



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

**Program Speaker – Dr. Chadur Wadhvani**

**Title**

*Improving Dental Implant Health by Understanding the Soft Tissue Connection*

**Abstract**

Osseointegration is the dominant goal of dental implant research and understanding, in fact we have academies (AO) named after this biological event. However, less emphasis is given to the soft tissue integration which protects the osseous connection. This lecture will explore why the soft tissues are more so important to long term success. This evidence based approach will explain why long term health risk factors relate more to soft tissues than bone. Also, how we as prosthodontists can improve the longevity of these sophisticated medical devices by understanding and nurturing these tissues.

**Learning Objectives**

1. Why the soft tissue implant attachment holds the key to long term implant health
2. Why in 2017, implant abutments should be designed according to their function and not just mimic a tooth form
3. Monitoring implant health- radiography and implant probing- what do we know?

**Biography**

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received his dental degree from University College London, UK, and his prosthodontic certificate and master's degree from University in Washington. He is in full time private practice limited to prosthodontics in Bellevue, WA, but, with a part time fascination in science and why we undertake specific clinical procedures. His goal is to provide an understanding and insight, through research, into predictable, evidence based best clinical practices. His research involves graduate restorative/prosthodontic/ endodontic and periodontic departments with UW, UCSF, OHSU, LLU.