Dr. Arturo Llobell aims to help young clinicians avoid surprises in implant dentistry

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Implant Tribune recently sat down with AO 2017 Annual Meeting presenter Dr. Arturo Llobell, a clinician known to thrive in fast-paced environments. He’s a renowned and practicing periodontist and prosthodontist, as well as a national race car champion. We asked Dr. Llobell to preview the “Young Clinicians’ Series,” where he will set a clear “roadbook” for predictability when facing complex full arch implant rehabilitations. What is the purpose/goal of this session? The session will give a through and vision on an array of important steps involved in today’s full arch rehabilitations, while contemplating different treatment options and sequences related to both prosthodontics and surgery aimed to achieve predictable esthetic and functional outcomes. What topics will be covered? The lecture will have an interdisciplinary focus based on treatment planning and execution, involving both surgical and prosthodontic aspects related to implant dentistry. The surgical portion will involve different approaches and keys to success in guided bone regeneration and bone resection, while debating the importance of implant selection and planning in guided surgery and immediate load protocols. The prosthodontic portion will discuss the benefits and limitations related to different restorative designs and material selection, involving new technologies such as the facial scan or contemporary CAD/CAM protocols. Why is it important for young clinicians to attend? During the session, I will also show tips that I’ve learned during my training as well as those that I now try to teach. • See YOUNG, page B3

Workshop for Planning and Treatment.” These sessions will be filled with recognized and some underexplored experts. On Friday evening, Dr. Alan Pollack will host the president’s reception, which is complimentary to all attendees and registered guests. This event promises to offer an exciting and fun-filled evening at the Latin-themed Mango’s Tropical Cafe. Transportation will be provided for this premier social event that you won’t want to miss. The main Saturday program will return to the “Good to Great” refrain as well, looking toward future advances in all aspects of the field. An underlying theme will be to leverage the multidisciplinary approach of AO with the multi-specialty sponsorship of this meeting throughout the week. Topics will include new technologies, short implants, imaging, digital planning and guided treatment, socket management and site redevelopment. The multidisciplinary approach will be particularly evident in the afternoon team presentations, where internationally renowned groups from the United States, Venezuela and Australia will illustrate their evaluation and treatment methods to elegantly tackle difficult patient problems. Saturday, March 18, will also offer full-day programs for both Allied Staff Professionals and Dental Laboratory Technicians. The Allied Professionals TEAM program will have a dynamic group of speakers focusing on different aspects of office and patient management challenges. The morning session will include maintaining HIPAA compliance, opportunities for practice growth, protocols for maintaining implant health and maximizing partnerships with commercial vendors. In the afternoon, an innovative and enjoyable group will complete the meeting with “Good to Great” optimizing the Patient Experience with Ideal Team Interaction.” This panel will be composed of a surgeon, restorative dentist, laboratory technician and industry representatives including manufacturers and financiers, who will provide their input on creating great patient experiences in implant dentistry. Lastly, be sure to experience a one-on-one learning environment with our invited clinicians in the personalized atmosphere of our Lunch and Learn sessions on Saturday. This will be your chance to get up close and personal with current and future leaders, putting individual topics and cases under the microscope. The program committee has worked hard to provide an innovative, balanced, fascinating program that will be clinically relevant. I believe we have a fantastic blend of “veteran” speakers with undiscovered rising stars covering both traditional subjects as well as new topics that will demand our consideration as we head into this next era of dental implant therapy. AO’s 2017 Annual Meeting will be held March 15-18 at the Orange County Convention Center. For more information, please visit the AO website at www.oseo.org. Note: The GOOD TO GREAT® trademark is owned by The Good to Great Project LLC. Used under license.
through my faculty appointments that are really helping me on a daily basis. I will also explain clear, straightforward pathways with the goal of adding simplicity and avoiding confusion during the treatment planning and sequence of complex cases. Basically to show with a clear view, it is possible for us to do it!

Why is it important to a cross-selection of clinicians?

I believe that an adequate knowledge and consideration of different specialties, which can merge together in the treatment of complex cases, is crucial in order to obtain predictable, long-lasting results without undesirable surprises. This merging of concepts will be emphasized in the session by setting a clear “roadbook” to follow through different important steps of the treatment.

What are some key takeaways attendees will glean?

Although the continuous innovation and evolution of technology will help us in many steps of the treatment, planning prior to execution must be considered as the most important treatment aspect in order to achieve predictable long-lasting, esthetic and functional results.

Another takeaway will be that zirconia is a great material being used more and more in the profession because of its broad range of advantages and indications, but it also has a significant number of considerations and limitations that have to be encountered in order to avoid failures.

Yet another key takeaway will be that an increase in vertical dimension can be considered as a secure and predictable procedure under certain parameters that can increase the treatment options available and improve the outcomes to follow.

This session will take place on Friday, March 17, from noon—1:30 p.m. and is free to all registered attendees of the annual meeting, however, advanced registration is required. Tickets will be collected and a box lunch will be served.

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