

International College of Prosthodontists London Symposium – Satellite Meeting August 30 – September 2, 2023

<u>Invited Speaker – Michael Fenlon</u>

Title

Edentulousness – Still a Challenge in the 21st Century

Abstract

The purpose of this presentation is to explore the challenges involved in treating edentulous patients in the 2023. Edentulousness is our oldest clinical challenge in Prosthodontics and is currently a deeply unfashionable subject, if the proportion of Prosthodontics research devoted to edentulousness is a good indicator.

While the number of edentulous patients as a portion of the population has fallen dramatically in the last half century, for those remaining edentulous patients, the challenges they pose to clinicians are in many cases greater than ever, despite the technological advances we have achieved in the last 50 years. This presentation will explore the demographics and challenges to treatment for edentulous patients.

Biography

Professor Fenlon has worked in King's College London since 1989. His research interests include quality of life improvement arising from provision of conventional and implant prosthodontics, quality of care as a predictor of outcome in Prosthodontics, rehabilitation of patients treated for head & neck cancer, control/elimination of aerosols in Dentistry control and quality of life for edentulous patients. He has published 80+ refereed papers in peer reviewed journals. His continuing clinical activity includes general, implant and maxillofacial Prosthodontics.