

To Pull or Not to Pull: Periapical Surgery vs. Implant Replacement

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Description:

This course will describe the indications and contraindications, for performing or referring a patient for Apical Surgery. With the correct history, radiographic and clinical evaluation, the decision to perform an Apicoectomy, will be weighed against further evaluation, a re-treatment option, or extraction and replacement with an implant (immediate or delayed). Then a decision is more accurately made as to whether an Implant or a Fixed Bridge (Fixed Partial Prosthesis), a Removable Prosthesis (Fixed or Transitional Temporary Prosthesis), or doing nothing would be the final treatment plan offered to the patient. This specific workup (check list) is frequently overlooked, leading to a less than ideal outcome. This course discusses and reviews all the options when a tooth is ailing or failing.

Learning Objectives:

Upon completion of this course, the participant should be able to:

- 1) Learn the radiographic technique to use when evaluating a tooth for a fracture.
- 2) List the seven step workup consisting of procedures and tests that should be used when performing or referring a patient for an apicoectomy.
- 3) Understand the principles of GBR and for the use of membranes.
- 4) Recognize that the location of a fistula is a key critical diagnostic indicator for the final prognosis.
- 5) Identify the signs to differentiate between an endo/perio vs. perio/endo lesions and to understand the difference as it related to the final prognosis.