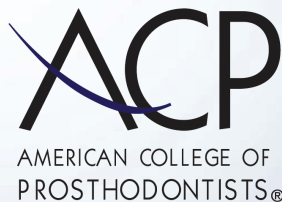


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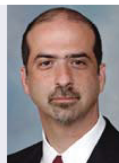
The variation in anatomy, physiology and the comorbidities associated with this condition create many diagnostic, planning and treatment challenges for the patient and clinician alike. Constraints in dental undergraduate curriculum compromise the acquisition of knowledge and development of competencies to successfully manage edentulism through fabrication of removable dentures. Changing demographics of both developed and developing populations suggest significant and increasing needs for removable dentures. Individuals who suffer edentulism encounter many emotional and physical disturbances, which compromise their quality of life.

The objectives of this special edentulism section include:

- review patient-centered assessment of the features of edentulism and denture use from a public health and an individual perspective
- examine the role of business, technology, and education models in improvement in treatment of edentulism worldwide



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