Dental implant technology continues to evolve and grow through continued advancements in implant-to-abutment interface design, surface treatment, digital technology and patient-specific solutions. These developments have helped to simplify procedures, reduce treatment time, ensure more long-term and optimal outcomes and, ultimately, contribute to a higher level of patient satisfaction.

With these developments, new solutions and new companies are also continuing to emerge at a rapid pace, often making it more difficult to know what is the right choice for your practice and your implant patients. Some aspects to consider when choosing an implant partner may include:

• How long has the company been on the market?
• How much focus and resources does the company place on the research and documentation behind their products?
• What personnel and support are available to you in your product use and practice development?
• Is the company actively introducing new technologies and leading innovation and change?
• What type of warranty is in place should something happen?

• Will the company and products be around — not only today but tomorrow — when you need them?

These are all critical aspects to consider because, in most cases, your patients will rely on you for their long-term care. In turn, you should have the confidence that your implant provider will be there for you throughout the entire journey.

DENTSPLY Implants is based on a solid foundation of 40 years of expertise, knowledge and experience in all relevant fields and technologies of implant dentistry. Its comprehensive portfolio of solutions for all phases of implant therapy is designed to support its commitment to providing simplicity to its customers and is backed by extensive documentation, the company asserts.

The convenience of a “one-stop-shop” for implant treatment is truly delivered through the availability of solutions for digital treatment planning (SIMPLANT®); regenerative preparation of the implant site (SYMBIOS®); implant system options that include an internal conical connection (ANKYLOS® and ASTRA TECH Implant System™) or an internal flat-to-flat connection (XiVE®); and patient-specific restorations (ATLANTIS™) for ce-
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Fig. 2 Astra Tech Implant System EV features a unique interface with one-position-only* placement of Atlantis patient-specific abutments.
* Patent pending.

Fig. 3 Atlantis Conus Abutment overdenture.

ment-, screw- and attachment-retained implant-supported prostheses. These solutions are further supplemented by educational opportunities and practice-marketing tools.

The latest launch and introduction of its Astra Tech Implant System EV is another example of industry-leading innovation.

As a part of its focus on documented success, the foundation of this evolutionary step remains the unique Astra Tech Implant System BioManagement Complex with its key combination of features: the OsseoSpeed surface, microthread, conical seal design and connective contour. Well-documented for its long-term marginal bone maintenance and esthetic results, the average marginal bone reduction for the Astra Tech Implant System is, in fact, less than 0.3 mm† after the first year of loading — a figure that still remains after five years.

The design philosophy of this new system is based on the natural dentition utilizing a site-specific, crown-down approach and is supported by an intuitive surgical protocol and a simple prosthetic workflow, for increased confidence and satisfaction for all members of the treatment team. The versatile range of implants and site-specific components are designed for long-term biological and clinical performance, ease of use, versatility of indication and mechanical robustness.

Astra Tech Implant System EV provides a number of enhancements and innovations that help simplify the implant process, including a user-friendly surgical tray with three interchangeable overlay options, self-guiding impression components where only one hand is needed for seating and a unique one-position-only placement design for Atlantis patient-specific abutments, according to the company.

Another key innovation being introduced is the addition of the new Atlantis Conus Abutment concept. Available for all major implant systems, this solution is designed to support the needs of the growing attachment-retained segment.

It provides partial or fully edentulous patients with the stability of a fixed solution and the convenience of a removable prosthesis for easy cleaning and optimal chewing function and comfort.

As with all Atlantis solutions, Atlantis Conus Abutments are backed by a comprehensive warranty to provide added peace of mind, the company asserts.

So what are you looking for in an implant company? If a strong history of experience and expertise, documented success, comprehensive solutions for all your implant needs and products and services of the highest quality matter to you, take a closer look at Dentsply Implants.

† Data on file