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**Title:** The Role of Endodontics in Interdisciplinary Care

Dr. Schwartz will conduct an interactive, case-based session on decision-making and treatment planning in endodontics. Emphasis will be on the role of endodontics in multi-specialty care and how endodontic treatment can improve the outcomes in other areas of dentistry, including implants. He will present case histories and lead the audience through the thought process of diagnosis, case selection, endodontic considerations, restorative considerations and execution of the treatment. He will show how he treated the patients, discuss his rationale and discuss the importance of the "patient conversation". He will also discuss the use of "decision points" in treatment planning, risk/benefit/cost analysis, and "special situations" such as resorption, management of trauma and teeth with root fractures. Many long-term recalls will be presented.

**Learning Objectives: At conclusion, participants should be able to discuss:**

1. Management of a wide variety of every day endodontic scenarios and some scenarios that are not so common.
2. How the execution of the endodontic treatment influences the success or failure of the restorative treatment, and vice versa.
3. A logical, organized approach to endodontic treatment planning.
4. How Cone Beam CT has changed the decision-making process in endodontics.