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**Program Speaker – Tan Kian-Meng**

**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. Tan Kian-Meng is a Maxillofacial Prosthodontist with Specialist Dental Group. He is also an Adjunct Lecturer at the National University of Singapore, a Visiting Consultant at regional hospital, Khoo Teck Puat Hospital (most biophilic hospital in Asia), and was the President of the Prosthodontic Society Singapore.

Dr. Tan Kian Meng received his dental training from the National University of Singapore (2005) and his specialty training in Prosthodontics from the University of Maryland, USA (2010). He is the valedictorian of his class. He has received numerous academic awards, including the Lee Kuan Yew Medal for being the best overall graduating student in the dental class and Tratman Medal, for being the most distinguished graduate.

Before joining Specialist Dental Group, Dr. Tan was with Khoo Teck Puat Hospital (the latest 800 bed hospital) as a Consultant and a post-graduate Fellow at the University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer Center's Maxillofacial Prosthetics and Oncologic Dentistry (2011). He is a Diplomata of the American Board of Prosthodontics. He is a Fellow of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore and the American College of Prosthodontists. Dr. Tan has a special interest in maxillofacial prosthetics and implant dentistry. He is currently an examiner with the Prosthodontic Specialty Board in Singapore. In addition, he is also an ad-hoc reviewer for the Journal of Prosthodontics.