A novel approach to obtaining adequate soft tissue coverage with immediate implant placement

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One of the most important problems encountered with the immediate implant placement is insufficient soft tissue to completely cover the GBR site, which usually makes it necessary to perform primary closure of the socket in order to protect the healing site from the oral environment. The use of membranes usually necessitates primary closure over the socket, a requirement that increases surgical complexity. Moreover, although it is considered advisable to use a pedicled flap or a connective-tissue graft to achieve primary closure, this technique is not easy and is uncomfortable for the patient. The aim of this approach is to provide adequate soft tissue coverage.