

# Introduction

We are excited to present the first online issue of *Clinical Implant Dentistry and Related Research* devoted to sinus-lifting techniques. In this issue, there are documented studies relating to pterygoid implants, various methods for opening the sinus, and a variety of different grafting approaches. All papers have been reviewed and compiled into this exciting issue. The uniqueness of this issue is that there is an accumulation of experience and data on one of the hottest topics in implant dentistry. This first Internet edition of *Clinical Implant Dentistry and Related Research* emphasizes the need to review papers quickly and to publish new information as rapidly as possible. We congratulate the authors and Wiley-Blackwell in agreeing to expedite the uploading of this issue. One exciting paper by Lundgren and col-

leagues clearly demonstrates that implants can be placed into the sinus without bone grafting or barrier membranes. All 19 implants placed with this method integrated and were placed into function. The authors demonstrated sinus bone fill for implant lengths ranging from 7 mm to 10 mm. Apparicio and colleagues present 3-year evidence for a new extrasinus zygomatic approach for implant placement. This approach places implants at the alveolar crest, a big step in improving a very effective technique. These papers as well as the others in this issue offer readers tested options for placement of implants into the maxillary sinus. We hope you enjoy this issue.

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