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Dr. Ness completed his DDS at Northwestern University School of Dentistry and received his Masters of Dental Science and Certificate in Prosthodontics at the University of Washington. His training was in both periodontal and implant prosthodontics. Dr. Ness is an experienced prosthodontist specializing in implant supported oral rehabilitation. He has extensive knowledge and expertise in treating functionally and aesthetically challenged patients. Dr. Ness is a published author and maintains successful dental practices in both Spokane and Silverdale, Washington.



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The South Sound Oral Surgery Restorative Implant Study Club

February 25 – May 27, 2010
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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About the Study Club

The Restorative Implant Study Club is designed to provide restorative dentists with a greater understanding of how implant dentistry can be integrated into their dental practice, providing them with concepts and tools that can be utilized on a daily basis as well as providing state-of-the-art and optimal dental care for their patients. This comprehensive six-session program will provide participants with 12 hours of AGD approved continuing education credits. Three CE credits are attached to each session.



The Restorative Implant Study Club

Session 1: Implants: Back to the Basics – Fixtures, Impressions, Abutments Oh My!

Presenter: Dr. Earl M. Ness; DDS, MSD
Date: February 25, 2010; 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Participants will gain an understanding of the advantages of different fixture designs from both above and below the bone. Fixtures will be discussed regarding external vs. internal connection, stock vs. custom components, screw vs. cement retention and occlusal designs. Impression materials, impression taking, and provisional designs will also be discussed. Participants will bring cases for class discussion and treatment planning.

Session 2: Implant Considerations: Placement and Restoration of Posterior Fixtures

Presenter: Dr. Earl M. Ness; DDS, MSD
Date: March 25, 2010; 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Participants will gain an understanding of soft and hard tissue assessment, splinting vs. non-splinting of fixtures, abutment options, retention options -- screws vs. cement and various luting agents. Participants will view and analyze various cases with different clinical needs. Participants will bring cases for class discussion and treatment planning.

Session 3: Implant Considerations: Placement and Restoration of Anterior Fixtures

Presenter: Dr. Earl M. Ness; DDS, MSD
Date: April 29, 2010; 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Participants will gain an understanding of soft and hard tissue assessment, appreciation of free gingival line, muco-gingival junction, and emergence profile. The utilization of provisional restorations will be shown in various clinical situations. Abutment selection will be reviewed regarding fixture placement, aesthetic needs and patient bio-type. The challenges of single tooth vs. multiple tooth replacement and adjacent vs. non-adjacent fixture placement will be reviewed and discussed. Participants will bring cases for class discussion and treatment planning.

Session 4: Implant Considerations: The Edentulous Arch

Presenter: Dr. Earl M. Ness; DDS, MSD
Date: May 27, 2010; 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Participants will gain an understanding of arch form, jaw classifications, guided vs. conventional fixture placement, various over-denture designs, various fixed prosthetic designs, transitions from dentate to edentulous to fixture borne prosthetics. Participants will view and analyze various cases with different clinical needs. Participants will bring cases for class

