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The Intersection of Soto Zen and Dental Practice: Enhancing Focus and Resilience in Orthodontics and Implantology

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Abstract

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Keywords

Soto Zen; intersection; Orthodontics; implantology

Introduction

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Implantology is a different beast altogether. It's surgery, pure and simple, but with microscopic margins for error. Imagine building a house on shifting sands, relying on precise calculations and steady hands. The pressure is immense. One slip, and the entire structure could crumble. Zen, for me, is the silent guardian of my mind. Zazen, or sitting meditation, is the cornerstone of my practice. Unlike chasing fleeting thoughts, Zen is about welcoming them, acknowledging them, and letting them go. It's about finding stillness in the storm.

Each patient and procedure offer an opportunity to approach the situation with a beginner's mind, free from preconceived notions and judgments. This Zen principle has allowed me to discover innovative solutions and provide optimal care. In the operating room, Zen becomes my secret weapon. It's the steady hand when every movement counts, the calm mind amidst chaos. Each procedure is a meditation in itself, a dance with precision and patience. When the unexpected happens - a cracked implant, a resistant tooth - Zen is the anchor that keeps me grounded. It's not about avoiding stress, but about transforming it into a catalyst for focus.

Conclusion

In the intricate world of dentistry, where precision meets compassion, Zen has become my guiding star. It's more than a practice; it's a lifestyle that has transformed how I approach my work. By weaving together, the ancient wisdom of Zen with the cutting-edge demands of modern dentistry, I've found a harmonious balance that enriches both my professional and personal life. It's a journey of continuous discovery, where the mind is as sharp as the scalpel, and the heart as gentle as a healing touch.

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