



# BACK TO BASICS

BRIDGEWORK - CONVENTIONAL OR BONDED

Everything you wanted to know about bridgework and more with Michael Mandikos !

**FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> - SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018, 9AM-5PM**

**RYDGES HOTEL, 9 Glenelg Street, South Brisbane, QLD 4000**

- ✓ How to determine which teeth make suitable abutments
- ✓ Connectors, precision attachments and tips on long-span bridges
- ✓ Optimal pontic design
- ✓ All-ceramic bridges vs. PFM bridges
- ✓ Maryland and Bonded bridges – Metal or Ceramic
- ✓ Soft tissue aesthetics and ridge preservation/augmentation
- ✓ Long lasting provisionals
- ✓ Choosing the correct cement

Before dental implants, the 3-unit bridge was the standard of care for replacing a missing tooth in most sites of the mouth. Proper use of connectors meant that larger edentulous sites could also be bridged, including spans of up to 6-units in the right indications. In fact, careful tooth preparation and the use of connectors meant that a well made bridge usually had a life expectancy well in excess of 15 years. And these bridges were only retained with zinc phosphate or glass ionomer cements.

Unfortunately, the introduction of adhesives and resin cements has led to a decline in the importance of correct theory and technique in bridgework. The adage that “a strong cement will make it work” has become too commonplace and the principles of proper case selection, design and technique, have been relegated to unimportant. Some institutions no longer teach on many of these concepts. In recent years, bridges have been simplified to a treatment concept of “make it from zirconia” and “glue it in”. Bridges that last less than 10 years are becoming the norm.

This course is designed to raise the awareness of the clinician to the possibilities of bridgework as a viable, predictable and long term alternative to dental implants. Conventional, cantilever and bonded designs will be covered, together with many clinical case examples.

## DAY 1

LECTURE

Friday 4th May 2018

Lecture Only: **\$590 + GST**

For those who are only able to attend one day, this course has been designed to present all of the relevant content in relation to Bridgework, within the lecture program.

## DAY 2

PRACTICAL WORKSHOP (optional)

Saturday 5th May 2018

Lecture & Practical Workshop: **\$2700 + GST**

Building on the theory presented in the lecture program, the hands-on workshop will allow attendees to practice tooth preparations for both conventional and bonded bridges (ceramic and metal), including cantilever designs. The exercises will include fashioning a provisional bridge and using it to develop an aesthetic ovate pontic site. There will also be an exercise to teach the correct cementation techniques for bridgework.



Online registration at [www.ceodental.com.au](http://www.ceodental.com.au)

This course will provide a certificate of attendance for 7 hours of scientific CPD points for the lecture and an additional 7 CPD points for the workshop. The workshop will start early and finish early to allow attendees who are travelling, to have enough time to reach their flights.