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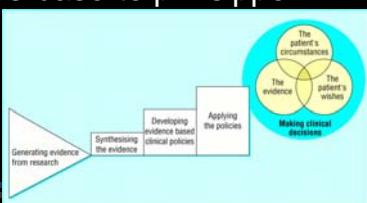
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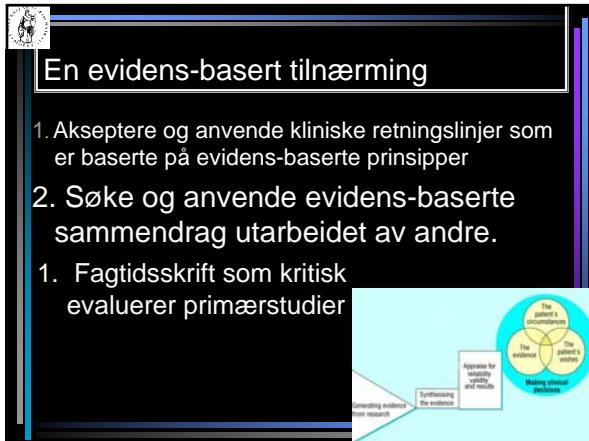
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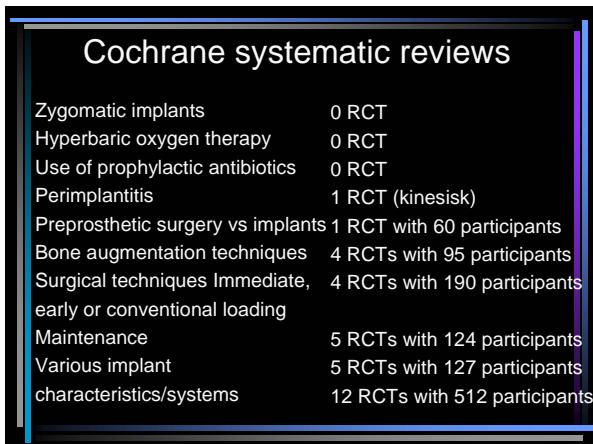
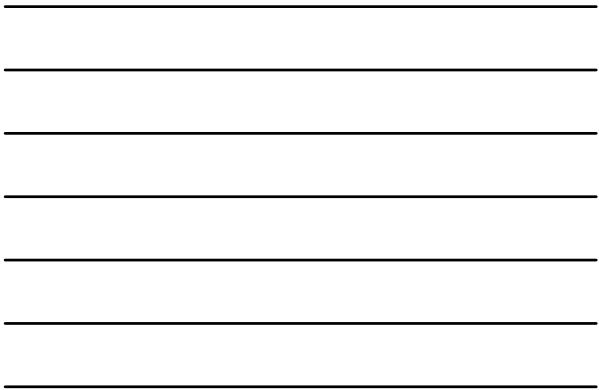
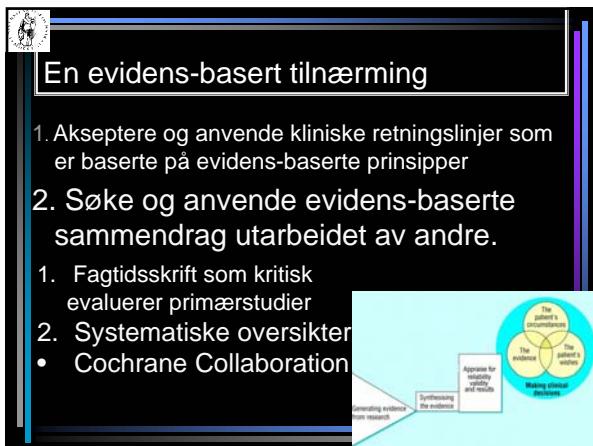


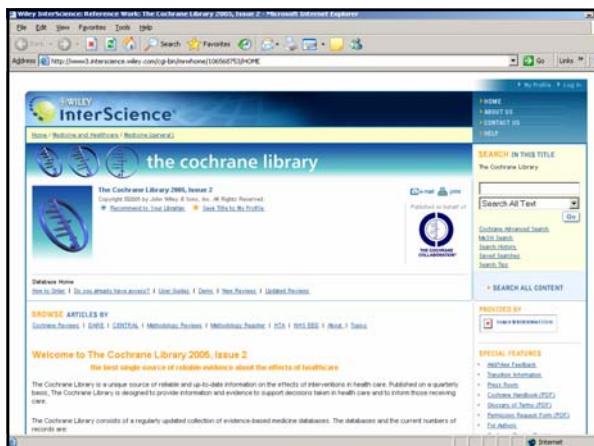
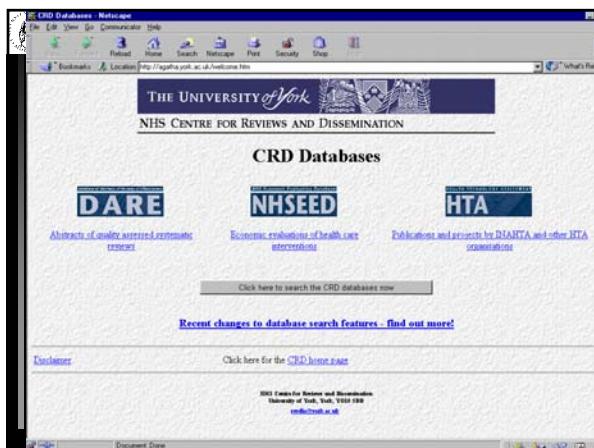
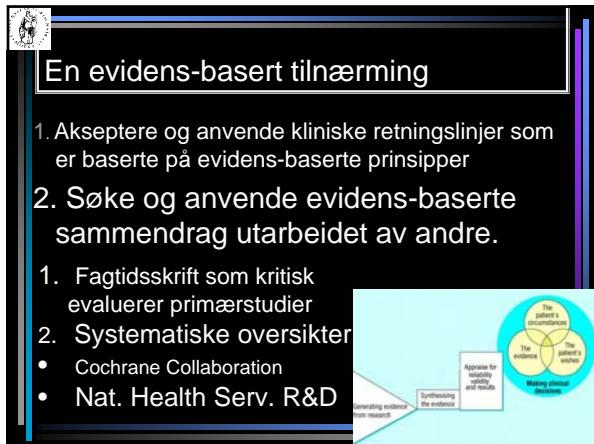
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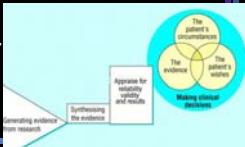






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2. Søke og anvende evidens-baserte sammendrag utarbeidet av andre.
1. Fagtidsskrift som kritisk evaluerer primærstudier
2. Systematiske oversikter
 - Cochrane Collaboration
 - Nat. Health Serv. R&D
 - Annen litteratur



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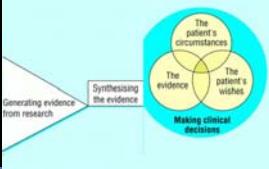
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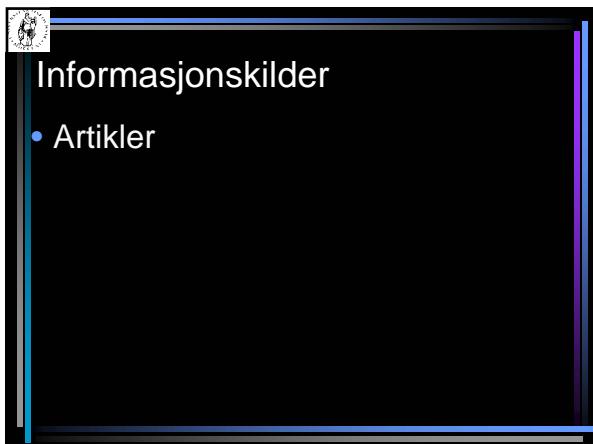
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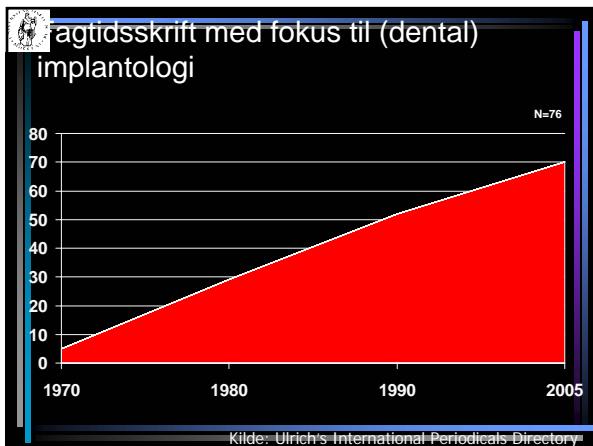
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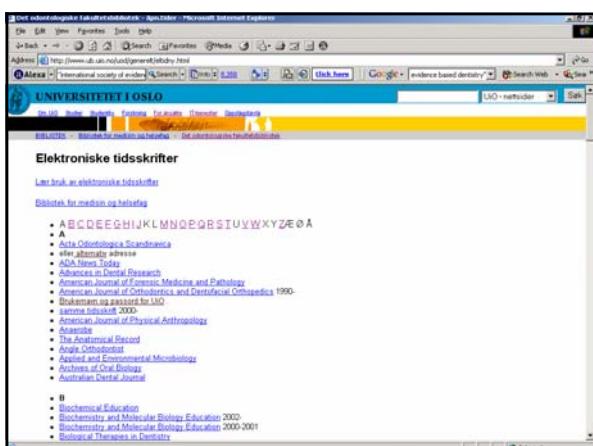




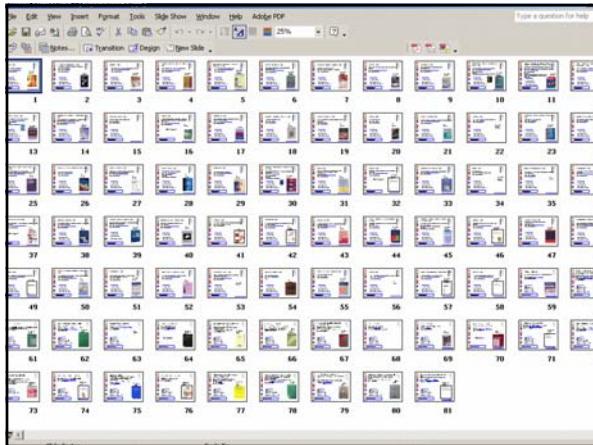
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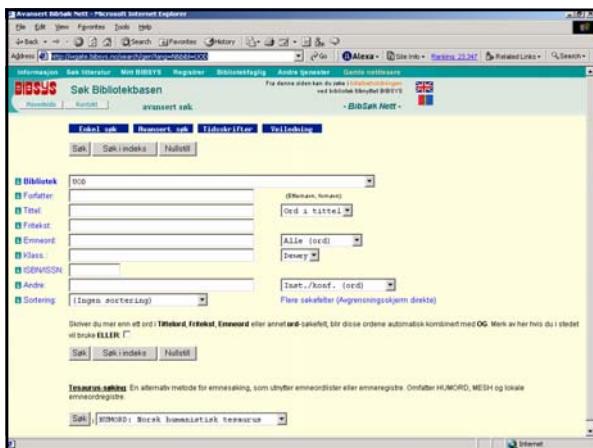


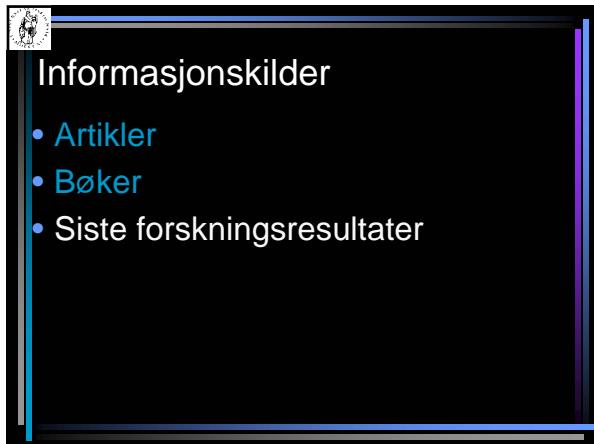
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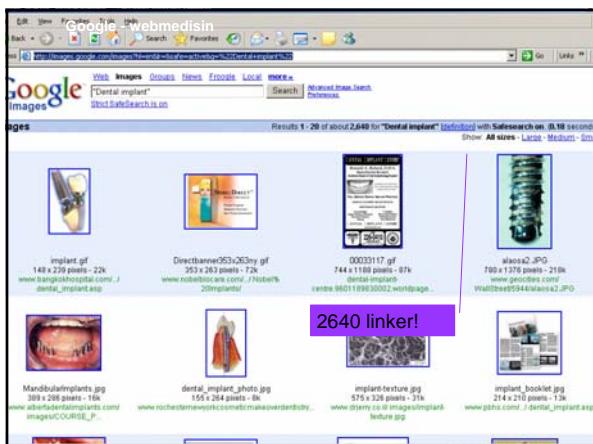
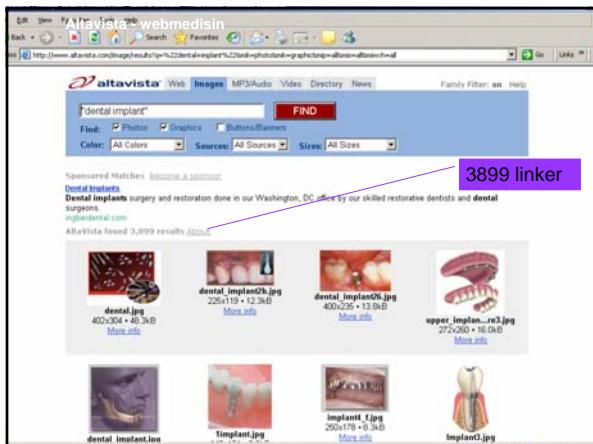
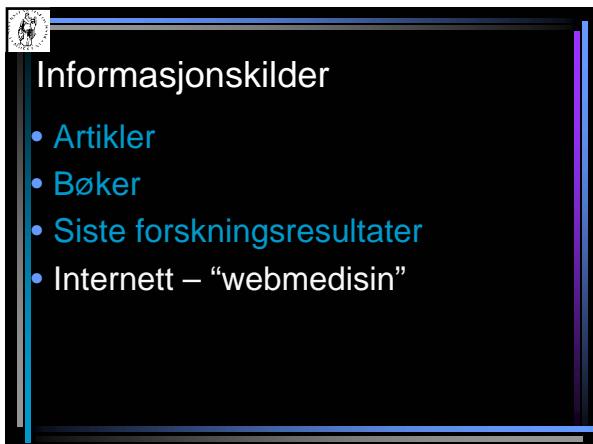


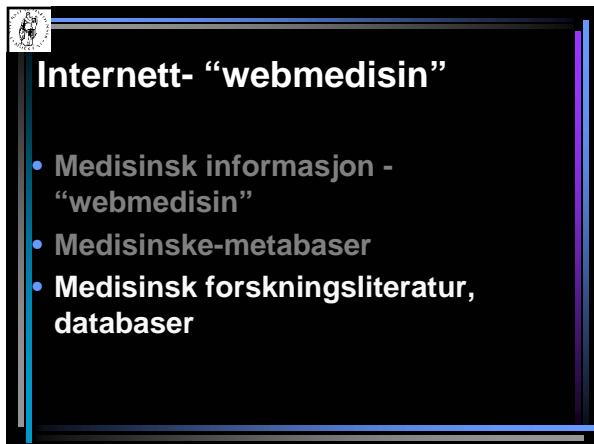
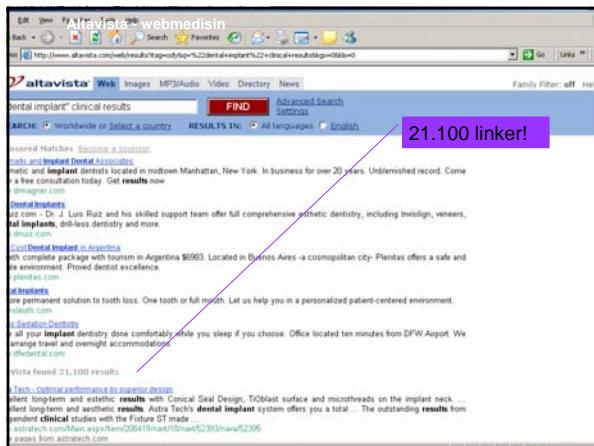
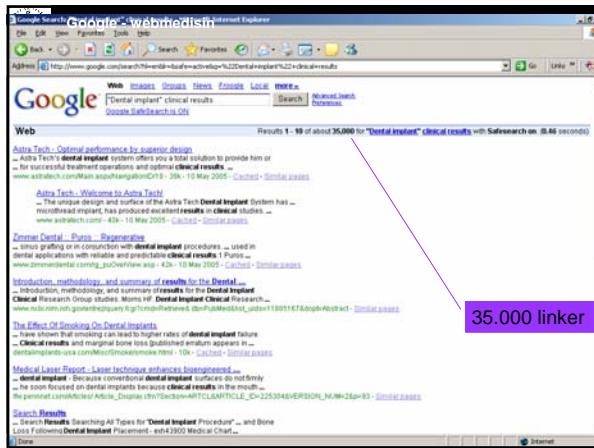


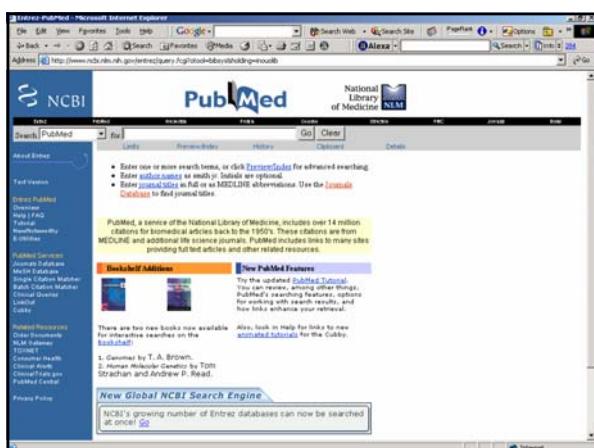
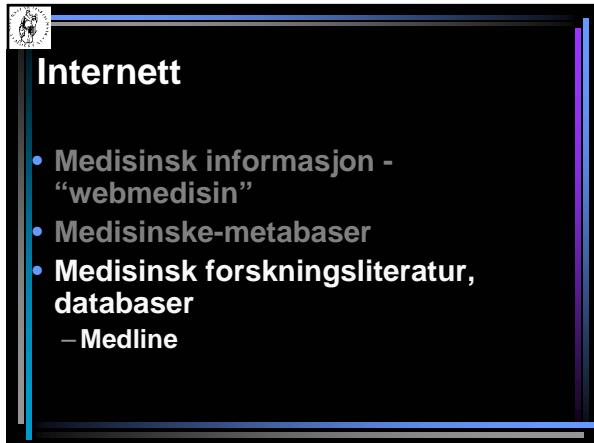
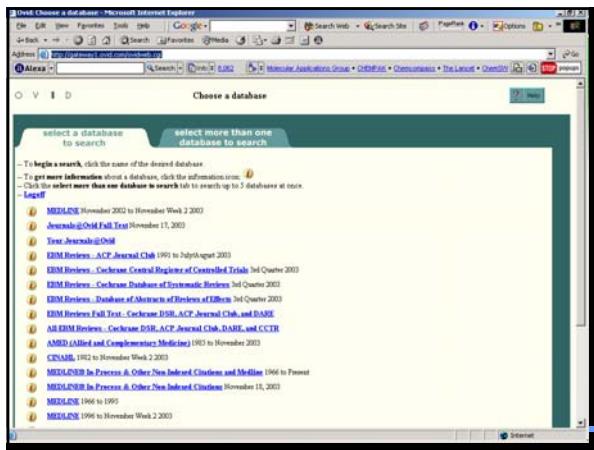


The screenshot shows the homepage of the International Association for Dental Research (IADR). It features a navigation bar with links for About Us, Meetings, Awards & Fellowships, IADR Leadership, AADR Leadership, Resources, and Members. The main content area includes sections for Latest News, Online Abstracts Submission Now Open for Upcoming Division Meetings, and Meeting Registration, Hotels Now Available. There are also links to various international dental meetings like the IACR, Korean Division, and British Division.

The screenshot shows the ISI Web of Knowledge (WoK) homepage. It features a search interface with two main search boxes: 'CrossSearch™ - Form' and 'CrossSearch™ - Concept'. Below these are links to 'CrossSearch™ - Products', 'Journal Citation Reports', 'ScienceDirect', and 'Meet the Researchers'. The page also includes a 'Log In' button and a 'More Information for new users' section.







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Dermatological manifestations in hepatitis B surface antigen carriers in east region of Turkey
[J Clin Virol. 2003 May;30(5):323-5.
PMID: 14574193 PubMed - in process]

2. **Kaneko O, Watanabe K, Watanabe F.**
Mucosal oral lichen planus: outcome, clinical and laboratory features
[J Oral Rehabil. 2005 May;32(5):301-7.
PMID: 15874053 PubMed - in process]

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Effect of glucocorticoids on T helper cell balance in oral lichen planus
[Zhongguo Xue Za Zhi. 2003 Mar;42(3):98-101. Chinese
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[Standard for evaluation of effect for oral lichen planus (rescue, stepback) (trial implementation).]
[Dental Materials. 2005 Mar;21(2):182-5. English, Italian
PMID: 15848512 PubMed - in process]

5. **Saitoh H, Ito S, Kondo F, et al.**
[Assessment of severity of oral lichen planus using a new clinical index.]

Validitet, resultat og anvendelighet
av en rapport: Tre hovedspørsmål

1. Er studien gyldig (valid)?

2. Hva er resultatene?

3. Er resultatene relevante for
mitt problem?

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1. Er studien gyldig (valid)?

1. Er problemstillingen klart beskrevet?

2. Er det brukt et relevant studiedesign
til å besvare problemstillingen?

3. Er studien korrekt utført?

4. Kan du forstå hva forfatterne gjorde?

2. Hva er resultatene ?

1. Er resultatene presentert klart og enkelt?
2. Er konklusjonen klar?
3. Er resultatene viktige fra et klinisk ståsted?

3. Er resultatene anvendelige for meg?

1. Er deltakerne i studien tilnærmet like mine?
2. Er det realistisk at jeg kan applisere resultatene fra studien til mine pasienter?



Studiedesign mht terapi, profylaksetiltak eller opplæring

Når en ny intervasjon gjør mer nytte enn skade sammenlignet med den rådende, og samtidig er verdt kostnadene og arbeidsinnsatsen



Krav til evidens:

- Randomisert kontrollert studie
- Relevant observasjonstid pasienter, målekriterier, setting
- N & 80% oppslutning
- Korrekt statistikk



Studiedesign mht vurdering av prognose

...når det er vist at den sannsynlige utvikling over tid er til det bedre og/eller de mest sannsynlige komplikasjoner er færre eller enklere sammenlignet med den rådende



Krav til evidens:

- Prospektiv kohort-studie
- Representative pasienter
- Relevant observasjonstid
- N & 80% oppslutning
- Korrekt statistikk



Studiedesign mht ny kunnskap/ pasientinformasjon om etiologi, skadefekter og årsaksammenheng

Når nye etiologiske årsaks-mekanismer i relasjon til ulike plager/ sykdom/ problem blir sannsynliggjort.



Krav til evidens:

Randomisert klinisk studie > Klinisk studie > kasus-kontrol > tverrsnittstudier > singlekasus

Dobbel- / Single-blind studiedesign

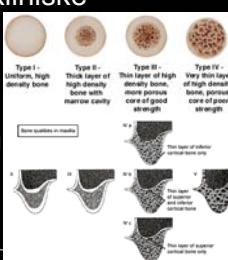
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Studiedesign mht nye kliniske undersøkelses-rutiner

Når nye rutiner gir forbedret identifikasjon av de mest relevante funn fra en klinisk undersøkelse og pasienthistorikk og/eller disse funnene blir fortolket på en mer korrett måte



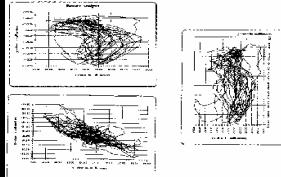
Krav til evidens

- Klart definerte grupper sammenlignet (én symptomfri)
- Testet mot objektiv diagnostisk standard eller klinisk standard med reproducerbare kriterier
- Høy sensitivitet og spesifisitet
- Korrekt statistikk



Studiedesign mht innføring av ny en diagnostisk test

Når en ny test utviser en akseptabel presisjon, god pasientakseptans, og er nøyaktig, sikker, og kostnads-effektiv



Krav til evidens (I tillegg til forrige bilde)

- Dokumentert økt gevinst mht sensitivitet og spesifisitet i forhold til eksisterende test ("gullstandarden")
- Den nye testen må relateres til sykdomsprevalens
- Korrekt utførte og rapporte kvalitative studier
- Korrekt statistikk

Tannimplantater og kvalitet





Er et implantat av "god kvalitet" når..

- vi har klinisk data etter 3 år? ...5år? ...10år?
- implantatet er laget av cpTi grad 2 ...3? ...4?
- implantatet er rufset ...rillet ...gjenget
...avrundet ...intern låsning ...sandblåst?
- produsenten følger ISO9001?
- en spandabel og trivelig selger har sagt så?
- en av vår lokale guruer har sagt så?
- vitenskapelige kliniske studier kan gi et svar?



Kunne muligens
besvares hvis noen:

Identifiserte og vurderte all
data om temaet fra kliniske
studier som tilfredsstiller et
minstekrav til god studie-
metodologi og –rapportering



To systematiske oversiktsarbeider

1. FDI World Dental Federation
2. Cochrane Collaboration



FDI prosjektet "Quality of implants", prosess:

1. Prosjekt opprettet av FDI's Vitenskapskommisjon
2. Prosjektleder oppnevnt (AJ)
3. Ekspert identifisert – Ikke tilknyttet industrien (Belgia, Sveits, Sverige, USA)
4. Rapport sammenfattet
5. Rapport godkjent av FDI's Vitenskapskommisjon
6. Rapport sent til industrien for kommentarer (3i, Astra, Friadent, NobelBiocare & Straumann)
7. Kommentarer vurdert og inkorporert
8. Rapport sent til eksterne referees
9. Publisert i International Dental Journal

2004: 82 produsenter fremstiller 235 ulike implantatmerker

Kvaliteten på tannimplantater

Jokstad A, Brägger U, Brunski JB,
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A. Quality of Dental Implants. *Int Dent J*, 2003; 53 Sup 2: 409-33.
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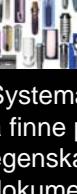
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Hva vi gjorde:

- Systematisk søk i literatur og på Internet for å finne påstander om overlegne implantat-egenskaper samt identifisere dokumentasjonen for påstandene
- Kritisk analyse av denne dokumentasjonen for å vurdere vitenskapelig gyldighet
- Evaluere de rapporterte behandlingsresultat som funksjon av implantat-karakteristika



Påstander om klinisk gevinst pga implantatets karakteristika

- +
 - 1. Letter plassering/håndtering eller initiell immobilitet
 - 2. Osseointegrasjon (hastighet/ forutsigbarhet)
 - 3. Estetikk
- - 4. Peri-implantat mukositt
 - 5. Marginalt benfeste
 - 6. Mekaniske problem mellom implantat/ distanse/ suprastruktur -forbindelsene
 - 7. Mekanisk defekt i implantatet

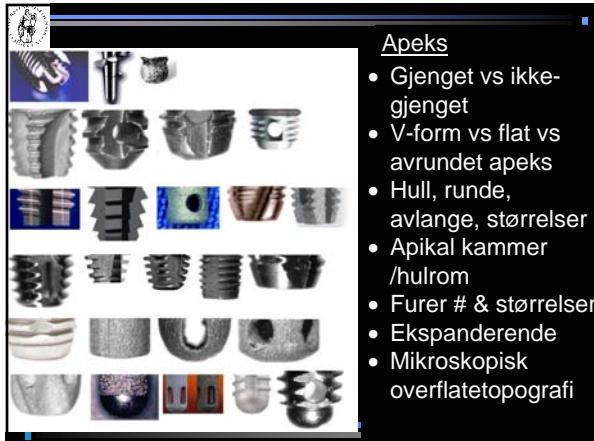








Maskineringsprosess	Overflate-topografi	Eksempel
Acid etched surface (The surface is usually etched in a two-step procedure)	Isotrop overflate med hoy forekomst av irregulærer	HCl / H ₂ SO ₄ (Osseotite®, 3i Implant innovations)
Blasted surface (The surface is blasted with hard particles.)	Isotrop overflate	TiO ₂ particles (Tioblast®, Astra Tech AB)
Blasted + acid etched surface (The surface is first blasted and then acid etched)	Isotrop overflate	1. Large size Al ₂ O ₃ particles & HCl & H ₂ SO ₄ (SLA®, Straumann) 2. Tricalcium phosphate & HF & NO ₃ (MTX®, Centerpulse Dental)
Hydroxyapatite coated surface	Generelt, en relativt ru og isotrop overflate	Sustain® (LifeCore Biomedical Inc.)
Oxidized surface (Increased thickness of the oxidized layer)	Isotrop overflate med forekomst av kraterstrukturer	TiUnite® (Nobel Biocare AB)
Titanium Plasma Sprayed (TPS) surface	En relativt ru isotrop overflate	ITI® TPS (Straumann AG)
Turned surface	Skjæremerker produserer en orientert Anisotrop overflate	Bränemark System® MKIII (Nobel Biocare)





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..slike kriterier kan bare betraktes som surrogatmål og av liten betydning fra et pasient- og samfunnsperspektiv

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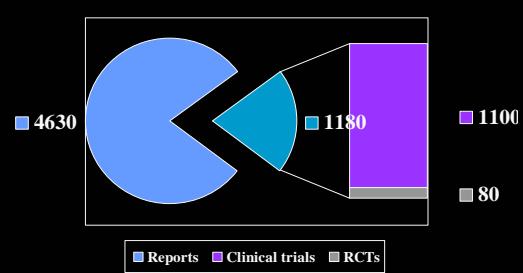


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Oral Implant research – proportion of Randomised Controlled Trials





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(commercial or independent) clinical setting (university or non-university)
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5. Quality assessment of RCTs trials with sample sizes: ≥ 10 for parallel trials & ≥ 5 for split-mouth and cross-over studies

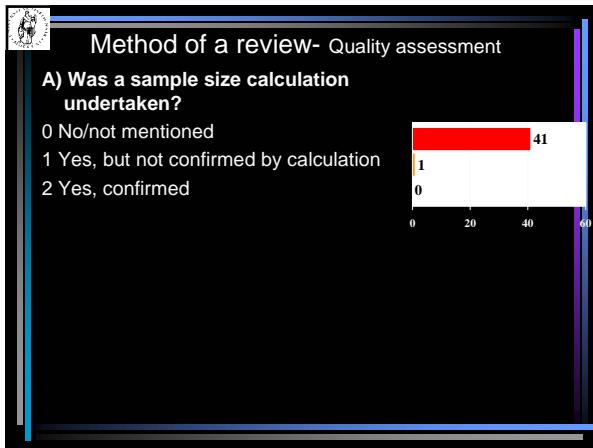
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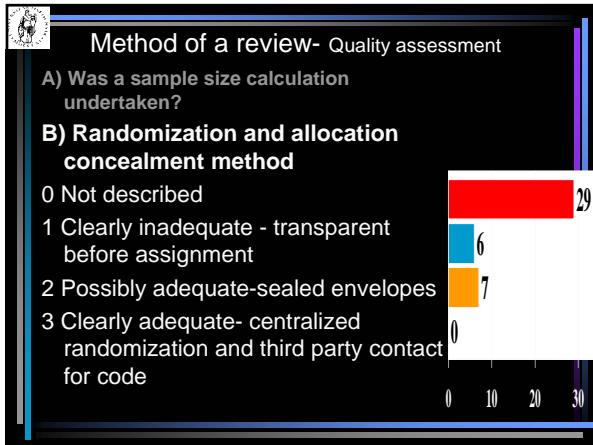


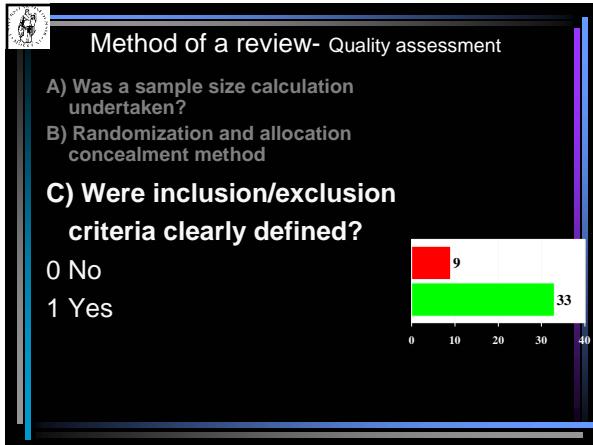
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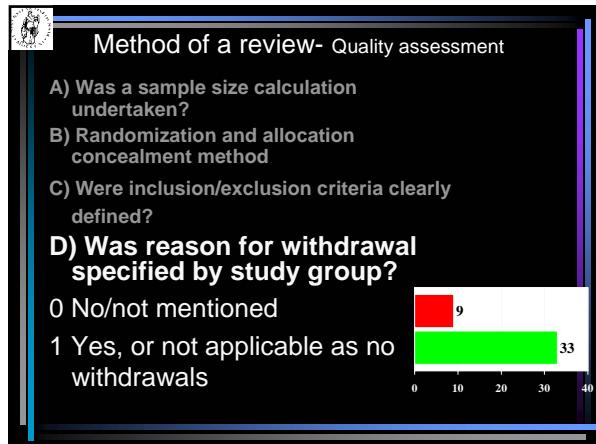
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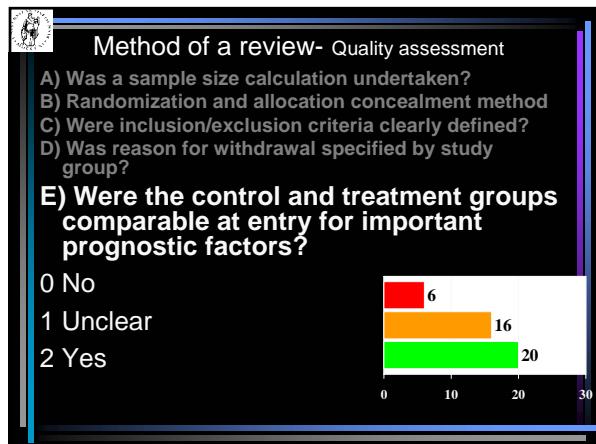
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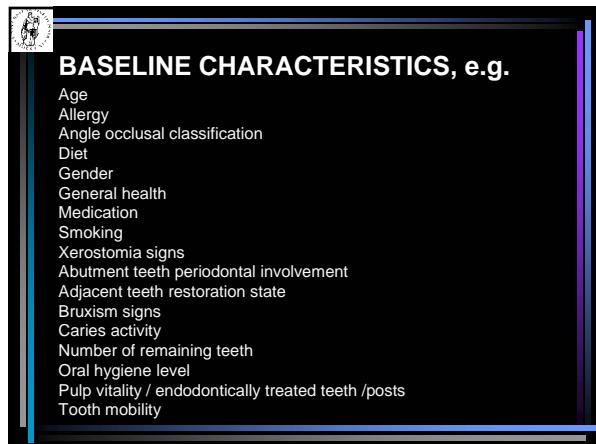












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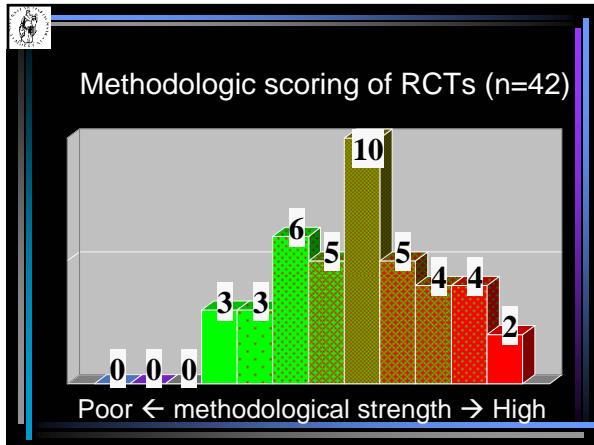
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 - patient age
 - withdrawals by group
 - reasons for withdrawals.
 - primary outcomes for all time points mentioned in the study report.



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



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?

- 1) Plaque
- 2) Marginal bleeding
- 3) Probing pocket depth
- 4) Probing "attachment" level
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Various implant characteristics/systems

Is a surface modification, an implant shape or material more effective than the others?

Last literature search: June 2004

12 RCTs with 512 participants and 12 different implant systems (19 RCTs were excluded). 4 RCTs with a 5-year follow-up

Minor significant differences in marginal bone loss and in the occurrence of perimplantitis. No statistically significant difference in failure rates. We do not know whether any implant system is superior to the others. **It does not mean that they are all the same!**

Which criteria when comparisons between:



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

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



The most relevant outcome criteria?

- Plaque, marginal bleeding, probing pocket depth, probing attachment level, radiographic marginal bone level, bone changes on standardised intra-oral radiographs....
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The most relevant outcome criteria?

- Perceived/self reported:
- Adaptation to prosthesis (satisfaction)
 - Appearance
 - Function (chewing, speech)
 - Dietary significance (intake, selection)
 - Health
 - Quality of life (psyche, well-being, self esteem)
 - Social activity

- Observed:
- Appearance
 - Function (bite force, tracking)
 - Diet survey
 - Health indices
 - HRQL indices
 - Social activity



There is a need

To define the most relevant criteria for treatment outcomes when implant based prostheses are compared to alternative treatments



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17. Prosthesis retention/mobility

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- C. Economic impact, Direct, maintenance or indirect costs:**
 - 19. Service utilisation or resource use with or without link to outcomes
 - 20. Clinician contact, including number of office and/or maintenance visits
 - 21. Prosthesis/internal fixation device costs
 - 22. Need for additional diagnostic investigations

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On what level of evidence do we provide therapy?

Dear Colleagues

For the European Workshop on Reconstructive Dentistry (EWRD), the Swiss Society of Reconstructive Dentistry (SSRD) has received an educational grant from the Straumann Company, Waldenburg, Switzerland. Furthermore, the Society has set apart resources for such a EWRD to discuss the evidence on which reconstructive dentistry is based.

The 1st EWRD takes place Nov 18 - 20, 2006, in the Castle of Hüningen near Berne, Switzerland.

In a first round, I would like to invite some opinion leaders in Switzerland, tie you to internationally recognized European prosthodontists and thus, get the process started.

This first letter addresses just 8 people. For the final invitation, the



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Chicago August 2006
