Title: Accreditation, Prosthodontics Standards, and the Future of Prosthodontic Education

Description: Accreditation of educational programs continues to evolve in response to government regulation; realignment of the private practice model; changes in treatment modalities; and theories of student learning. Each of these issues in turn, can affect the accreditation standards in prosthodontics. A review of the history of accreditation and the development of educational standards can serve as important background information in how prosthodontics graduate programs will be evaluated in the future.

Objectives:

- Become familiar with the history of accreditation and standards development.

- Learn how government regulation; realignment of the private practice model; changes in treatment modalities; and theories of student learning have an impact on educational standards.

Conflicts of Interest: Full-time employee of the American Dental Association.