Patients with debilitated dentition often seek rehabilitation to quickly regain their confidence and quality of life. Immediate full-arch restoration can be an excellent solution for meeting patient demands and expectations. This program will provide an overview of this treatment modality, including a step-by-step, practical approach to delivering a provisional full-arch prosthesis on the day of implant placement, as well as the steps necessary to develop an aesthetic, functional definitive prosthesis.

After completion of the program, participants should be able to:

- Understand the scientific basis for immediate occlusal loading of edentulous jaws.
- Use a decision tree to determine which patients are the best candidates for immediate full-arch therapy.
- Develop a plan for fabricating an immediate full-arch provisional restoration with the aid of the DIEM® 2 Guidelines.
- Understand the steps necessary to plan and fabricate the definitive prosthesis.

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