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Title of Presentation: Provisionalization of the Dental Implant Patient: Before, During & After Dental Implant Surgery

Course Objectives:
This presentation will discuss how the provisional restoration may be the key to treatment success in implant dentistry. Provisional restorations are used prior to implant surgery to manage patient esthetics and function while eliminating pathology. The provisional may be used to try out the diagnostic wax-up. During implant surgery, the provisional restoration aids in determining appropriate 3-dimensional implant placement and is designed to protect implant/bone healing. It may also be used at this stage to guide soft tissue healing. After implant healing, the provisional restoration is used to test out tooth position, shape, phonetics, esthetics, function as well as overall comfort. The provisional may be used to guide soft tissue or determine if prosthetic soft tissue will add or detract from the esthetic appearance of the patient. Other uses of a provisional restoration can be to extend treatment time for financial consideration or use as an interim long-term solution for the patient.