



The All-Day Attachment Dentistry Ultimate Course

All You Wanted to Know About Attachment Dentistry, But Were Afraid to Ask!

Suggested Audience: Dentists, Lab Technicians and Dental Auxiliaries

This course covers all aspects of attachment dentistry in detail and takes the mystery out of treatment planning segmented fixed bridges, removable partial dentures, overdentures on natural teeth or implants.

Course Description:

Attachment dentistry provides superior cosmetic and functional alternatives to the traditional cast partial denture with clasps. Attachments are simply rigid or resilient connectors that redirect the forces of occlusion. They are stress attenuators and absorbers. Their function is to preserve soft tissue and bone as well as provide retention, correction of angular discrepancies and cosmetic alternatives.

This all day program emphasizes the rationale for using precision and semi-precision attachments in the treatment planning of fixed and removable partial dentures, overdentures and implants. Each of these prosthetic options is discussed in detail, especially implants which require special treatment planning considerations. The role of the restorative dentist is clarified as the one who initiates treatment planning the amount of implants that will insure success through the use of study models, wax bites, occlusal set ups and surgical stents. A clear understanding of what needs to be achieved must be established first by the restorative dentist and communicated to the surgeon and to the patient. Implants must be placed where they can be successfully restored and not just where there is available bone.

Greater understanding of these disciplines will lead to greater practice utilization and incorporation of dental attachments in our practices. Various types of coronal and radicular resilient and non-resilient attachments are discussed including bars joints and bar units, studs and magnets. A logical approach to the treatment planning of attachment dentistry is presented which insures long term success and patient satisfaction.

Clinical cases are reviewed and participants will gather knowledge, excitement and confidence enabling them to utilize attachments in their daily practice immediately. Participants are encouraged to bring questions which will be discussed throughout the presentation as well as any of their past experiences with dental attachments.

Course Objectives:

Upon successful completion of this course, attendees will:

- Understand the rationale for using attachments in fixed and removable prosthetics on abutments, roots and implants
- Become familiar with precision and semi-precision attachments, studs, rod and tubes, magnets, bars and other types of fixed, segmented, removable, and overdenture attachments
- Be able to immediately incorporate attachment dentistry into patient treatment planning
- Learn how to first do occlusal set ups and create surgical stents
- Learn the Do's and Don'ts in attachment case treatment planning
- Learn what precision and semi-precision attachments are and how they are used in prosthetic dentistry.
- Become familiar with rigid and resilient intracoronal and extracoronal attachments
- Impression taking techniques, accurate bite registration and model articulation
- Clinical photography and laboratory involvement
- Relining techniques
- A logical approach to begin incorporating attachment dentistry into our treatment planning.
- Learn to take a closer look at the redistribution of traumatic forces to bone, soft tissue, teeth and implants and understand how they are affected
- Learn how to control loading and rotational forces
- Learn relining techniques
- Learn to convert a fixed attachment retained partial denture to a removable attachment retained partial denture

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