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As our ageing population retain more teeth into old age, the burden of dental maintenance increases. This text presents an overview of these challenges facing the dentist and how edentulousness in old age can be prevented with long-term treatment planning. Treatment strategies designed to minimize risk to the remaining natural dentition are also described.

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