and restoration of endosseous implants. Vertical restorative space can be identified as the distance from the crest of the residual alveolar ridge to the occlusal plane of the planned restoration in the opposite dentition; 9 mm is the minimum vertical space needed for a posterior single-unit fixed restoration, measured from the crestal bone to the occlusal plane of the opposing dentition, or 6 mm from the soft tissue to occlusal plane. Implants should be placed at least 3 mm below the most apical point of the free gingival margin, maintaining the peri-implant biological width.9

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