

## **Dr. Salvatore J. Esposito**

### **Title**

Complete Dentures- Back to the Future

### **Abstract:**

The edentulous patient continues to be an enigma for most dental clinicians. While implants have clearly improved the management of this category of patients, the vast majority continue to seek “only” complete denture rehabilitation. This presentation will focus on these patients, their diagnoses, prognosis, and treatment; with an emphasis on the contributions made historically by Fellows of the Academy of Prosthodontics.

### **Learning Objectives**

1. Diagnosis for success of the edentulous patient seeking complete denture treatment
2. Contributions made in the management of the complete denture patient by fellows of the Academy of Prosthodontics
3. The importance of esthetics in the management of the complete denture patient

### **Biography**

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SALVATORE J. ESPOSITO, DMD, FICD

Dr. Esposito completed his Prosthodontic Residency at the University of Buffalo and the VA Hospital in 1974 and earned his certificate in Maxillofacial Prosthetics from the Roswell Park Cancer Center in 1975. He is past Chairman of the Department of Dentistry, Oral Surgery and Maxillo-facial Prosthetics at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, a position he held for 25 years. Prior to that, he was head of the Section of Maxillofacial Prosthetics at the Metrohealth Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Esposito is currently President of the Maxillofacial Foundation and is Executive Director of the American Prosthodontic Society. He also serves on the Executive Council of the International Society of Maxillofacial Rehabilitation, and the American Prosthodontic Society. He holds memberships in the International College of Dentists, the Academy of Prosthodontics, the American Prosthodontic Society, the American Academy of Maxillo-facial Prosthetics, the International Society of Maxillofacial Rehabilitation, the American Dental Association, and the Cleveland Dental Society. In addition, he is past President of the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics, the American Prosthodontic Society, and the International Society of Maxillofacial Rehabilitation, for which he was a Founder and its first President. He has also served on the board of directors of the American Cancer Society, the Greater Cleveland Dental Society, and the Editorial Council of the J.P.D. Dr. Esposito is an adjunct Associate Professor at the Case Western Reserve School of Medicine and Dental Medicine and has been a visiting professor at the UCLA and SUNY at Buffalo Colleges of Dentistry and the University of Turin in Torino, Italy. He has lecture worldwide on the subjects of complete and implant retained dentures as well as the prosthetic rehabilitation of head and neck deformities. Among his awards are the Andrew J. Ackerman Award for outstanding service to the specialty of maxillofacial prosthetics, the Thai (Thailand) Prosthodontic

Award, and the Founders Medal from the International Society of Maxillofacial Rehabilitation. He has been recognized as one of the top 100 dentists in the U.S. He is the co-author of the textbook titled *Maxillofacial Rehabilitation*, and has over 50 published articles and book chapters in medical and dental literature. For the last 10 years Dr. Esposito has practiced full time privately in Beachwood, Ohio where his practice is limited to complete dentures, implant supported prostheses and the prosthetic management of patients with head and neck deformities.