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## Implant Prosthetics

### Taking the Mystery out of Implant Parts and Troubleshooting

On Friday, October 13, 2006, 24 NJAGD members and 4 of their staff members participated in a full-day lecture/participation course presented by NJAGD's own Dr. John DiPonziano. Among his many credits, Dr. DiPonziano, a general dentist from Columbus, NJ, is a Master of the AGD and a Past-President of NJAGD. Dr. DiPonziano has a unique perspective on dental implantology with a background as a CDT and over 20 years experience placing and restoring many different implant systems. He is not only experienced in case planning, surgical, and prosthetic phases of implantology, but also uniquely experienced in the laboratory phase of his cases.



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Course participants were treated to Dr. DiPonziano's insight into everything from; selecting an implant system, restoring simple to more complex cases, fabricating quick and easy surgical guides and try-in jigs in the office, to newer concepts such as immediate loading and "teeth-in-an-hour." Participants commented that the most useful part of the course was trouble-shooting cases with poor implant position and those that seem to go wrong in the restorative phase of treatment. With his background in the laboratory, Dr. DiPonziano had many solutions to these seemingly 'hopeless' cases and insight as to how to avoid future problems with proper case planning.



*Attendees at post-seminar dinner.*

Dr. DiPonziano has previously lectured for NJAGD, and continues to be highly rated by course participants. We hope he will continue to provide this up-to-date and informal, nuts-and-bolts seminar for our members interested in implantology. Below are a few comments from this year's course participants.

***"A wealth of tips and techniques to handle difficult implant issues."***

***"Enough material for a 2 day seminar."***

***"Well organized and informative – excellent handouts."***

***"Excellent presentation."***