



THE CONNECTED PRACTICE

Ideas cross disciplines.
Decisions become clearer.

ACADEMIC 2026-2027

**NINE SESSIONS
18 CE CREDITS**

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A season built around better decisions.

2026-2027 PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

All sessions begin at 6:30 PM. Venue information will be shared with registered members.

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18 CE CREDITS AVAILABLE

A season of
shared insight

Interdisciplinary
education
Clinical
collaboration
Practical application

Better care begins with better conversation.

Clinical excellence is increasingly shaped by what happens between disciplines: the questions we ask, the information we share, and the decisions we make together. This season is designed around those intersections.

Across restorative dentistry, orthodontics, endodontics, implant therapy, digital workflows, artificial intelligence, and practice problem solving, our speakers will challenge us to look beyond isolated procedures and consider the whole patient, the whole team, and the complete treatment journey.

Our goal is not simply to collect information. It is to sharpen judgment, test assumptions, and translate new insight into decisions that improve care the very next day. The strongest study clubs create a space where expertise is generous, disagreement is productive, and every member contributes to the learning of the group.

I invite you to bring your curiosity, your difficult cases, and your honest questions. Together, we will make this a season of meaningful connection and measurable progress.

Prof. Dr. Wael Att

Director, The Boston Study Club

Eliminating Removable Partial Dentures through Multidisciplinary Planning

Ali Afshar, DDS



Dr. Ali Afshar earned his dental degree from the University of Alberta and completed advanced graduate training in general dentistry at Boston University. His referral practice is limited to dental implants, soft-tissue management, and complex restorative care. He is a Kois Center graduate and clinical instructor, a graduate of the Misch International Implant Institute, and faculty for the Vancouver MaxiCourse. Dr. Afshar is a diplomate of the American Board of Oral Implantology and the International Congress of Oral Implantologists, a fellow of the American Academy of Implant Dentistry, and a DSD key opinion leader.

SEPTEMBER 23, 2026 / 6:30 PM
UP TO 2 HOURS / AGD CODE 149

A patient seeking freedom from long-term removable prosthetics becomes the focus of a comprehensive treatment-planning discussion. Dr. Afshar will guide participants through contemporary diagnostics, multidisciplinary collaboration, risk assessment, and patient-centered decision-making. After the group evaluates the case, he will reveal the treatment pathway, the obstacles encountered, and the outcome, creating a practical framework for more predictable care in complex partially edentulous patients.

Learning Objectives

- Use contemporary diagnostic tools to build a thorough assessment of oral health.
- Develop patient-centered plans that can eliminate the need for removable partial dentures.
- Identify complications and create effective risk-management strategies.
- Navigate complex treatment while prioritizing patient expectations, comfort, and long-term health.

Disclosure: Dr. Afshar reports no affiliations to disclose.

FP1 Rehabilitations in the Era of Artificial Intelligence

Wael Att, DDS, DMD, Prof Dr Med Dent, PhD



Prof. Dr. Wael Att is Professor of Prosthodontics at the University of Freiburg and former Professor and Chair at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine. He co-founded The Face Dental Group in Boston and serves as Head of the U.S. Education Delegation for ITI and U.S. Ambassador to the EAO. A board-certified prosthodontist, he has held leadership roles in IADDM, IADR, and ARAED. With more than 170 peer-reviewed publications and an internationally recognized textbook, his work focuses on esthetic and implant dentistry, full-arch rehabilitation, and advanced digital technologies.

OCTOBER 21, 2026 / 6:30 PM

LIVE LECTURE / UP TO 2 HOURS / AGD CODE 690

Contemporary full-arch therapy increasingly aims to reproduce natural tooth form, emergence profiles, and soft-tissue integration through esthetic FP1 implant rehabilitations. Dr. Att will show how AI-supported diagnostics and predictive design are changing the way these demanding cases are planned and delivered. The program connects automated CBCT segmentation, intraoral and facial records, digital smile design, three-dimensional functional planning, prosthetically driven implant positioning, and digital manufacturing in one unified workflow. Participants will see how these tools can improve diagnostic precision, interdisciplinary communication, efficiency, and individualized esthetic outcomes.

Learning Objectives

- Understand the biological and prosthetic principles of esthetic FP1 full-arch implant rehabilitation.
- Recognize the role of artificial intelligence and predictive design in diagnostics, smile design, and treatment planning.
- Identify how AI-supported digital workflows improve predictability, efficiency, and esthetic outcomes.

The Ortho-Restorative Connection

Sunny Virdi, DMD



Dr. Sunny Virdi is a University of Manitoba graduate and part owner of Cityplace Dental Group, where he focuses on comprehensive care with an emphasis on esthetic and restorative dentistry. He lectures throughout the United States and Canada and is known for a clinically grounded, patient-centered approach. Outside dentistry, he enjoys photography, travel, and exploring new culinary experiences with his wife, Nav.

NOVEMBER 18, 2026 / 6:30 PM
UP TO 2 HOURS / AGD CODE 149

This case-based program explores how coordinated orthodontic and restorative planning creates healthier, more predictable, and more esthetic outcomes. Participants will examine how purposeful tooth movement can expand restorative options and how restorative goals should guide orthodontic decisions. Dr. Virdi will address shared treatment planning, timing, digital integration, and practical communication strategies that help clinicians keep orthodontic and restorative objectives aligned throughout care.

Learning Objectives

- Explain the fundamental relationship between orthodontic tooth movement and restorative treatment planning.
- Apply clinical strategies that support successful orthodontic-restorative collaboration in everyday practice.

Disclosure: Dr. Virdi receives product and/or financial support from Solventum, Curion, and XerosGuard.

Facilitated by Dr. Wael Att



Prof. Dr. Wael Att is an internationally recognized prosthodontist, educator, author, and clinician whose work spans esthetic dentistry, implant therapy, full-arch rehabilitation, and digital dentistry. He is Professor of Prosthodontics at the University of Freiburg, former Professor and Chair at Tufts University, and co-founder of The Face Dental Group in Boston. He directs The Boston Study Club and has held leadership roles across major international dental organizations.

DECEMBER 09, 2026 / 6:30 PM
UP TO 2 HOURS / AGD CODE 550

Adults returning to structured education are often problem-centered learners: we strategize and make decisions about real dilemmas every day. For this interactive session, each member is asked to bring two challenges from the office. They may involve scheduling, clinical care, communication, team dynamics, or any issue that remains difficult to resolve. Members will work in small groups to gather candid advice, test possible approaches, and develop solutions they can take back to the office and implement the next day.

Learning Objectives

- Create actionable solutions to everyday clinical, operational, and communication challenges.
- Recognize the value of collaborating with like-minded clinicians in a small, interactive group setting.

Markus B. Blatz, DMD, PhD



JANUARY 20, 2027 / 6:30 PM
UP TO 2 HOURS / AGD CODE 149

Removing a failing restoration can expose unexpected fractures and leave the clinician with a difficult restorative decision. In this treatment-planning session, participants will evaluate a well-documented molar case involving an enamel-dentin fracture and minimal remaining tooth structure. After roundtable discussion, Dr. Blatz will present minimally invasive, evidence-based, step-by-step solutions for the case and for cracked tooth syndrome more broadly.

Learning Objectives

- Diagnose and treat tooth fractures with evidence-based solutions.
- Identify minimally invasive techniques for managing cracked teeth.

Dr. Markus B. Blatz is Professor of Restorative Dentistry, Chair of Preventive and Restorative Sciences, and Assistant Dean for Digital Innovation and Professional Development at the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine. He founded the Penn Dental Medicine CAD/CAM Ceramic Center and is Editor-in-Chief of *Compendium* as well as Associate Editor of the *Journal of Esthetic and Restorative Dentistry*. His work focuses on emerging technologies, ceramic materials, and state-of-the-art esthetic care.

Disclosure: Dr. Blatz receives product support from 3M Oral Care, VITA, Ivoclar, Tokuyama, Shofu, GC, and Bisco, and financial support from Kuraray Noritake Dental, Nobel Biocare, and Pearl.

Restorative Considerations for Tooth Rehabilitation in the Esthetic Zone: Composite vs. Ceramic

Taiseer Sulaiman, DDS, PhD and Nate Lawson, DMD, PhD



Nate Lawson is Associate Professor and Director of Biomaterials at the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Dentistry. He holds a DMD and PhD in biomedical engineering, has published more than 200 articles, abstracts, and chapters, and practices in the UAB Faculty Practice.

Taiseer Sulaiman directs Advanced Operative Dentistry and Biomaterials Research at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. His research focuses on ceramics, adhesion, cements, color and appearance, and biomimetics.

FEBRUARY 23, 2027 / 6:30 PM

DEBATE NIGHT / UP TO 2 HOURS / AGD CODE 017

Two leading voices in restorative dentistry examine the strengths and limitations of composite resins and ceramics in the esthetic zone. Drs. Lawson and Sulaiman will compare tooth preservation, chairside shade matching, single-visit treatment, cost, mechanical strength, optical properties, and technician-supported customization. Their debate will also explore how material handling and clinical technique influence the final result, helping clinicians choose the material and workflow that best fit each patient.

Learning Objectives

- Compare the physical and esthetic properties of resin composite and ceramic materials, including evidence-based bonding practices.
- Discuss how shade matching, handling, matrix selection, curing, and polishing affect clinical outcomes.

Disclosures: Dr. Lawson receives research and/or honoraria support from several dental manufacturers listed in the source packet. Dr. Sulaiman reports no affiliations to disclose.

Innovative Ways to Solve Complex Clinical Challenges

Bob Margeas, DDS



Dr. Bob Margeas is an adjunct professor in operative dentistry at the University of Iowa, a diplomate of the American Board of Operative Dentistry and American Board of Aesthetic Dentistry, and a fellow of the Academy of General Dentistry and ITI. He has written extensively on esthetic and implant dentistry, teaches nationally and internationally, and serves on several editorial advisory boards. He maintains a full-time private practice in Des Moines focused on comprehensive restorative and implant dentistry.

MARCH 16, 2027 / 6:30 PM
UP TO 2 HOURS / AGD CODE 250

Complex restorative dilemmas often invite conventional answers, even when those answers are unlikely to deliver the best result. Dr. Margeas will present two treatment-planning challenges and ask participants to consider creative, less obvious solutions in a roundtable format. He will then reveal how each case was managed and discuss the path to predictable, esthetic, and sustainable outcomes, followed by audience questions and discussion.

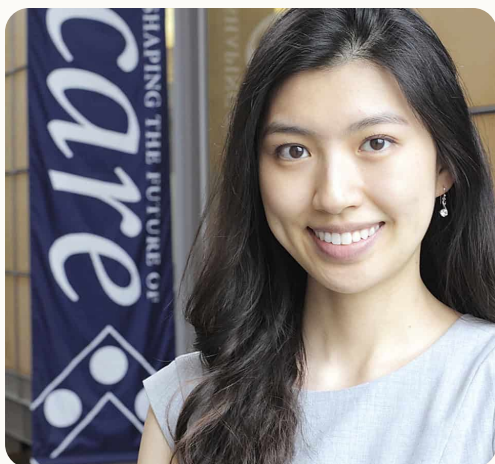
Learning Objectives

- Treat complicated, localized restorative challenges more predictably.
- Think critically and non-conventionally when solving difficult, area-specific restorative dilemmas.

Disclosure: Dr. Margeas receives product and/or financial support from The Aurum Group.

Endo or Implant: The Clear Decision

Justine Chiou, DMD



Dr. Justine Chiou is an endodontist dedicated to evidence-based, patient-centered care with contemporary technology. She earned her DMD and completed endodontics residency at the University of Pennsylvania, where she taught micro-endodontic techniques. Her honors include the President Gutmann Leadership Award and Rossman Endodontic Scholarship. She has conducted research at NIDCR, presented nationally and internationally, and volunteered in Philadelphia and Honduras. Dr. Chiou is active in the ADA, Boston District Dental Society, AAE, and Massachusetts Association of Endodontists, and is fluent in English, Mandarin Chinese, and Taiwanese.

APRIL 14, 2027 / 6:30 PM

LIVE LECTURE / UP TO 2 HOURS / AGD CODE 070

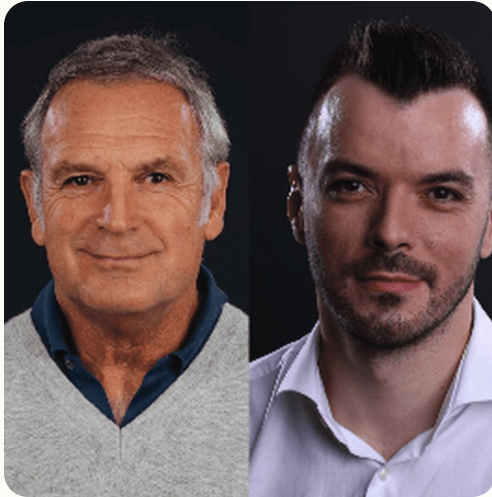
When a compromised tooth reaches a diagnostic crossroads, the question is no longer simply whether endodontic treatment is possible, but whether retaining the tooth offers the most predictable outcome for that patient. Through case-based discussion, Dr. Chiou will present a practical framework for choosing between endodontic treatment and extraction with implant replacement. The session will integrate pulpal and periapical diagnosis, restorability, remaining tooth structure, crack extent, periodontal support, retreatment options, esthetic demands, treatment burden, and patient preferences. Participants will learn to distinguish teeth that can be predictably preserved from those better managed with implant therapy, while avoiding both premature extraction and heroic treatment with limited long-term value.

Learning Objectives

- Evaluate restorability and prognosis using endodontic, periodontal, structural, and restorative findings.
- Compare the risks, benefits, and treatment burden of retaining a compromised tooth versus extraction and implant replacement.
- Apply an interdisciplinary, patient-centered decision framework to select the most predictable treatment pathway.

Circumventing Digital Workflow Bottlenecks in Comprehensive Treatment Planning

Eric Van Dooren, DDS and Florin Cofar, DDS



Eric Van Dooren earned his dental degree at KU Leuven and maintains a private practice in Antwerp limited to periodontics, fixed prosthodontics, and implants. He is a visiting professor and an active member of the European Academy of Esthetic Dentistry.

Florin Cofar earned his dental degree in Timișoara and completed postgraduate education at NYU and Harvard Business School. He focuses on interdisciplinary esthetic rehabilitation, including orthodontic, implant, and minimally invasive restorative care, and lectures internationally.

MAY 12, 2027 / 6:30 PM
UP TO 2 HOURS / AGD CODE 149

In this interdisciplinary treatment-planning workshop, Drs. Van Dooren and Cofar will challenge participants to connect their current clinical judgment with complementary digital workflow solutions. The session focuses on meaningful uses of current technology, the bottlenecks that limit adoption, and practical ways to work around them. Participants will explore how changing the timing of case design and rethinking the conversion of analog information can create more flexibility and predictability.

Learning Objectives

- Shift the timeline in case design to create more flexibility in digital workflows.
- Rethink case design when converting analog information into a digital workflow.

Disclosures: Dr. Van Dooren is a shareholder in Smilecloud. Dr. Cofar reports no affiliations to disclose.

The details that keep the season running well.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Registration

Programs are intended for members and invited guests. All sessions begin at 6:30 PM. Venue and registration details will be shared with registered members.

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Please provide at least 72 hours' notice for cancellations when requested.

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Up to 18 CE credits will be issued by The Boston Study Club for the 2026-2027 academic season, subject to attendance and course-completion requirements. Applicable provider approval and course verification details will be supplied with registration materials. AGD subject codes identify the educational category of each course.

Disclaimer and substitutions

Some programs may include controversial material or commercial references. Participants should use appropriate professional judgment when adopting techniques, particularly when supervised clinical experience is not provided.

Speakers, formats, or programs may change without notice when circumstances are beyond the club's control.

Code of conduct

The Boston Study Club is committed to a safe, respectful learning environment free of harassment, bullying, and offensive behavior. Participants are expected to exercise consideration in speech and actions and to refrain from demeaning, discriminatory, or harassing conduct during live, virtual, and related social activities.



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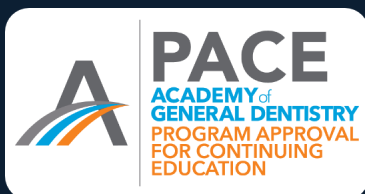
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The approval period shown applies through November 30, 2026. Applicable provider and course-verification details for later sessions will be supplied with registration materials.

Course verification

Attendance and course-completion requirements apply. Applicable provider approval and verification details for sessions after November 30, 2026 will be supplied with registration materials.



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