

# **The Prosthodontic Dilemma in Restoring the Periodontally – Compromised Patient: Maintenance of Compromised Teeth or Extraction and Implant Replacement.**

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In the last twenty years, implant therapy has changed the patient's treatment plan, at times in a radical manner. Saving extremely compromised teeth by using "traditional therapies" (endodontics, periodontics, prostheses, etc.) seems not only to have become more and more obsolete, but no longer justifiable from a cost-benefit ratio, or from expectations of success over the long term. But is this approach really better than the "old one"? And if so, is it better in all patients? The aim of this lecture is to provide an answer to these by carefully analyzing the literature and presenting several clinical cases and the personal own data, in an attempt to evaluate the cost-benefit ratio not only from an economic, but also from a biological point of view.

Attendee will learn:

- 1.The benefit but also the limits of periodontal prosthetics and implant therapy in the rehabilitation of patients affected by severe periodontal disease.
- 2.To carefully evaluate the cost/benefit ratio in both economical and biological point of view.
- 3.To differentiate between dogmas and what is really fundamental for a long-term successful treatment.
- 4.To consider the patient as the protagonist of treatment plan.