



## **Academy of Prosthodontics Annual Scientific Session Sofitel Hotel, Chicago, Illinois May 9-12, 2018**

### **Program Speaker - Dr. Van Ramos**

#### **Title**

*Developing the Ovate Pontic, Because We Still Do Fixed Prosthodontics*

#### **Abstract**

A dental implant is often the preferred treatment option for the single tooth edentulous site. However, not all clinical situations are “implant compliant.” This clinical presentation will focus on the development of the ovate pontic from 3 different scenarios:

Scenario 1: tooth is still present but will be extracted.

Scenario 2: tooth is missing, and a ridge deficiency exists.

Scenario 3: tooth is missing but there is ample soft tissue.

#### **Learning Objectives**

1. The clinician will learn treatment strategies based on the clinical presentation.
2. The clinician will learn pontic site development in conjunction with soft tissue grafting.
3. The clinician will learn how to sculpt the tissue for correct pontic form.

#### **Biography**

VAN RAMOS, JR DDS, FACP

Dr. Ramos is an Associate Professor and the Director of Graduate Prosthodontics at the University of Washington. He recently retired after 30 years of active duty service from the United States Army Dental Corps where he was the Prosthodontic Residency Program Director and the Prosthodontic Consultant to the Surgeon General of the Army. Dr. Ramos received his D.D.S. from the University of Texas Dental Branch at Houston in 1985 and his certificate in the Advanced Education Program in Prosthodontics from Walter Reed Army Medical Center in 1994. He is a Diplomate of The American Board of Prosthodontics, a Fellow in the American College of Prosthodontists, and the International College of Dentists. Additionally, Dr. Ramos is member of the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics, and the American Dental Association. Dr. Ramos lectures nationally and internationally on esthetics and implant dentistry.