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Title

The Maxillofacial Prosthetics' World Over the Other Side of the Planet: COVID-19 Edition

Abstract

At the start of this decade, COVID-19 has given us a rude shock in human's recent history. The world turned upside down. How we live, communicate, travel and learn is no longer the same. It was no different for those involved in maxillofacial prosthetic services and education.

In Asia, dental education stopped for at least two months in Singapore and Hong Kong. The effect of this disruption reverberated after that. In this presentation, we will share the challenges we faced during these troubled times, how we overcame them through multi-institutional collaboration and technology, as well as the learning points we gathered from our journey. We hope that this model can be replicated through 'normal' post-pandemic time.

Biography

Dr. Ansgar C. Cheng is a Maxillofacial Prosthodontist with Specialist Dental Group, a Prosthodontic Specialty Board Examiner with the Royal College of Dentists of Canada and an Adjunct Associate Professor with the National University of Singapore and the University of Hong Kong.

Dr. Cheng received his dental training from the University of Hong Kong (1990) and his specialty training in Prosthodontics from Northwestern University, Chicago (1992). He pursued his sub-specialty training in Maxillofacial Prosthodontics at UCLA (1993). He is a Fellow of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore, the Royal College of Dentists of Canada, and the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons. He is also a Member of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons (Prosthodontics).

Dr. Cheng spent 11 years in Toronto, Canada where he was the Head of Maxillofacial Prosthetics at the Princess Margaret Hospital, a Consultant to the Department of Otorhinolaryngology (ENT) at the Toronto General Hospital, and an Assistant Professor of Prosthodontics with the University of Toronto. Dr. Cheng served on the Singapore Dental Specialist Accreditation Board and is a member of the Dental Specialist Assessment Committee (Prosthodontics).

In addition to his clinical work, Dr. Cheng also served on the Editorial Board for the Journal of Prosthetic

Dentistry, the International Journal of Prosthodontics, and the Singapore Dental Journal. He has published widely in peer-reviewed journals and speaks regularly internationally.