

International Endodontic Program

Part 1: Clinical Endodontics: Course Description & Goals

The purpose of this course is to enable international dentists to become proficient in clinical endodontics through evaluating each individual clinical case posted by each participant on the Endolit online forum. Instruction will be provided so that participants will develop clinical knowledge and skills in patient management and practice management and attain proficiency levels in clinical procedures required of an endodontic specialist.

Learning Resources

- Online material provided on Endolit.com and through the Endodontic UB online library
- Web-based reference material

Clinical Guidelines

1. In all matters, concern for the patient takes precedence.
2. All patients must be examined clinically and radiographically, and medical and dental histories should be evaluated. Participants will determine the pulpal and periapical diagnosis and plan a course of treatment. All relevant consultations must occur prior to treatment initiation. The diagnosis and treatment plan must be presented in each posted case.
3. Endodontic surgery
 - Surgery must be indicated as the best care for the patient and not solely as an educational experience.
 - All surgical procedures are to be video recorded and photographed.
 - All pathologic tissue must be sent for biopsy.
4. All clinical cases will be reviewed by the program director.
5. Each dentist must present at least 50 non-surgical and 5 surgical cases covering different aspects of endodontics (initial treatment, retreatment, management of obstructions and surgeries in the anterior and posterior region, etc.).
6. All cases presented must include preoperative, intraoperative and postoperative radiographs at a high quality, in addition to clinical photos when possible.

Evaluation

Pass/fail grades will be assigned based on:

- Anonymous evaluation from Endolit members
- Program director's review of completed cases

Dentists must maintain an average score for their cases no less than:

- **4/5** for the "quality of endodontic treatment"
- **2.5/5** for the "documentation quality"

Regarding level of complexity:

Non-surgical cases:

- At least 5 cases should be between **4-5/5**
- At least 30 cases between **2-3/5**

Surgical cases:

- 1 case should be between **4-5/5**
- 2 cases between **2-3/5**

The evaluation criteria are available on Endolit.com

Challenges

Program participants have the right to challenge any aspect of their evaluation. The final decision/evaluation remains at the program faculty's discretion and judgement.