The quality, quantity, and health of the soft tissues surrounding teeth and implants has a significant impact on long-term survival and success. Favorable soft tissue situations will ensure harmonious aesthetics can be achieved whilst facilitating effective maintenance and on-going tissue health. Soft tissue regenerative procedures must be considered in situations of compromised soft tissues. The gold standard for managing soft tissue deficiencies is use of autogenous tissues (i.e. connective tissue and/or free gingival grafts). Autogenous grafts are reliable and successful; however, they are not without limitations and drawbacks. Fortunately, clinicians and patients now have reliable alternatives for managing situations of compromised keratinised tissue width and/or soft tissue volume. Xenogenic collagen matrices provide a safe and effective alternative whilst avoiding many of the limitations associated with the autogenous tissue approach.

This full-day hands-on workshop will present the scientific basis for soft tissue regeneration using both autogenous and xenogenic materials, including advantages, limitations, and indications. Attendees will gain the knowledge and skills required to use xenogenic materials in treating soft tissue deficiencies. Prevention and management of soft tissue surgical complications and general soft tissue management (flap designs and suturing techniques) will also be addressed.

Key Topics:
- Implications of soft tissue deficiencies around natural teeth, crowns and bridges, and implants
- Experiences with autogenous grafting
- The structure and supportive science of xenogenic materials
- Instrumentation
- Appropriate flap designs
- Hands-on techniques using xenografts to:
  a) gain width of keratinised tissue
  b) enhance soft tissue volume
  c) achieve recession coverage
- The future direction of soft tissue management
- Latest research and developments
- Complications – prevention and management

This course is designed for practitioners with an interest in expanding their treatment concepts for soft tissue regeneration.
Clin. A/Prof Mehdi Valizadeh

Mehdi is the principal periodontist at two private practice locations in Perth, Western Australia. His main focus is on advanced dental implant and Periodontal surgeries. He also maintains an adjunct position of clinical associate professor at the Dental school of University of Western Australia (UWA) where he is actively involved in the clinical supervision of DCD registrars in the discipline of Periodontics.

Formerly an assistant professor overseas, he has contributed as an author/editor in the publishing of dental/implantology textbooks. Since 2008, Mehdi has lectured and tutored extensively on numerous academic and non-academic platforms nationally and internationally. Peri-implant and periodontal plastic surgeries along with advanced hard tissue regenerative treatments are his main areas of interest.

Venue Details:

City | Perth WA | Melbourne VIC
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Date | Friday 30 July 2021 | Friday 15 October 2021
Location | Ritz Carlton, 1 Barrack Street, Perth WA 6000 | Grand Hyatt Melbourne, 123 Collins St, Melbourne VIC 3000

Course Details:

Time | Registration: 8.30am
Lecture and Hands-on Workshop: 9.00am - 5.00pm
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Cost | $1295.00 including morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea
CPD | 6 Scientific CPD hours

All workshop materials provided
Attendees are welcome to bring their own loupes

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