DIGITAL DENTURES - ARE WE THERE YET?

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This lecture will cover the latest digital workflows and technologies for developing complete dentures. We will explore the advantages and limitations of digital dentures compared to conventional dentures. Attendees will learn about the various digital denture fabrication techniques, including intraoral and extraoral scanners, digital design software, and 3D printing and Milling. We will discuss how to obtain accurate impressions, design dentures with custom-fit and high esthetic appeal, and address functional issues of the conventional complete denture. The course objectives are to familiarize attendees with the latest digital solutions available for complete denture fabrication, improve the communication between dentist and dental technician, and enhance patient satisfaction.

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

- Understand the advantages and disadvantages of digital complete dentures
- Recognize the different digital workflows used in the fabrication of complete dentures
- Identify the materials used in the fabrication of digital complete dentures and their properties
- Describe the clinical step-by-step protocols used in the digital complete denture process
- Evaluate the impact of digital technology on the clinical outcomes and patient satisfaction in complete denture prosthodontics

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