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Title

Prosthodontics: The Next Generation

Abstract:

As Prosthodontic specialty practice evolves, Advanced Specialty Education Programs in Prosthodontics will reflect the specialty practice environment, with vision for best clinical practices that address patient needs in the future. The next generation of prosthodontists will learn in an era that requires traditional and newly recognized Prosthodontic areas of knowledge and skill that include esthetics, biomaterials, digital technology, 3D imaging, wound healing, surgical principles, dental implant placement, and more. Compliance with the July 2016 standards and future revisions will require intra- and interspecialty support, communication and collaboration to create a positive environment for students, graduates and patients. With new standards, changes in individual program curriculum, methods of student assessment, and required site visit documentation are opportunity for further program improvements. Parallel to program compliance, the Commission on Dental Accreditation must also comply with federal regulatory requirements. This presentation will review accreditation considerations as they impact prosthodontics, dentistry, and our patients.

Learning Objectives

1. Describe current issues that impact the Commission on Dental Accreditation
2. Describe current issues that impact accreditation for Prosthodontics
3. Describe challenges and solutions toward meeting the prosthodontic accreditation standards

Biography

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Dr. Knoernschild is a Professor and Program Director for the Advanced Specialty Education Program in Prosthodontics and Co-Director of the Implant and Innovations Center at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He is currently also a Director and Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics and served as Chair (2013) for the Commission on Dental Accreditation. He has also served as President for the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics and the IADR/AADR Prosthodontics Research Group. He is recipient of several awards including the ACP Educator of the Year (2011) and the ACP Distinguished Lecturer (2013). Dr. Knoernschild has lectured internationally on comprehensive therapy for patients based on best evidence. He has given over 120 invited presentations, authored over 50 publications, and received more than 25 research grants supporting clinical and laboratory research. Dr. Knoernschild also holds a private practice limited to Prosthodontics.