

## What is this Implant? - Ask KAOMI!

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Korea has emerged as a global leader in dental implant therapy. This surge is attributed to various factors, including the exceptional clinical skills of Korean dentists, a robust culture of weekend clinical seminars, and the availability of high-quality domestic implant products. Consequently, patients requiring functional masticatory and aesthetic restoration enjoy higher accessibility to implant treatment compared to almost any other nation.

However, as the volume of procedures increases, clinicians frequently encounter unforeseen challenges during maintenance and follow-up care. A prime example is the "unknown implant system." Clinicians often meet patients who visit for maintenance or treatment of peri-implant diseases but lack information regarding the specific implant system used in their previous treatment at another clinic. The patient may not remember the details, the radiographic features may be ambiguous, and the original clinic might have closed down. Even when advised to contact local public health centers for records, patients often find the process difficult to navigate. Such scenarios are no longer hypothetical; they are a reality that any clinician could face as early as tomorrow.

To assist both distressed patients and clinicians in these situations, the Korean Academy of Oral & Maxillofacial Implantology (KAOMI) operates the "KAOMI Implant Finder Service." This presentation aims to discuss the nature and operation of this service—which many implant-focused clinicians may have heard of—the procedures for utilizing it, and strategies for its future development.

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