

Response to the Commentary

An editorial debate in response to our study findings should focus on patients who are the recipients of expensive foreign devices placed into their bodies. Those who trust health professionals to place devices into their bodies expect research to support that placement prior to insertion, not after. Treating a patient is an honor and privilege that should not be taken lightly.

Clinical impression and concern for patients led to the analysis we have provided. It is the responsibility of research educators to protect both patients and practitioners by providing independent data.

The scalloped implant (NobelPerfect™) showed no evidence of exceptional capacity to increase or maintain soft tissue height. The scalloped implant (NobelPerfect) was associated with bone loss.

Our research team at the University of Southern California stands behind the results as presented. We have confidence in our diagnosis, treatment planning, implant placement/restoration skills, and data analysis.

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