PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:
This program will illustrate and explain the four main implant loading protocols available to clinicians today. Historical perspectives will be discussed and illustrated with clinical images and literature citations. The scientific rationale will be highlighted that resulted in early loading, immediate full-arch occlusal loading and immediate non-occlusal loading protocols for single-unit implant restorations. Clinical examples will be shown illustrating the benefits/limitations associated with each protocol.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:
At the completion of the program, participants should be able to:

• Define unloading healing, early loading, immediate full-arch occlusal loading and immediate non-occlusal loading for single- and two-unit implant restorations.
• Identify clinical indications and contraindications for each specific loading protocol.
• Identify the logistics associated with each loading protocol including laboratory and surgical collaboration, appointment sequencing, and identifying the required implant components to have on hand for each protocol and procedure.
• Prescribe specific diets, oral hygiene and maintenance procedures for each loading protocol.

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