Achilles Heel of NobelBiocare's New N1 Implant System



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I finally realized the Achilles Heel of the N1 System. THE TriOval connection cannot accept 1-piece healing collars, 1-piece multi-unit abutments or 1-piece Locator abutments. Nobel's rational for the N1 system's Trioval implants and abutments is that they will improve emergence profile for optimal esthetics. One certainly does not need to be concerned about esthetic emergence profiles under an over-denture or under a fixed-detachable full arch prosthesis. This implant's non-circular internal connection precludes its use for restoring any edentulous jaw where 1-piece screw-in abutments or 1-piece over-denture abutments are indicated to simplify these restorative procedures. In esthetic areas the only healing collar available for the N1 implant is the 2-piece On-1 extender that converts the implant's conical connection to a flat, butt-joint connection.

