Mini-Implants: Good Things Come in Small Packages
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Confused by conflicting statements about mini-implants? Come and get the skinny on mini’s with a presentation that is long on answers. Topics surrounding mini-implants will be covered, touching on history, background, armamentarium, and technique. Clinical examples of edentulous, partially edentulous, single and multi-unit fixed cases with 10+ years follow up will illustrate the versatility and effectiveness of these devices. There seems to be much misinformation and even disinformation surrounding the use of mini-implants in clinical Dentistry. This presentation will provide some balance to the subject by showing, with proper case selection and technique, mini-implants can be very successful. Come and explore and learn about the world of mini-implants. Be prepared to be motivated to want to include this exciting modality in your treatment planning. Don’t be down on something you are not up on! Your patients will never stop thanking you!

Learning Objectives:
• Examine what constitutes a mini-implant
• Explain the history and development of mini-implants
• Outline the armamentarium and basic technique required for placement of mini-implants
• See and appreciate a wide variety of applications for mini-implants
• Review and recognize proper training avenues for mini-implants
• Provide credibility and clarification for the use of mini-implants.
• Make mini-implants an important option in the treatment planning process.

This presentation is suitable for all dental personnel. Dentists, auxiliary staff, and laboratory technicians can all benefit from the information that will be provided.

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