PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:
This program will present an introduction to innovative, new treatment approaches that may accelerate orthodontic treatment, and prevent dehiscence defects and gingival recession caused by orthodontic arch expansion. The rationale for this technique will be discussed, as well as advantages and disadvantages, and a review of graft material selection for alveolar ridge augmentation, and the application of these materials and augmentation techniques prior to, and during, active orthodontic treatment.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:
At the completion of the program, participants should be able to:
• Identify patients who may be suitable for this type of treatment.
• List graft materials suitable for alveolar ridge augmentation.
• Identify the rationale for this treatment.
• Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of these treatment protocols.

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