

Reproducible Accuracy with Dr Silvia La Rosa

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What comes to mind when we think of computer-guided surgery? Accuracy, reproducibility, reliability, safety, efficiency, sophistication, progress, and flexibility. These attributes are desirable in every procedure.

When searching for a technology with such characteristics, I stopped and reviewed the clinical challenges of previous techniques. Like most of you, I shifted from free-hand surgery to static guidance, first fabricated in-office and later through CAD-CAM technology, which has its own drawbacks.

In my experience, Dynamic Navigation using Navident is my go-to in every case because of its overall reproducible accuracy. I find this most important in areas of restricted vertical access and critical spaces. In addition, it offers me the ability to change my plan within the procedure, which is crucial; as we advance in the sinus cavity, we need to accurately place implants with transcrestal sinus elevation without losing the tactile feel.

Often, we decline to use more effective and more accurate technologies due to perceived and sometimes

genuine changes to our daily practice resulting in less than ideal and non-reproducible results. Without a doubt, computer-guided surgery is not easier, yet it sure is more accurate, making the outcome optimal for the patient and the clinician, thus minimizing chair time for both.

New techniques and technologies inspire us to do better for our patients, be inquisitive, learn, and grow professionally. We need to adapt to change and invest time and effort personally and financially to succeed. With every new system that we incorporate into our practice, there is a familiarity curve. With Dynamic Navigation using Navident, it has been exciting, enjoyable, and rewarding not only for me but for our team members alike.

We all have a choice. We can continue evolving to improve what we do or repeat our challenges and wonder if we could have done a better job. Navident was the right choice for our practice in 2017 and continues to be the go-to technology to obtain the most accurate and reproducible results.