

Prosthetic Day: Restoring the Final Outcome

Course Rationale

Successful implant dentistry extends beyond implant placement. The ultimate goal of treatment is the delivery of a functional, esthetic, and biologically stable prosthetic restoration that serves the patient over the long term.

For this reason, the program includes a dedicated Prosthetic Day, allowing participants to experience the complete implant treatment workflow and understand how surgical decisions directly influence prosthetic outcomes.

A unique feature of this session is the opportunity to evaluate and restore implants previously placed by participants from earlier course editions. This creates a continuous educational cycle where attendees can observe real healing outcomes, assess treatment success, and learn from actual clinical results.

Educational Objectives

Participants will:

- Evaluate osseointegration and healing of implants placed during previous courses.
- Understand the relationship between surgical positioning and prosthetic success.
- Learn the principles of implant-supported prosthetic rehabilitation.
- Develop an understanding of biomechanical considerations affecting long-term implant survival.
- Gain experience in restorative procedures under direct supervision.
- Appreciate the importance of treatment planning from the final restoration backwards.

Clinical Structure

1. Case Review and Outcome Assessment

- Review of previously treated patients.
- Clinical and radiographic evaluation of implant integration.
- Assessment of soft tissue healing and peri-implant health.
- Discussion of treatment outcomes and lessons learned.

2. Prosthetic Planning Session

- Prosthetic-driven implant dentistry concepts.
- Emergence profile and soft tissue management.
- Occlusal considerations.

- Material selection and restorative options.
- Biomechanical principles for long-term success.

3. Live Prosthetic Procedures

Participants perform restorative procedures under direct supervision, including:

- Implant uncovering when indicated.
- Healing abutment placement.
- Impression taking (conventional and/or digital).
- Abutment selection and adjustment.
- Try-in procedures.
- Delivery of definitive restorations when applicable.
- Occlusal adjustment and verification.

4. Biomechanics and Long-Term Maintenance

- Load distribution around implants.
- Factors influencing prosthetic complications.
- Prevention of screw loosening and component fracture.
- Maintenance protocols and patient education.
- Long-term follow-up strategies.

5. Clinical Debriefing and Discussion

- Analysis of restorative outcomes.
- Review of challenges encountered.
- Alternative treatment approaches.
- Integration of surgical and prosthetic decision-making.

Key Educational Message

Implant placement is only one step in the treatment process. Long-term clinical success depends on achieving a prosthetic restoration that satisfies biological, functional, esthetic, and biomechanical requirements.

Participants leave the program with a comprehensive understanding of how surgical and prosthetic principles work together to create predictable and durable treatment outcomes.