



## **Academy of Prosthodontics 2024 Annual Scientific Session** **Four Seasons Hotel, Denver, Colorado May 29 – June 1, 2024**

### **Program Speaker – Carolyn Nguyen**

#### **Title**

Prosthetics to Enhance Surgical Prognosis

#### **Abstract**

Head and neck cancer patients have to deal with multiple complications following their oncologic treatments. Particularly, surgical resections lead to various challenges both for the patient and for the restoring prosthodontist. This presentation will discuss the different surgeries and prosthetic reconstruction modalities that can be offered to patients.

#### **Learning Objectives**

1. Describe prostheses that can improve surgical prognosis
2. Compare immediate and delayed prosthetic reconstruction
3. Determine if a patient would benefit from prostheses fabrication pre-surgery

#### **Biography**

##### **CAROLYN NGUYEN, DMD, MS**

Dr. Nguyen completed her DMD from the University of Montreal, her MS and Certificate in Prosthodontics at the University of Maryland, and her Fellowship in Maxillofacial Prosthodontics and Oral Oncology at the U.T. MD Anderson Cancer Centre.

Dr. Nguyen is a Fellow in Prosthodontics of the Royal College of Dentists of Canada and a Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics. She has held various positions in organized dentistry including Past President for the Association of Prosthodontists of Canada, Past International Director for the American College of Prosthodontists, and current Treasurer for the American College of Prosthodontists and President for the Canadian Dental Specialists Association. After working 10 years in Vancouver as tenured Associate Professor at the University of British Columbia and as a maxillofacial prosthodontist and Prosthodontics Provincial Practice Leader at British Columbia Cancer, she is now the Director of Examinations for the National Dental Examining Board of Canada.