

# General Membership Meeting - April

## Trauma, Triumph and Tough Choices: Pushing the Envelope in the Implant Era

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Dr. Rajiv Patel has been a practicing endodontist in Dallas for over 18 years. He graduated from the University of Southern California where he obtained his DDS and Certificate in Endodontics. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Endodontics and has practiced clinical dentistry for over 30 years. Dr. Patel has published clinical papers and textbook chapters on endodontic topics and is the founding member of several study clubs. He is also a fellow and founding member of the International Academy of Endodontics, and is the immediate past president. Dr. Patel maintains a private practice, Endodontic Excellence, in Flower Mound and Argyle. He has a passion for teaching and teaches a hands-on endodontic course "Endodontic Success for the General Dentist". Dr. Patel's goal is to raise global standards for endodontic care by disseminating endodontic education.

The implant era has revolutionized treatment paradigms, creating complex decision-making scenarios between tooth preservation and extraction. With both endodontic treatment and dental implants achieving exceptional survival rates, clinicians face challenging choices requiring systematic diagnostic approaches. Dental trauma management exemplifies these tough decisions, demanding coordinated multidisciplinary strategies, particularly in growing patients. Through case-based analysis of lateral luxation, crown-root fractures, intrusion and avulsion, this presentation explores pushing therapeutic boundaries while maintaining conservative principles. Success requires understanding when to triumph through preservation versus strategic extraction. Systematic checklists prevent errors in these high-stakes decisions, ensuring optimal outcomes in an era where multiple viable treatment options create both opportunities and dilemmas.

Audience: Dentists

AGD Code: 070

CE Hours: 2 technical and/or scientific

CE Verification provided

Conflict of Interest: None reported

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### Learning Objectives:

- Develop systematic diagnostic frameworks for evaluating tooth preservation versus implant placement in complex cases
- Gain knowledge of evidence-based trauma management for lateral luxation, crown-root fractures, intrusion and avulsion scenarios
- Learn how to coordinate multidisciplinary care teams for optimal patient outcomes through collaborative treatment approaches
- Identify when to push therapeutic limits versus when conservative approaches are indicated for long-term success
- Establish systematic protocols and checklists to minimize errors and enhance consistency in complex treatment planning

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