

## **BACK TO BASICS**

BRIDGEWORK - CONVENTIONAL OR BONDED

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





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Australian Dental Centre of Excellence is only 25 minutes & 1 traffic light from the Brisbane Airport.

The course will start at 9am on Friday, and at 8am on the Saturday, to allow for those travelling on Friday morning and Saturday afternoon, to make their flights.

This 2 day intensive workshop will alternate between theory and practical exercises for the whole 2 days!

\$3500 + GST

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.

## What you will learn

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



## Online registration at www.ceodental.com.au

This course provides a certificate of attendance for 14 hours of scientific CPD points. CeoDental Seminars' courses are compliant with current DBA Guidelines on continuing professional development.