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Dr. Martinez has successfully completed the University of Toronto, Faculty of Dentistry Continuing Dental Education Program in Biomaterials and Implant Reconstructive Dentistry from April 2005 to April 2008. This is a part-time program where he attended one day per week during this period.

The didactic part of the program involved attending lectures and preparing series of literature review presentations for various aspects of implant dentistry. In addition, there was a further didactic component for his certification in administrating intravenous sedation which involved lectures, research and a qualifying examination.

The clinical component of the program involved placement of 99 implants from various different manufacturers with varying design. Various implant placement techniques were performed such as immediate placement of implants in conjunction with a bone augmentation procedure and placement of implants using osteotome techniques.

Dr. Martinez has also performed a variety of implant site development procedures. These include bone augmentation procedures such as tunneling, autogenous block graft, tenting procedures, ridge splitting, direct and indirect sinus augmentation, and various site preservation techniques.

Part of the training involved use of a large spectrum of different augmentation materials and instruments. Minor mucogingival surgeries and crown lengthening as adjunctive procedures to implant placement were also learned.

Dr. Martinez has benefited from a multidisciplinary technique which involved professors and instructors from the Disciplines of Prosthodontics, Periodontics, Oral surgery and Dental anaesthesia in the treatment planning and supervision of these procedures. Dr. Martinez has completed this program with a high degree of proficiency.

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