

2-DAY ADVANCED FULL-ARCH IMPLANT HYGIENIST CERTIFICATION COURSE



**ADVANCED CLINICAL, DIAGNOSTIC &
MAINTENANCE TRAINING**

**Tailored for Hygienists Supporting
Full-Arch Implant Therapy**

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Course Overview

This 2-day advanced certification is tailored specifically for hygienists supporting full-arch implant therapy.

Hygienists will learn:

- How to identify full-arch candidates chairside
- Clinical + radiographic indicators of terminal dentition
- Hygienist-led digital data acquisition (IOS, CBCT positioning, records)
- Hygiene-specific patient communication and full-arch consultation support
- Understanding live surgical workflow and prosthetic implications
- Short- and long-term peri-implant maintenance protocols
- Early implant disease detection & interdisciplinary communication

Day 2 includes a **live full-arch surgery observation** with real-time hygiene-focused commentary.

Upon completion, hygienists will be fully prepared to identify candidates, support the surgical–restorative team, and manage patients through long-term maintenance.

DAY 1: Diagnostics, Candidacy, Digital Workflow & Hygienist Communication (Led by Director of Implant Treatment Coordination)



8:30 – 9:00 AM — Welcome & Course Orientation

- Instructor introductions
- The hygienist's unique influence on full-arch case acceptance
- Overview of the full-arch workflow
from consult → surgery → delivery → maintenance



9:00 – 10:45 AM — Module 1: Identifying Full-Arch Candidates

- Clinical signs of a full-arch case:
 - ▲ Advanced perio, mobility, terminal dentition patterns
 - ▲ Failing restorative dentistry, recurrent decay
 - ▲ Bite collapse, functional concerns
- Radiographic indicators (2D + CBCT) hygienists should recognize
- Quick screening workflow for hygiene appointments
- When & how to escalate to a full-arch consultation
- Chairside communication scripts:
 - ▲ How to introduce the full-arch solution without diagnosing
- Hands-on case evaluations (photos + radiographs)



10:45 – 11:00 AM — Break



11:00 – 12:15 PM — Module 2: Digital Diagnostics & Record Collection for Hygienists

- Hygienist's role in CBCT acquisition & ensuring diagnostic quality
- Full-arch intraoral scanning workflow (scan bodies, verification scans, bites)
- Common IOS errors & correction strategies
- Merging IOS + CBCT for full-arch planning — what hygienists should verify
- Submitting digital records to the lab (from a hygiene perspective)
- Communication with **My Patient Exchange**



12:15 – 1:15 PM — Lunch



1:15 – 2:45 PM — Module 3: Treatment Planning Support & Documentation Requirements

- Hygiene-driven documentation for full-arch cases
- Pre-op requirements: perio stabilization, medical risk factors
- Consent forms, medication reviews, clearance processes
- Cross-communication between hygiene → surgical → restorative teams
- Case exercise: Identify missing/incorrect hygiene documentation in a full-arch package



2:45 – 3:15 PM — Module 4: Understanding Fixed vs. Removable Implant-Supported Full-Arch Prostheses

Hygienist-focused education for clear patient explanations

Fixed (Non-Removable) Full-Arch Prosthesis

- Permanently attached
- Highest chewing stability; most natural feel
- Better bone preservation
- Harder hygiene access; requires specialized instrumentation
- Best for patients prioritizing stability and natural aesthetics

Removable Implant-Supported Overdenture (Locator or Bar)

- Snaps in and out; patient removes for cleaning
- More cost-effective
- Easier hygiene access
- More component wear (locators, inserts)
- Less natural feel but easier for many patients to manage

Key Talking Points for Patients

- Daily cleaning differences
- Expected longevity
- Maintenance schedule & complexity
- How each option affects home care and hygiene visits



3:15 – 3:30 PM — Break



3:30 – 4:00 PM — Module 5: Hygienist's Role in Full-Arch Consults

- Explaining full-arch sequencing & expectations in patient-friendly terms
- Addressing common patient fears (time, cost, pain, longevity)
- How hygienists support case acceptance during hygiene visits
- Role-play: “Hygienist-to-Patient Full-Arch Conversation”

DAY 2: Live Surgery, Post-Op Care & Long-Term Maintenance Protocols

(Led by Oral Surgeon)



8:00 – 8:30 AM — Morning Review & Surgical Preparation

- Review of Day 1 concepts
- What hygienists should look for during live surgery
- OR etiquette, sterile field awareness



9:00 – 12:00 PM — Module 6: Live Full-Arch Surgery Observation

- Incision design & flap management → long-term hygiene implications
- Guide placement, drilling sequence, implant trajectory
- Multi-unit abutment selection and how angulation affects hygiene access
- Temporary prosthesis conversion workflow
- Live photogrammetry walkthrough
- Real-time commentary highlighting maintenance considerations



12:00 – 1:15 PM — Lunch



1:15 – 2:00 PM — Module 7: Immediate Post-Op Care & Communication Protocols

- Essential post-op instructions hygienists reinforce
- What to review at 1-day, 1-week, and 1-month follow-ups
- Hygiene's role in monitoring healing and identifying surgical concerns early
- Creating unified communication between hygiene → surgeon → restorative team



2:00 – 2:15 PM — Break



2:15 – 3:15 PM — Module 8: Long-Term Full-Arch Maintenance & Peri-Implant Disease Detection

- Maintenance intervals for full-arch patients
- Full-arch peri-implant monitoring protocol
- How to probe full-arch cases (prosthetic limitations & techniques)
- Mucositis vs peri-implantitis detection
- Implant-safe instrumentation: airflow, titanium scalers, piezo settings
- When to escalate for surgical intervention



3:15 – 4:00 PM — Module 9: Final Assessment, Competency Review & Certification

- Review of key skills & takeaways
- Hygiene-focused competency checklist
- Post-course quiz
- Certificates of Completion
- Distribution of take-home hygiene maintenance guides

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