



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

### **Program Speaker - Dr. Steven Eckert**

#### **Title**

*When Success Obscures Causes of Failure*

#### **Abstract**

Dental care in the United States is unique because third-party payers provide compensation for care based upon procedural codes. In medicine the situation is completely different in that treatment is provided for diagnosis groups rather than for a specific procedure. When there is no link between the diagnosis and the treatment it is often difficult to identify the “correct” intervention since expectations of treatment may be quite vague. A number of modifying factors have been developed throughout the years to identify specific risk categories but provision of routine procedures continues to be the factor that identifies reimbursement. Couple this with the realization that most dental care survives in a relatively trouble-free manner for a period of years it is easy to see that this length of time often fosters, in the clinician, a false sense of security. This presentation will use examples in implant dentistry to discuss perceived success and how it may reduce understanding of failure.

#### **Learning Objectives**

1. Attendees will receive a glimpse at a patient group that is rarely seen in a traditional prosthodontic practice
2. Audience members will be able to differentiate complications, expectations, success and failure
3. Participants will better understand implant specific risks as diagnostic categories

#### **Biography**

STEVEN ECKERT, DDS, MS

attended the Ohio State University College of Dentistry and completed a General Practice Residency at Mt. Sinai Hospital in Chicago. This was followed by a private practice with teaching responsibilities at Loyola University School of Dentistry. In 1985 he elected to pursue graduate training at the Mayo Clinic in the Specialty of Prosthodontics. He completed this program along with a Master of Science degree and was invited to remain on staff at the Mayo Clinic where he served as Graduate Program Director for Prosthodontics. In 2010 retired from the Mayo Clinic only to begin a full time private practice devoted

to implant dentistry. He remains Professor Emeritus in Dentistry at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine.

His professional career has allowed him the opportunity to be involved in many organizations within dentistry. He has been president of the Academy of Osseointegration, American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics, Academy of Prosthodontics and the American Board of Prosthodontics. In 2017 he received the Brånemark Award from the Osseointegration Foundation.

Dr. Eckert has written extensively about implant dentistry and other prosthodontic topics. He has been an editor for three scientific journals and is currently Editor-in-Chief for the International Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Implants, a position he has held for more than a decade.