



The Bar Overdenture -- Half-Day Lecture

Suggested Audience: Dentists, Lab Technicians and Dental Auxiliaries

The course explains the rationale for using bars as overdenture attachments on natural roots and implants. Rigid and resilient bars are discussed with certain treatment planning objectives as goals.

Course Description:

Overdentures provide many advantages over the complete denture. The use of a bar in overdenture fabrication allows for greater stability, retention and esthetics. Bars create parallel paths of insertion which solve many problems associated with less than ideal tooth or implant positions. Bars can be rigid or resilient and allow occlusal forces to be directed down the long axis of the root or implant. A variety of circum-bar, intra-bar, and extra-bar attachment designs are discussed as well as the rationale for using bars in overdenture construction.

Course Objectives:

Upon successful completion of this course, attendees will:

- Understand the differences in bar attachments
- Select the proper bar attachment to insure treatment planning success
- Learn how bar attachments redirect destructive occlusal forces
- Understand the differences between placing bar attachments on implants and natural teeth
- Learn how bar attachments can correct unequal paths of insertion problems caused by improper implant placement or splayed roots

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