

Mastering Complete Dentures: Troubleshooting Common Complaints

Clinical Excellence Series 2024: Presented by Zufall Health and Delta Dental

1 Hour CDE Credit



MEET THE SPEAKER

Jade Duncan, DDS, MEd, is SVP, Dental Services at Zufall Health. A native of Trinidad and Tobago, Duncan is an experienced community health center dental leader. Her background blends clinical care, curriculum development, and people management. Prior to joining Zufall, she served as the director of dental residency for the Advanced Education in General Dentistry Residency program at Penobscot Community Health Care, a Federally Qualified Health Center in Bangor, Maine, where she generated a 15-fold increase in applications to the program. She concurrently served as the co-lead project manager of diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging at the health center. Duncan earned her doctor of dental surgery degree from the Howard University College of Dentistry and completed a general practice residency at Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center, where she was chief resident. She also earned master's degrees in both business administration and education from the University of Cincinnati. Additionally, she graduated with a certificate in theology from the E.L.I. Bible Institute and Seminary. She is currently enrolled in a master of legal studies program in health care law from the University of Oklahoma.

OVERVIEW

This lecture addresses the most prevalent issues reported by patients wearing complete dentures. Participants will learn to identify, diagnose, and effectively resolve common complaints such as discomfort, instability, and aesthetic concerns. Through comprehensive diagnostic approaches and evidence-based interventions, attendees will gain practical insights into adjusting occlusion, optimizing denture base design, and enhancing tissue adaptation to improve patient comfort and satisfaction. By the end of the session, participants will be equipped with actionable strategies to enhance the overall denture-wearing experience for their patients.

OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of this program, participants will be able to:

1. Recognize and categorize the most frequent issues reported by patients wearing complete dentures, such as discomfort, instability, and aesthetic concerns.
2. Develop the tools and understand techniques to assess the root causes of common denture-related problems. This includes understanding the impact of occlusion, denture base design, and tissue adaptation on patient comfort and satisfaction.
3. Implement practical strategies and evidence-based interventions to effectively troubleshoot and resolve common complaints associated with complete dentures, with insights into adjustments, relining procedures, and patient communication strategies to enhance the overall denture-wearing experience.



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6:00 - 7:00 PM EDT (one hour)

- 6:00 - 6:05: Introduction
- 6:05 - 7:00: Educational Content



Zoom Events (Registration required and space is limited)



Free; dental credits offered

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