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Digital Dentistry at a Tipping Point: ACP Symposium Advances Oral Health Knowledge

The American College of Prosthodontists Brings Oral Health Specialists in Digital Dentistry to Chicago Feb. 23-24 for ACP "Harness the Power of Digital Dentistry Symposium"

CHICAGO – Digital Dentistry is at a tipping point, and that is why the American College of Prosthodontists (ACP) will host a two-day "Harness the Power of Digital Dentistry Symposium" in Chicago on Feb. 23-24, 2015. The ACP believes digital solutions can significantly improve workflow efficiencies and enhance patient experience and is pleased to bring programming on this critical topic to all of dentistry.

"Digital technologies have progressed to the point that Prosthodontists can now realize significantly improved patient encounters by saving time, providing less traumatic experiences and gaining better outcomes. Digital workflows allow Prosthodontists to directly control the design and final outcomes of treating and replacing missing or broken teeth in a way we could never realize with conventional services, all while offering incredible efficiencies in our workflow, making smiles and changing lives," said ACP President Frank J. Tuminelli, DMD, FACP.

Prosthodontists, general dentists, dental specialists, dental laboratory technicians, residents, and dental students who want their practices to lead the future of dental care delivery systems with patient-focused digital dentistry solutions are encouraged to attend the symposium.

"Digital Dentistry and Prosthodontics are rapidly approaching a transformational tipping point for the prosthetic and diagnostic services we provide in caring for our patients," board-certified Prosthodontist Lyndon F. Cooper, DDS, PhD, FACP, said about the rapidly changing environment of digital dentistry. The advent of computer-aided design and manufacturing (CAD/CAM) has introduced a breakthrough technology with the potential to profoundly impact the future of oral health care, creating this tipping point. "The tipping point will realize total digital workflows, offering incredible efficiencies, control, patient experiences and outcomes," said Dr. Stephen D. Campbell, DDS, MMSc, FACP. An ACP study confirmed that the underlying cause for the unusually slow adoption of digital dentistry isn't the technology or its effect on delivering better patient care. Rather, the slow adoption is due to a lack of understanding of its applications, benefits, and available education and training for its users. The ACP believes the field of dentistry is on the brink of a digital awakening. This symposium is designed for dental professionals who want to learn state-of-the-art digital dentistry solutions for the treatment of restorative patients. The best practices and actual clinical workflows essential to achieving the highest clinical and aesthetic results will be showcased by experienced Prosthodontists and dental technicians. Attendees will be provided with the latest information on digital treatment technologies, ranging from individual tooth restoration to complex reconstruction and rehabilitation.

Registration will take place from noon to 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23, 2015. Interested parties can register at GoToAPro.org, mail inquiries to ACP, 5198 Eagle Way, Chicago, IL 60678-5198, or fax to 312-573-1257. Registration is limited and will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Prosthodontists are specialized dentists with advanced training in oral health issues, who are committed to improving patient outcomes. From implants, crowns, veneers and tooth whitening, to full-mouth reconstruction, Prosthodontists specialize in digital dentistry and CAD/CAM solutions.

The ACP is the only Prosthodontic specialty organization whose membership is based solely on education credentials. ACP members must be in or have completed an ADA-accredited advanced education program in Prosthodontics.

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About the ACP

The American College of Prosthodontists (ACP) 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, ensuring the quality of Prosthodontic education and providing professional services to its membership. For more information visit GoToAPro.org.

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