

***Perfecting the Provisional Workshop:  
Gaining Competence with Materials and Methods***

**Course Description:**

Clinicians have often made the mistake of regarding the provisional as being merely "temporary" and thus may not devote adequate time and effort to this phase of treatment. The result may be the fabrication and cementation of an interim restoration, which may be inadequate functionally and/or esthetically.

The selection of materials used for provisional and indirect restorative procedures has changed dramatically in the past several years. Many practices devote a substantial amount of attention to fabricating more than just a functional temporary; today's provisional crowns and bridges serve as a true trial of the anticipated permanent restoration, assessing contour, shade, gingival response, length, etc.

With increased demands being placed on provisional restorations, new materials and techniques are being developed and some existing protocols are being refined to accomplish desired goals. Regardless of the method of fabrication, any provisional must exhibit knifelike margins, proper contact, contour and retention.

Participants will have the opportunity to fabricate a provisional using a pre-prep impression technique during this hands-on program.

**Learning Objectives:**

Upon completion of this program, participants may expect to:

- List indications and discuss criteria for clinically acceptable provisionals.
- Differentiate provisional fabrication using block, preformed, impression and splint methods.
- Demonstrate procedure for fabrication and trimming/polishing of matrix type provisional.
- Review clinical tips concerning mock-ups for esthetic cases.
- Recommend options for treating hypersensitivity.
- Discuss indications for different cementation options