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**Program Speaker – Thomas Salinas**

**Title**

Evolving Lessons on Prosthetic Rehabilitation in Different Maxillary Reconstructions

**Abstract**

Defects affecting the maxilla present with varying degrees of complexity in the prosthetic rehabilitation phase of care. Although reconstructive modalities that close a maxillary defect have broadened, each pathway presents with its own unique challenges to the prosthetic replacement of missing oral structures. In this joint presentation, Drs. Sarah Lee and Thomas Salinas discuss the advantages and disadvantages of different maxillary reconstruction approaches when diagnosing, treatment planning, and rendering prosthetic care. They will review evidence-based knowledge and corresponding clinical pearls that compare the spectrum of rehabilitative care experiences over time as reconstruction options and digital technologies have become integrated into the treatment process.

**Biography**

Thomas Salinas is Professor and Chair of Dental Specialties at the Mayo Clinic, where his time is dedicated to rehabilitation of patients with complex care needs. He has authored 95 publications related to prosthodontics and interdisciplinary care. His research interests are biomaterial behavior and clinical outcome studies. He is Board Certified in Prosthodontics and serves as an examiner for the American Board of Prosthodontics.

He is a fellow of the American College of Prosthodontists, The Academy of Prosthodontics, and Past President of American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics.

A native of New Orleans, Louisiana he was educated at Louisiana State University Health Science Center and MD Anderson Cancer Center.