

Implant Complications: Fixed or Removable Prostheses-Can It Happen to Anyone?

It is not well understood why implants integrate, and why they de-integrate. Complications occur, with seemingly increased incidence, for both implant-supported fixed and removable prostheses. Knowledge gained by teaching at three NYC metropolitan area graduate programs for the past decade and a half... has revealed many of these “complications.” This interactive program will share attendee’s thoughts on solutions, or better yet, approaches to avoid these undesirable events.

Course Objectives:

- Understand the difference between Biologic and Biomechanical Implant Failures
- Understand that removable prostheses for problematic patients may be the best first treatment choice
- Understand the concept of “fatigue” and avoid factors that would increase the probability of fatigue failure

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