

## **Dr. Terry Walton**

### **Title**

Prosthodontic Education around the Commonwealth: Australia

### **Abstract:**

The aim of this session will be to present an overview of graduate teaching of prosthodontics in Australia/New Zealand, Canada and England. Dental faculties in these various jurisdictions have different administrative and financial arrangements shared between the university and third parties such as the public health system. In some jurisdictions, their remit can be dichotomous - to provide teaching of the dental profession and to contribute to dental treatment for the lower socio-economic section of the population. Availability of appropriate patients and resources can be problematic and this impacts on candidate requirements and skill development. Another challenge in any graduate program is selection of the “right” candidates. Unfortunately, financial considerations become paramount, both for the faculty and the individual. Further, specialist registration/ licensure or certification is different in the various jurisdictions and there is varying control by the body representing the specialty. This can also result in conflicts associated with applicants trained in international jurisdictions.

### **Learning Objectives**

1. Discuss the administrative program challenges arising from a combined government and university partnered institution
2. Overview entrance requirements to grad training and the challenges of assessing applicants from a diversity of international educational backgrounds
3. Review undergraduate and graduate Prosthodontic requirements and discuss the challenge of ensuring adequate testing of gained competencies and scientific knowledge
4. Discuss the challenge of licensure for internationally trained Prosthodontic specialists

### **Biography**

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Dr. Terry Walton graduated Bachelor of Dental Surgery and Master of Dental Science from the University of Sydney in 1974 and 1979 respectively; Master of Science (Prosthodontics) from the University of Michigan in 1981 and Doctor of Dental Science from the University of Sydney in 2013. He is a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons, the International College of Dentists and the Pierre Fauchard Academy. Dr. Walton has been in Specialist Prosthodontist practice in Sydney since 1983 and holds the title of Professor Affiliate in Clinical Dentistry at the University of Sydney. He is a member of many Australian and International dental organizations and was the Co-President of the International College of Prosthodontists during 2000 and 2001. Dr. Walton has been involved in practice-based clinical research into the long-term outcome and patient evaluation of tooth and implant-supported dental prostheses.