PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:
This program will provide a literature-based, systematic approach aimed at helping clinicians with treatment planning and the decision-making process for patients who would benefit from implant-supported overdenture therapy. The discussion will include an overview of the key clinical steps necessary for providing this care.

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

- Understand the literature pertinent to planning treatment of edentulous and partially edentulous patients.
- Identify the indications and contraindications for providing treatment with removable implant prosthetics.
- Understand that patient preferences may be different from patient needs, clinical factors, and finances, and be able to explain the economic differences between fixed and removable prostheses.
- Understand how to modify a mandibular complete denture for use as an implant-retained overdenture.

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