Many UK dentists choose not to provide dental implant surgery either because they are not familiar with the technique or because they perceive the costs to be too high for their patients. However, DIO UK is quickly demonstrating that the cost is rapidly becoming less of a problem and, by using the company's range of high-quality, low-cost implants, even dentists that are relatively inexperienced in implant surgery can quickly learn to perform the procedure successfully.

The new Department of Health guidelines require NHS dentists to install the latest decontamination equipment, leading to the potential for more practices to provide surgical and implant services. DIO UK is helping these practices through marketing assistance and by increasing their profitability as the lowest-cost option to enter the dental implant market.

To prove how easy the new DIO implants are to use, DIO will be presenting its immediate loading implants at The Dentistry Show 19-20 March at the NEC, explaining the pros and cons of immediate loading and the advantages of DIO's implant systems in these cases. Dr. Arrif Lalani, dental advisor for the Kingston vocational training scheme at Kingston Hospital and principal at Smile Dental Implants of Surbiton in Surrey, will be inviting a dentist relatively new to implants to perform live surgery under his supervision. This will be the first time live implant surgery will have been shown in public in the UK.

Although Dr. Lalani is comparatively new to implant surgery, he says that working with the DIO implants makes the process relatively easy. “Working with DIO’s implants is so simple and straightforward. They have no quirks,” he said. “They are the perfect way to start for those dentists considering offering implants as an extra service to their patients or freeing themselves from the financial ties of another manufacturer.”

The simplicity of the process is largely attributed to the innovative design of the implants themselves, which DIO have boldly called “The best implants in the world?” Their unique tapered design features a double thread to increase primary stability, even with low bone density. The design also prevents cortical bone loss, significantly reduces stress and increases the opportunity for immediate loading. The self-tapping cutting edge allows easy insertion and automatically removes cut bone. The design also promotes fast healing and gingival recovery.

Also presenting at the show will be Dr. John Ballentyne who will demonstrate his unique and innovative immediate loading technique using DIO’s dental implants to provide a temporary full arch bridge in a simple way. Dr. Ballentyne has been practicing for over 40 years and established Chelmer Village Dental, Essex in 1990. He has a wealth of experience in both traditional and cosmetic dentistry. Having fitted more than one thousand implants, he has helped many patients achieve the perfect smile.

Dr. Ballentyne said he originally began using DIO implants following a visit to DIO headquarters and factory in South Korea. “When I visited the factory in Korea I was very impressed with the quality and attention to detail of the implants. They work beautifully for this immediate loading procedure.”

Iain Forster, Managing Director of DIO UK said that Dr. Lalani and Dr. Ballentyne are both perfect fits for DIO. He said, “Arrif and John are those refreshing breeds of implant surgeons who aren’t blinkered by convention and are happy to do whatever is best for their patients and businesses. I think that’s why they chose to use DIO implant systems.”