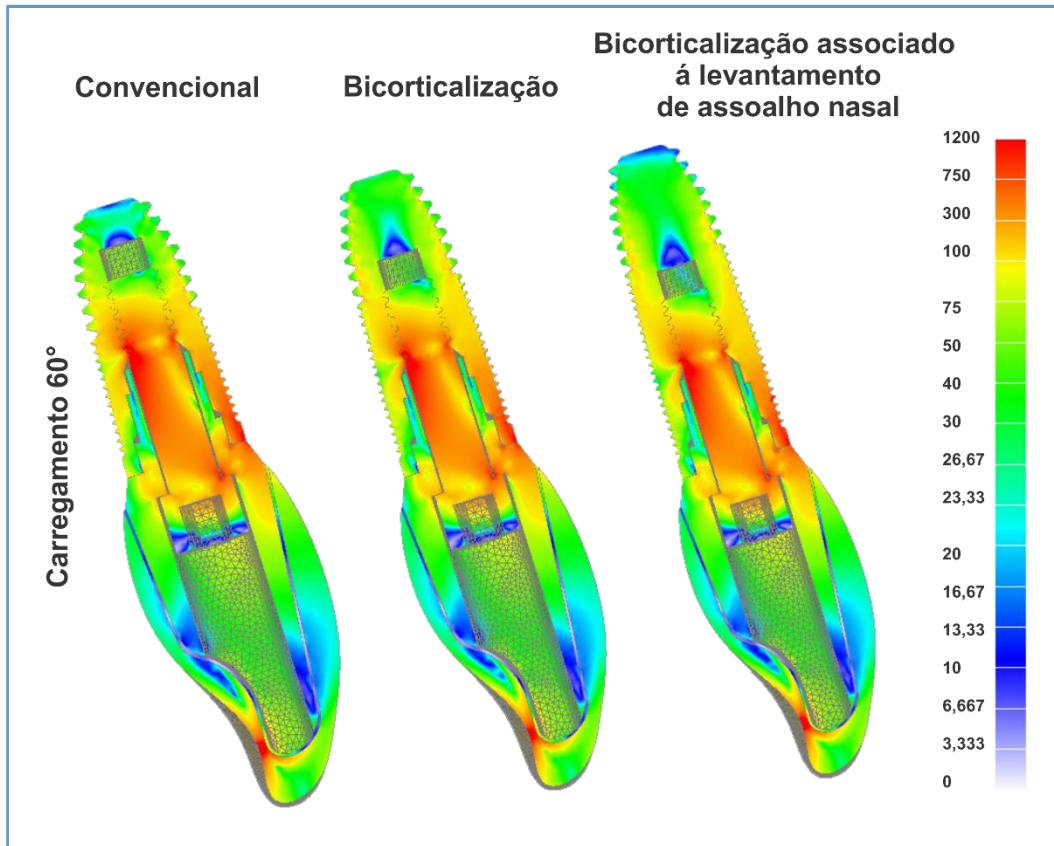


Figura 7- Mapas de tensão von Mises para o carregamento 60° (implantes/componentes/coroa).

4.3 - MAPAS DE MICROSTRAIN

A análise de $\mu\epsilon$ no tecido ósseo cortical mostrou padrões de microdeformação semelhantes para todos os modelos. Aumentando a direção da carga aumentaram as deformações na região vestibular, próximo ao contato osso implante. Entretanto, sob análise dos carregamentos de 30° e 60° , a técnica convencional teve uma maior concentração de deformação quando comparada com as outras técnicas (Figura 8).

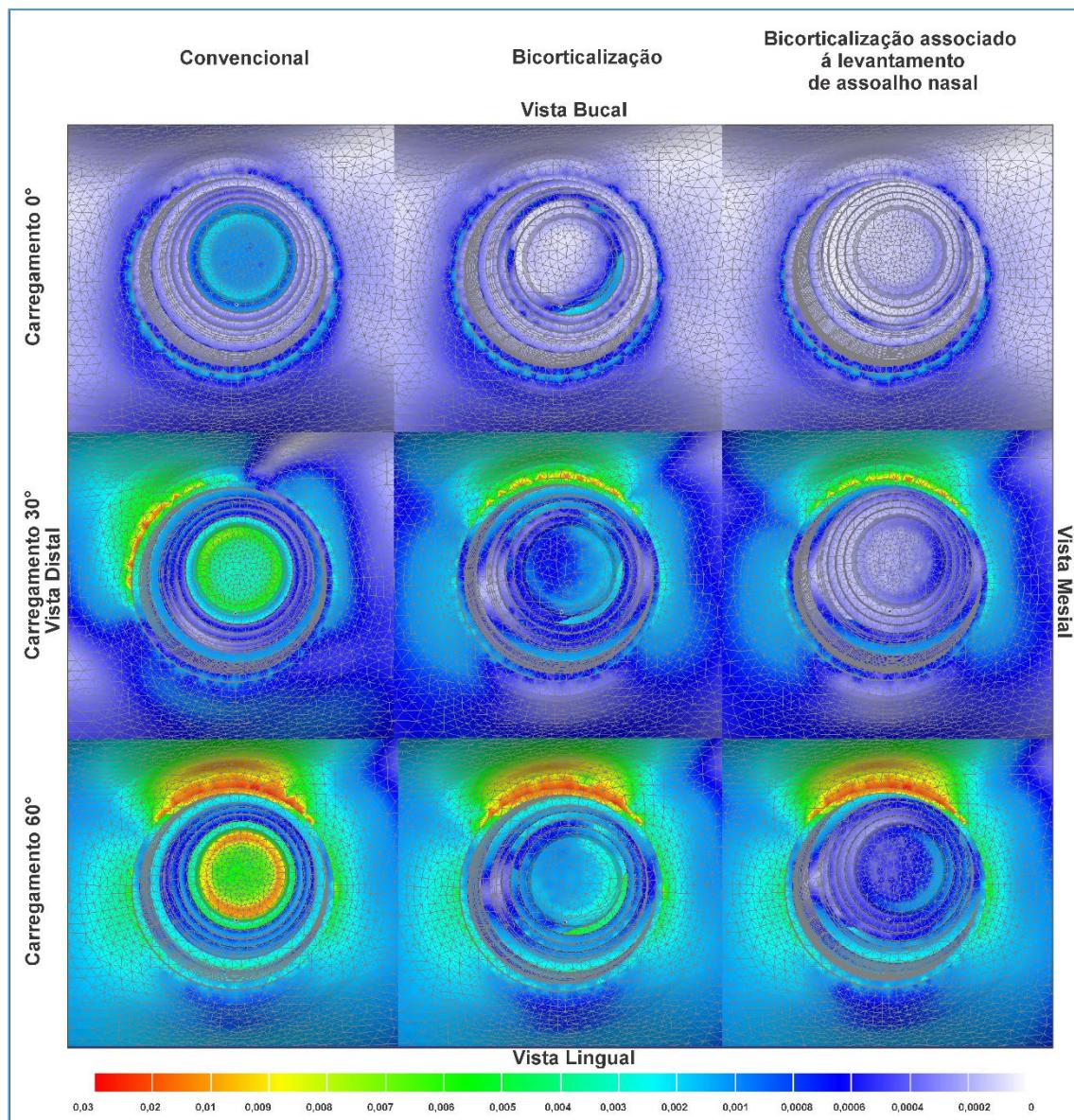


Figura 8 - Mapas de Microstrain para o carregamento 0° , 30° e 60° do osso cortical e trabecular.

4.4 - MAPAS DE DESLOCAMENTO

Na análise do mapa de deslocamento para o conjunto osso/implante/parafuso/coroa, observamos que quando há um aumento da inclinação da carga há uma maior a tendência de deslocamento nas estruturas analisadas. Os modelos apresentaram um padrão similar de distribuição de deslocamento, com o modelo de técnica de elevação do soalho nasal com menores níveis de deslocamento quando comparado às outras técnicas. O centro de rotação do conjunto implante/coroa nos modelos convencional e de bicorticalização localizou-se na área apical, diferente da técnica de elevação do soalho nasal que se localizou na área de travamento do implante na cortical óssea superior com tendência de rotação e movimentação para a direção cervical, principalmente quando associado a direção da carga de 30° e 60° (Figura 9).

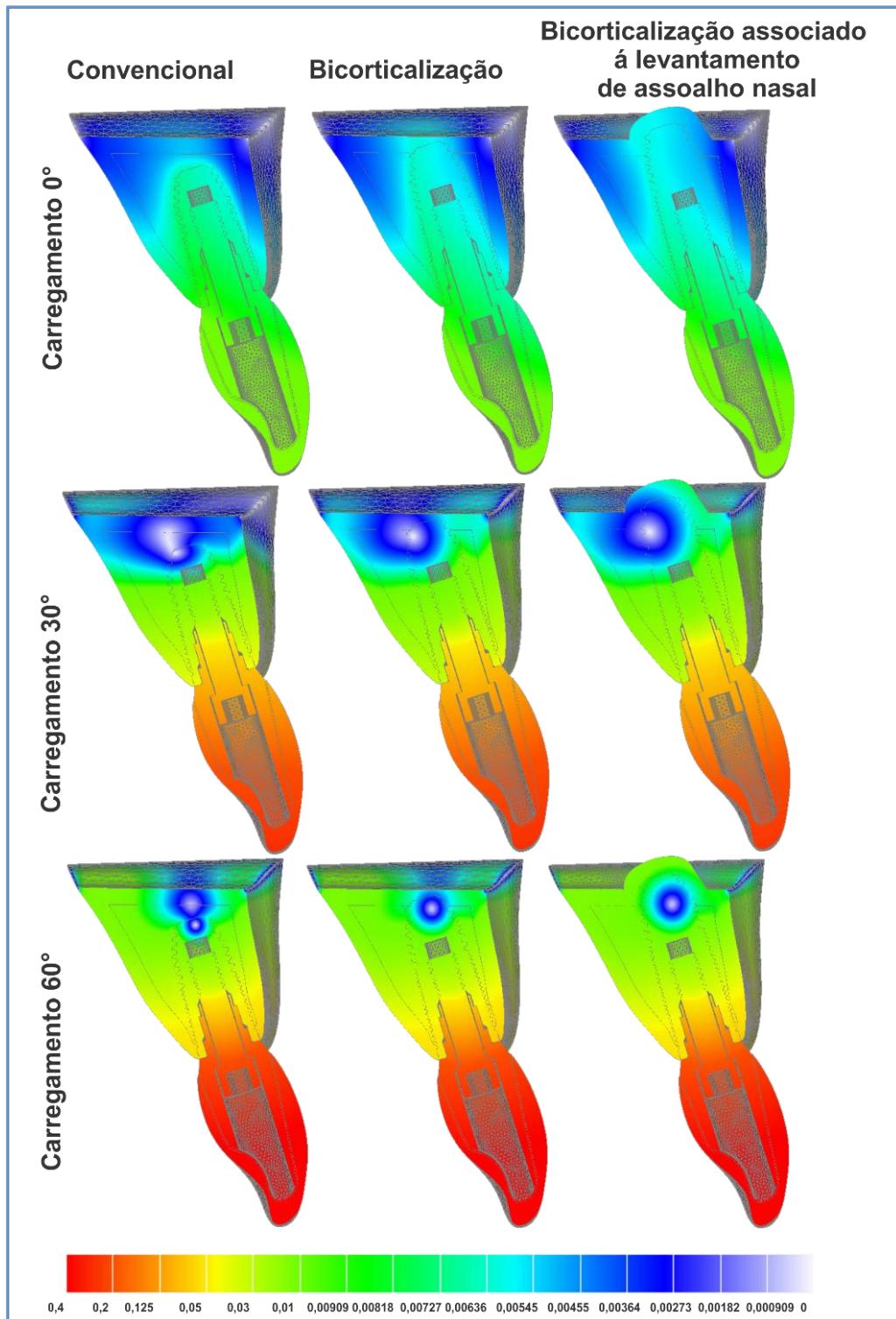


Figura 9- Mapas de deslocamento das estruturas, carregamento de 0°, 30° e 60°.

Este estudo mostrou que a escolha do comprimento do implante e técnicas cirúrgicas influenciam a distribuição de tensões nas situações testadas e, portanto, a hipótese nula deste estudo foi negada, visto que técnicas de bicorticalização mostraram melhor distribuição das tensões no tecido ósseo em comparação a técnica convencional. Este achado está em acordo com estudos que afirmam que comprimentos e técnicas de implantação podem influenciar no sucesso dos tratamentos reabilitadores com próteses implanto suportas^{7,8,12,15}. Esses resultados também corroboram com estudos anteriores que verificaram que a técnica de bicorticalização é mais vantajosa para a distribuição das tensões no tecido ósseo variando-se apenas a técnica cirúrgica e não o comprimento dos implantes^{29,30}.

Além das vantagens observadas na distribuição de tensões, a técnica de bicorticalização pode ser recomendada por influenciar no aumento da estabilidade primária, otimizando a osseointegração dos implantes por disponibilizar uma maior superfície de contato osso-implante¹. Esse aumento da estabilidade pode ser favorável, principalmente na região de maxila anterior por se tratar de uma região com exigência estética, sendo possível a instalação imediata do implante com carregamento imediato ou até mesmo por técnica de provisionalização imediata²⁴.

Em estudos biomecânicos com implantes com comprimento convencional (10 mm) foi observada vantagem biomecânica das técnicas de bicorticalização para os implantes de conexão externa³⁰ e interna³¹. Entretanto, clinicamente a técnica e/ou comprimento do implante muitas vezes é baseada na quantidade de tecido ósseo remanescente¹². De acordo com esse estudo, a utilização de implantes de maiores comprimentos associados às técnicas de bicorticalização é biomecanicamente mais favorável do que a utilização de implantes curtos com técnica convencional. Entretanto, essa técnica cirúrgica necessita de uma curva de aprendizagem devido a sua complexidade, pois é possível de intercorrências que podem ocasionar complicações como inchaço, dor, hematoma, infecção, deslocamento do implante, rinite^{16,21}, principalmente quando se realiza a elevação do assoalho nasal.

Estudos que avaliaram o comportamento biomecânico de implantes verificaram que os implantes mais longos apresentam uma tendência de acumular a tensões ao longo do seu comprimento, reduzindo as tensões na região tecido ósseo¹⁷. Implantes de 10mm e 11,5mm que são considerados pela literatura como implantes de comprimento longo²³. Porém, não demonstram diferença em relação a distribuição de tensão, inclusive para o

tecido ósseo. Entretanto, o de 8,5mm, considerado implante de menor comprimento por alguns autores²⁶, sobrecarregou mais o tecido ósseo que os demais implantes analisados. Clinicamente, implantes de maior comprimento (10 e 11,5 mm) apresentam maior taxa de sobrevivência em comparação aos implantes curtos¹² e, por este motivo, são preferíveis. Os achados biomecânicos deste estudo corroboram com esta afirmação.

Forças oblíquas são mais donosas para o tecido ósseo peri-implantar^{3,9}. Neste estudo, carregamento de 60° apresentaram maiores concentrações de tensões para os implantes e tecido ósseo. Entretanto, é necessário ressaltar que os implantes analisado foi de hexágono interno, que quando comparado com implantes de hexágono externo tem como vantagem menor tendência de afrouxamento ou fratura no parafuso de fixação, devido à menor concentração de tensões no pescoço do implante³.

A análise de elementos finitos tem sido considerada uma ferramenta útil para avaliação de situações pré-clínicas¹³, determinando as tensões e deformações em estruturas de maneira individualizada^{3,29,30}. Desta forma, estes estudos já têm sido indicados para melhor compreensão do comportamento biomecânico e, em seguida, cuidadosamente terem seus resultados extrapolados para a clínica diária²⁷.

Como trata-se de uma análise computacional, este estudo apresenta algumas limitações, como fatores como restrições de modelos, as propriedades dos materiais, os valores de carga e tipo de aplicação que podem mudar os resultados e são limitados em comparação com avaliações clínicas. No entanto, esta técnica permite estudo comparativo biomecânico das regiões de interface osso/implante em situações diferentes sugerindo a melhor opção clínica sob ponto de vista biomecânico^{3,9}.

Dentro das limitações do presente estudo foi possível concluir que:

- Cargas oblíquas apresentaram maior estresse para implante e tecido ósseo.
- Técnicas bicorticais mostraram menor tensão para o tecido ósseo.

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Some Elements of Effective Style

- Short words. Short words are preferable to long ones if shorter word is equally precise.
- Familiar words. Readers want information that they can grasp easily and quickly. Simple, familiar words provide clarity and impact.
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Terms

The following are selected objectionable terms and their proper substitutes. For a complete list of approved prosthodontic terminology, consult the eighth edition of the *Glossary of Prosthodontic Terms* (J Prosthet Dent 2005;94:10-92).

Or visit JPD <http://www.prosdent.org> and click on Collections/Glossary of Prosthodontic Terms.

- Alginate *use* Irreversible hydrocolloid
- Bite *use* Occlusion
- Bridge *use* Partial fixed dental prosthesis
- Case *use* Patient, situation, or treatment as appropriate
- Cure *use* Polymerize
- Final *use* Definitive
- Freeway space *use* Interocclusal distance
- Full denture *use* Complete denture
- Lower (teeth, arch) *use* Mandibular
- Model *use* Cast
- Modeling compound *use* Modeling plastic impression compound
- Muscle trimming *use* Border molding
- Overbite, overjet *use* Vertical overlap, horizontal overlap
- Periphery *use* Border
- Post dam, postpalatal seal *use* Posterior palatal seal
- Prematurity *use* Interceptive occlusal contact

- Saddle use Denture base
- Study model use Diagnostic cast
- Take impressions, photographs, radiographs use Make
- Upper (teeth, arch) use Maxillary
- X-ray, roentgenogram use Radiograph

In addition, *specimen* should be used rather than *sample* when referring to an example regarded as typical of its class.

Additional Terminology Guidelines

Acrylic

An adjective form that requires a noun, as in acrylic resin.

Affect, effect

Affect is a verb; effect is a noun.

African American

Spelled thus and preferred over Negro and black in both adjective (African American patients) and noun (... of whom 20% were African Americans) forms.

Average, mean, median

Mean and average are synonyms. Median refers to the midpoint in a range of items; the midpoint has many items above as below it.

Basic

Like fundamental, this word is often unnecessary. An example of unnecessary use: Dental implants consist of two basic types: subperiosteal and endosteal.

Between, among

Use between when 2 things are involved and among when there are more than 2.

Biopsy

This noun should NOT be used as a verb. A biopsy was performed on the Tissue, rather than: The tissue was biopsied.

Centric

An adjective that requires a noun, as in centric relation.

Currently, now, at present, etc.

These expressions are often unnecessary, as in: This technique is currently being used...

Data

Use as a plural, as in: The data were...

Employ

Should not become an elegant variation of use, as in This method is employed ...

Ensure

Preferred over insure in the sense of to make certain.

Fewer, less

Use fewer with nouns that can be counted (fewer patients were seen) and less with nouns that cannot be counted (less material was used).

Following

After is preferred.

Imply, infer

The speaker implies; the listener infers.

Incidence

The rate at which a disease occurs in a given time;

sometimes confused with prevalence (the total number of cases of a disease in a given region).

Majority

Means more than half; use most when you mean almost all. **Male**, **female** For adult humans, use men and women. For children, use boys and girls.

Must, should

Must means that the course of action is essential. Should is less strong and means that the course of action is recommended.

Numbers

Spell out numbers used in titles or headings and numbers at the beginning of a sentence. The spelled version may also be preferable in a series of consecutive numbers that may confuse the reader (eg, 2 3.5-inch disks should be written two 3.5-inch disks). In all other cases, use Arabic numerals.

Orient

Proper form; avoid orientate.

Pathologic

Use instead of pathological. Other words in which the suffix -al has been dropped include biologic, histologic, and physiologic.

Pathology

The study of disease; often mistaken for pathosis (the condition of disease)

Percent

Use the percent sign in the text, as in The distribution of scores was as follows: adequate, 8%; oversized, 23%; and undersized, 69%. But spell out when the percent opens a sentence, as in Twenty percent of the castings ...

Prior to

Before is preferred.

Rare, infrequent, often not, etc.

Whenever possible, these vague terms should be backed up with a specific number.

Rather

Like very, this word should be avoided.

Regimen

A planned program for taking medication, dieting, exercising, etc. Not to be confused with regime, meaning a system of government or management.

Sex

Use "sex" rather than "gender" unless you are referring to the socially constructed roles, behaviors, activities, and attributes that a given society considers appropriate for men and women.

Symptomatology

The science or study of symptoms; this word is not a synonym for the word symptoms

Technique

Preferred over technic.

Using

Avoid the dangling modifier in sentences such as “The impression was made using vinyl polysiloxane impression material.” Write “with” or “by using” instead.

Utilize

Use is preferred.

Vertical

An adjective that needs a noun, as in vertical relation.

Via

Use through, with, or by means of.

White

Preferred over Caucasian. This is true only if the patient is from the Caucasus region of Eastern Europe. If not, use the term, white to describe the patient

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