THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF INFLAMMATORY PERI-IMPLANT DISEASE

Introduction:
As the number of implants that have been placed worldwide increases and as the number of years implants have been in place increases, the incidence and prevalence of inflammatory peri-implant disease has been increasing significantly. Whether you’re placing implants, restoring implants or placing and restoring implants, it’s imperative that you have an understanding of the factors involved in the initiation of peri-implant disease, are able to diagnose the problem in its incipiency and can take the proper steps to stop its progression.

At the end of this presentation the participant will:
1) have an understanding of the etiology, microbiology and histopathology of peri-implant disease, and its progression from mucositis to peri-implantitis.
2) understand which instruments and chemotherapeutic agents are best suited to debride, detoxify and decontaminate an affected implant.
3) understand the indications for non-surgical and surgical therapy, and understand the specific implant surgical techniques utilized to optimize the results of treatment.
4) know how to establish an office protocol for the early recognition and diagnosis of perimplant disease as well institute Cumulative Interceptive Supportive Therapy (CIST) to stop mucositis before it progresses to peri-implantitis.

Paul Fletcher DDS, is a periodontist who practices in New York City and is a partner in Specialized Dentistry of New York, a group implant, cosmetic specialty practice. He is an Associate Clinical Professor at the Columbia University College of Dental Medicine where he teaches periodontics and implant dentistry of a post-graduate level. Dr. Fletcher has had more than two dozen papers published in the dental literature and has lectured on periodontal prosthetics and implant dentistry both nationally and internationally.