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Program Speaker – Dr. Thomas Taylor

Title

Occlusion and Dental Implants: What's Wrong with this Picture?

Abstract

There are many opinions regarding what should be done and what should not be done regarding the occlusal loading of osseointegrated dental implants. Unfortunately, many of our assumptions are based not on scientific information but rather are empirical and anecdotal in nature. This presentation will analyze and organize the current scientific information available in an attempt to provide the clinician with solid evidence upon which to build the occlusion of implant supported restorations. Topics discussed will include occlusal overload, axial vs. nonaxial load, progressive loading and parafunction.

Learning Objectives

1. To understand the current state of knowledge regarding differences between occlusal loading of natural teeth and dental implants
2. To differentiate between actual and perceived evidence as it relates to implant occlusion
3. To be able to select treatment options based upon current best available evidence as it relates to dental implants and occlusal loading

Biography

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