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Occlusion for Dental Implants: The Critical Factor in Implant Success

Evening Program

Course Description:

Much has been discussed about occlusion with natural teeth; however, our experience concerning occlusion with dental implants has been limited. This topic will discuss the current concepts of implant occlusion and what precautions need to be utilized in setting up the occlusion when dental implants are mixed with natural teeth. This presentation covers an array of occlusal principles and suggests several considerations to address during the treatment planning phase. This will then lead to critical decision making and hopefully allow for more predictable treatment outcomes. The concepts of occlusion will be reviewed from a historical perspective and transition to the modern, state-of-the-art, technology that facilitates today's dental implant therapy.

Course Objectives:

At the completion of this program the participants should be able to:

- Understand the various occlusal schemes utilized in restoring patients with dental implants
- Understand the occlusal requirements when restoring implant and natural teeth
- Communicate between implant surgeon, restorative dentist, & laboratory technician to achieve a successful occlusal scheme for dental implants