Clinical Guidelines for Treatment of Edentulous and Partially Edentulous Patients with Implant Therapy
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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:
Implant loading protocols have evolved since the introduction of osseointegration in North America in 1983. There is a significant amount of clinical literature that illustrates high survival rates for implants placed and immediately loaded with full functional occlusion. The data from multiple centers around the world suggest that immediate occlusal loading for full arch restorations is viable. In addition, patients are presenting themselves to clinicians and demanding such treatment. This program will provide a comprehensive review of the literature with clinical examples of treatment. This program is indicated for clinicians who currently treat or plan to treat patients with full arch immediate loading.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:
At the end of the program, the participant should be able to:
- Understand the scientific basis for immediate occlusal loading of edentulous jaws.
- Identify periodontally compromised and edentulous patients who are candidates for immediate occlusal loading.
- Identify the surgical and prosthetic components required for clinical treatment.

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