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A Paradigm Shift: Saving Teeth Over Implants

In recent years, the dental community has undergone a significant shift in treatment philosophy The once-dominant approach of extracting teeth and placing implants is being reconsidered in favor of preserving natural dentition whenever possible. Both dentists and patients have come to recognize that implants are not the universal solution they were once thought to be. Challenges such as persistent infections and progressive bone loss can lead to complications that are often difficult—if not impossible—to resolve successfully.

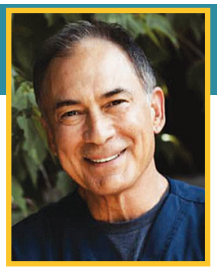
As a result, the focus is shifting back to saving teeth. Endodontic therapy plays a pivotal role in this effort, and when a tooth is severely compromised, endodontic surgery becomes essential.

In this presentation, the speaker will share key insights and proven surgical techniques for managing periodontal disease, demonstrating how these approaches can improve endodontic surgical outcomes. Attendees, including endodontists and general dentists who perform endodontic therapy, will gain valuable strategies to enhance long-term treatment success—while also achieving optimal esthetics for their patients.

AREAS OF FOCUS:

- Medical / dental history
- Biology of the periodontium
- Microsurgery
- Periodontal conditions
- Dental restorations
- Patient related issues
- Flap designs
- Avoiding complications
- Collaboration: endodontist, periodontist, orthodontist, restorative dentist, and patient

BIOGRAPHY: *Dr. Tom Kepic received his DDS from the University of Buffalo. He received his Certificate of Periodontics and Masters of Science in Dentistry from Indiana University. Dr. Kepic taught at University of California San Francisco before going to Upland, CA to begin his private practice. He has practiced in the same location for over four decades. He is a visiting lecturer at 12 universities. He is the past president of the California Society of Periodontics and was Region Leader in Periodontics for the Inland Empire for over 25 years. He is the past president of the Western Society of Periodontology, the first ever to serve two terms. Kepic was a Trustee for the American Academy of Periodontology and served on multiple committees. His greatest professional pride is being a Diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology and serving as an Examiner for the Board including being Chairman of the Board His passion for periodontics includes understanding the Prognosis for a compromised tooth and the ability to save many teeth that would otherwise be lost.*



Giles B. Horrocks, DDS, MS

Objectives to "The Seal is The Deal - Predicting, Preserving and Repairing the Soft Tissue around Dental Implants"

It is critical to understand the healthy periimplant phenotype when treatment planning predictable implant retained prosthesis. This presentation will discuss the key parameters to maintaining healthy soft tissue, preserving the bone and repairing a case that has gone bad. Cases will be used to correlate clinical outcomes with 1 - 10 year follow up.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- Predicting - How the literature can help you predict realistic soft tissue outcomes when treatment planning esthetic cases.
- Preserving - Preventing Peri-implant Marginal Mucosal Defects.
- Restoring - Esthetic case recovery with periodontal plastic surgery concepts.

BIOGRAPHY: *Dr. Giles Horrocks completed his specialty training in Periodontology in the Department of Medicine and Surgery at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He is board certified and a Diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology. He has written a chapter on Piezosurgery® Assisted Controlled Ridge Expansion and has a recent publication in the International Journal of Periodontics and Restorative Dentistry on a technique called Controlled Assisted Ridge Expansion (CARE). Dr. Horrocks is the past president of the Rocky Mountain Society of Periodontists and is a key opinion leader for Meisinger USA, Dentsply Implants, and Mectron Piezosurgery©. He limits his practice to Periodontics with a focus on dental implant related surgery.*

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY JUNE THE 27TH

Registration - 9:00am

Dr. Giles Horrocks
Part 1- 9:30 - 11:30 am

Coffee Break and visit to the Exhibits from 11:30 am - 12:00 pm

Dr. Giles Horrocks
Part 2 - 12:00 - 1:00pm

Lunch - 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Dr. Thomas Kepic
3:00-5:00 pm

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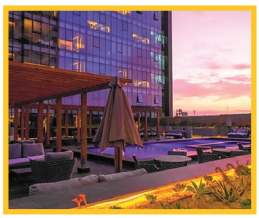

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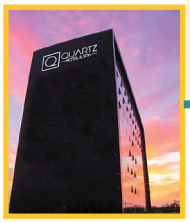

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