Individual patient conditions may present challenges that are not readily addressed in a generic treatment approach. Some of these include patients who are about to lose their entire dentition but refuse to remain without fixed restorations throughout treatment. Other patients present with phonetic difficulties, lack of tongue space or poor adaptability to new prostheses. Additional challenges involve edentulous patients who present with pre-existing implants in severely compromised positions. These conditions require customization of the treatment plan to address specific patient needs. The appropriate treatment sequence for these challenging conditions will be presented with attention to details that are critical to a successful reconstruction with proper esthetics and function.

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