World-class speakers engaged an active audience on treatment planning complex and routine bone grafting cases at Osteogenics’ 2010 Global Bone Grafting Symposium, held March 26-27 at the Westin Kierland Resort & Spa in Scottsdale, Ariz.

The speakers came from all over the world to discuss how successful bone grafting procedures can lead to predictability in implant placement. This was the second consecutive year Osteogenics Biomedical hosted the event, which will continue to be an annual event, in Scottsdale.

Led by keynote speaker Dr. Michael Pikos, the 300 clinicians in attendance had the opportunity to listen to the speakers’ presentations, which focused primarily on treatment planning cases from patient presentation to prosthetic restoration. Many attendees also had the opportunity to pose questions to the speakers, both during and after their presentations.

Additional speakers included Drs. H. Dexter Barber of Phoenix, Suzanne Caudry of Toronto, Daniel...
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Using a model fabricated from a case Cullum had previously treated, attendees also participated in a hands-on ridge augmentation workshop, which incorporated the use of onlay grafts, titanium-reinforced barrier membranes and fixation screws.

An interactive treatment planning session added another interactive element to the symposium. Moderated by Wilson, the speakers participated in a panel discussion in which Bartee presented a case to the panel. Wilson then engaged the panel in an honest exchange of information, in which the panelists weighed both positive and negative aspects of a variety of different treatment planning options.

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