



## **Academy of Prosthodontics Annual Scientific Session Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota Florida April 25 – April 29, 2017**

### **Program Speaker - Dr. Fatemeh Afshari**

#### **Title**

*Recall and Caries Risk Assessment and Management for the Prosthodontic Patient*

#### **Abstract**

In the U.S., 23% of all adults have untreated dental caries. Nearly all adults in America over the age of 50 have experienced decay at one point in their lives. Unfortunately, clinical practice has traditionally focused on recognizing and correcting the problem via extractions and restorations. Since removing caries does not decrease the risk for future caries, caries risk assessment and management is an important component of treatment planning and ongoing maintenance following care. Within the UIC Advanced Prosthodontic Program, a caries risk assessment and management protocol was introduced in 2014 and implemented through all aspects of care. For optimal benefit, its implementation within a comprehensive recall system must be emphasized, as caries management must occur on an ongoing basis. Incorporation of a recall system within the student clinical curriculum is not common among prosthodontic programs. Preliminary results from this program, emphasizing the importance of recall will be presented.

#### **Learning Objectives**

1. To understand the significance of caries as a chronic disease in the adult patient population
2. To understand the importance of caries risk assessment and management for the prosthodontic patient
3. To understand the importance of recall in identifying disease, addressing restorative maintenance needs, and implementing caries risk management strategies

#### **Biography**

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is a Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Restorative Dentistry at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), College of Dentistry. Dr. Afshari received her BA from Northwestern University. She received her DMD from the Harvard School of Dental Medicine, followed by a Certificate in Prosthodontics and MS in Oral Sciences from the UIC College of Dentistry. She was recently honored with the 2016 Claude Baker Faculty Award by the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics. Dr. Afshari has co-authored several peer-reviewed papers and mentored predoctoral, postgraduate, and master students, many of which have received local and national research awards. Her research interests include education, outcomes assessment, and caries risk assessment.