PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:
The implant dentist and patient still want the same things: restorations that look good, done as quickly and affordably as possible and remaining trouble free over the long term. This program will address the treatment plans that have allowed these positive outcomes over the last 30 years and contrast them with those that have had less optimum outcomes. Likewise implant strength, anti-rotational features, torque control, and occlusion unique to contemporary implant systems will be discussed. Particular emphasis will be given to practical applications of digital technology to make procedures quicker and easier. Clinically relevant research conclusions on early and immediate loading will be highlighted. Current controversies on tilted implant protocols, bioactive surface coatings, immediate provisional restorations, splinting, and screw vs. cement retention will be emphasized.

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

- Describe the current controversies in implant dentistry and understand the published literature that addresses these controversies.
- Understand the forces acting on contemporary implant restorations and recognize the specific clinical problems that these forces may cause.
- Implement clinical strategies to help avoid biomechanical overload of implant restorations.
- Implement practical methods to assure safe, consistent and affordable implant esthetics, even with accelerated loading protocols.

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