When Zest Anchors announced the next generation LOCATOR, known as LOCATOR R-Tx, I wanted to get in and try it immediately. In fact, I treated the first patient with LOCATOR R-Tx and it was a game-changer right away, because ZEST took the best features of the original LOCATOR abutment and applied pragmatic improvements to the next generation design.

**Advantage, LOCATOR**

I used to have challenges with patients coming in with other attachment systems with plaque accumulation, wear, excessive abutment height, and denture cracking. With the LOCATOR R-Tx, these problems are dramatically reduced, and overall my patients are beyond thrilled with it. Here’s why:

1. **LOCATOR R-Tx** allows for 60 degrees convergence/divergence between implants. This is so important in maxillary overdenture cases because the anterior ridges are often angled. This helps decrease prosthetic complications, decreases wear on the retention inserts, and results in fewer return visits for insert changes.

2. **ZEST Anchors** was able to design LOCATOR R-Tx with retention on the external surface, which eliminates the food trap in the center. This also simplifies denture pickup procedures.

3. The DuraTec coating on LOCATOR R-Tx is harder, stronger, and smoother. Ultimately, I am seeing less plaque accumulation on my patients in recall and at-home hygiene is greatly improved.

4. ZEST Anchors used an industry standard 1.25 mm (.050 in) hex broach in the top portion of the abutment, making insertion and torquing incredibly simple. No special tools are required to deliver the abutment.

5. With the all-in-one packaging, I don’t need to search through boxes for parts as everything for the procedure comes in a handy little vial, including the abutment, the denture housing, block-out spacer, and zero, light/medium/high retention inserts.

**The New Standard**

The ZEST LOCATOR R-TX is simple to use and it is so well designed for efficiency compared to any other attachment available. ZEST Anchors designed a simple method of abutment insertion and replacement of retention inserts that makes recall appointments fast and simple.