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Title

The Future of Prosthodontic Education

Abstract:

A number of significant transformational changes are happening in dental education, health professions education, and higher education in general. Some are demographic and will impact the applicant pool to dental school and advanced education programs. Some are technological and impact the way that learners learn and teachers teach. Other trends relate to the expansion in the number of dental schools and the ways in which dental schools interact with their parent universities. The evolution of interprofessional education (IPE) and collaborative care in a changing health professions environment will lead to new ways of interacting with other health professions. This presentation will dive into these trends and propose ways in which they will impact the education and clinical practice of prosthodontists in the future

Learning Objectives

1. Learners will better understand the trends in the dental education including those impacting applicants to dental school and advanced education programs
2. Learners will better understand the concepts of interprofessional education (IPE) and its impact on healthcare outcomes
3. Learners will better understand the impact that these trends are likely to have on the future of prosthodontic education

Biography

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Dr. Rick Valachovic is the President and CEO of the American Dental Education Association and President of the ADEAGies Foundation. He joined ADEA after more than twenty years in research, practice and teaching of pediatric dentistry and oral medicine and radiology. Dr. Valachovic served on the faculty of the Harvard School of Dental Medicine and the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology and is certified in pediatric dentistry and dental public health. He is the current President of the Interprofessional Education Collaborative, also known as the IPEC, in Washington DC.

Dr. Valachovic earned his B.S. from St. Lawrence University; his D.M.D from the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine; and he holds a Masters in Public Health degree and a Master of Science degree in health policy and management from the Harvard School of Public Health. He completed a residency in pediatric dentistry at the Children's Hospital Medical Center in Boston. He is an author of more than 120 articles, book chapters and monographs.