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## Top Dentists Come Together to Save Natural Teeth

*The American Association of Endodontists, the American Academy of Periodontology and the American College of Prosthodontists co-host symposium July 19-20, 2014*

CHICAGO - "How can I save my tooth?" is one of the most significant questions a patient can ask.

In an unprecedented move, the American Association of Endodontists, the American Academy of Periodontology and the American College of Prosthodontists will come together to tackle this issue at their **2014 Joint Symposium, Teeth for a Lifetime: Interdisciplinary Evidence for Clinical Success**. The weekend conference, to be held July 19-20 in Chicago, will bring together an array of inspiring speakers and thought leaders from the three dental specialties to discuss advanced treatments and evidence-based best practices for saving natural teeth. Participants can earn up to 10.5 CE credits.

As dentists, a shared goal is to save the patient's tooth whenever possible. Endodontists, periodontists and prosthodontists alike believe that evidence-based treatment planning produces better patient outcomes. Each specialty has made advances in the art and science of dentistry, making long-term preservation of the natural dentition attainable. Recent scientific innovations in regenerative procedures have made restoring lost periodontal tissues and the structural development of immature teeth more predictable than ever.

With this in mind, the goal of this symposium is simple: to provide new perspectives and skills to specialty dental practices through integrated treatment planning. Attendees will hear the best available evidence, learn contemporary techniques and walk away with real-life tools to work with their colleagues across the restorative disciplines to save patients' natural teeth.

"Attending dentists will develop an appreciation for comprehensive, interdisciplinary treatment planning and learn new approaches to collaborating with fellow specialists in our patients' best interests," said Dr. Alan H. Gluskin, Joint Symposium Planning Committee chair and AAE member. "We need to recognize that the nature of dental practice is changing; that independent practitioners and independent groups are declining and more interdisciplinary structures are ascending. This is the future of treatment planning."

Speakers at the symposium represent the best in the endodontic, periodontal and prosthodontic fields, and include Drs. Ove Peters, Maurice A. Salama and John A. Sorenson, among others. The first half of this unique educational program will present the evidence for preserving the natural dentition in the literature of each specialty; discuss diagnostic and assessment methods used in determining the structural and periodontal prognosis of teeth; identify the most contemporary surgical and restorative therapeutics to restore disease and protect the functioning dentition; describe the use of three-dimensional dental imaging in diagnosis and treatment planning; and define regenerative therapies and describe the indications and treatment procedures required for success in periodontal disease and teeth with immature root formation. The second day of the event will focus on interdisciplinary communication and a team approach to restorative therapies.

"Helping patients maintain and keep their teeth and ensuring supporting structures are healthy, beautiful and functioning are fundamental goals for every practicing dentist," said Dr. Lily T. Garcia, ACP Education Foundation chair. "Having this multidisciplinary symposium will highlight some of our top dentists across three specialties sharing when, why and how all dentists can determine if that tooth can and should be saved for the patient's benefit."

The Joint Symposium [agenda](#) includes informal opportunities to network with colleagues and speakers. Following the event, proceedings from the conference will be shared with the dental community.

Specialists and general dentists alike are invited to [register online](#) for the meeting. Complete program details and fees are available at [www.aae.org/teethforalifetime](http://www.aae.org/teethforalifetime).

**About the American Association of Endodontists**

The American Association of Endodontists, headquartered in Chicago, Ill., represents more than 7,600 members worldwide. Endodontics is one of nine dental specialties formally recognized by the American Dental Association. The AAE, founded in 1943, is dedicated to excellence in the art and science of endodontics and to the highest standard of patient care. The Association inspires its members to pursue professional advancement and personal fulfillment through education, research, advocacy, leadership, communication and service. For more information about the AAE, visit the Association's website at [www.aae.org](http://www.aae.org).

**About the American Academy of Periodontology**

The American Academy of Periodontology is an 8,000-member professional organization for periodontists - specialists in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of diseases affecting the gums and supporting structures of the teeth, and in the placement of dental implants. Periodontists are also dentistry's experts in the treatment of oral inflammation and receive three additional years of specialized training following dental school. Periodontics is one of the nine dental specialties recognized by the American Dental Association. The Academy's purpose is to advance the periodontal and general health of the public and promote excellence in the practice of periodontics. For more information visit [www.perio.org](http://www.perio.org).

**About the American College of Prosthodontists**

The American College of Prosthodontists is the official sponsoring organization for the specialty of prosthodontics, which is one of only nine recognized specialties of the American Dental Association. Founded in 1970, ACP is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to enhancing patient care, advancing the art and science of prosthodontics, promoting the specialty of prosthodontics to the public and other dentists and healthcare professionals. ACP advances the quality of prosthodontic education in digital dentistry, the diagnosis and treatment of missing teeth, publishes innovative research about dental implants in its *Journal of Prosthodontics*, and provides professional services to its 3,500 international members. For more information visit [GoToAPro.org](http://GoToAPro.org).

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