

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

What alternative treatment options should be considered when a restorative and/or endodontic failure occurs?

Advancements in delivering periapical surgery have resulted in success rates that can be equivalent to implant replacement when certain guidelines are adhered to. Periapical surgery as an adjunct to endodontic treatment is a proven approach. With the introduction of new surgical techniques and a systematic method to the diagnosis and treatment of compromised teeth, the clinician should be able to more accurately determine the long term prognosis for these treatment options.

Evaluate treatment options with an evidence-based approach when a tooth is ailing or failing. This course will describe the indications and contraindications for performing or referring a patient for apical surgery. With a specific 7 step workup, including a 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). As a result, 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 other options would be the final treatment plan discussed with the patient.

### Learning Objectives:

- Learn the radiographic technique to use when evaluating a tooth for a fracture
- List the 7 step work-up, consisting of procedures and tests that should be used when performing or referring a patient for an apicoectomy
- Understand the principles of guided tissue regeneration, and know the indications and contraindications for its use
- Recognize how the location of a sinus tract can be a key critical diagnostic indicator for the final prognosis
- Identify the signs to differentiate between an Endo/Perio vs. Perio/Endo lesions and understand the difference as it relates to the final prognosis

**Multiple Lecture Formats:** Full or Partial Day; Evening

**Suggested Attendee:** General Practitioner & Dental Specialists



"Excellent presenter, great world of knowledge and experience. Relevant and interesting."

**Dr. Florence Certo**  
Staten Island, NY

"Dr. Pompa is very energetic and informative and clarified several misconceptions regarding diagnostic and treatment planning. Very worthwhile course to take."

**Dr. Eric Weinberg**  
South Orange, NJ

"I learned so many 'take home' ideas to put to immediate practice."

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