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REGULAR MEETING

Jeudi 10 septembre 2026

7:30 PM : Cocktail

8:30 PM : Lecture

Cocktail Dress Code

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DR DOMENICO RICUCCI

**PRESERVING PULP VITALITY IN DEEP CARIES :
FROM BIOLOGY TO CLINICAL STRATEGY**

Nous vous attendons nombreux et vous remercions de bien vouloir confirmer votre présence et celle de vos invités, à notre Corresponding Secretary, le Dr Philippe Bidault par retour de mail.

Bien amicalement.

Guillaume JOUANNY

PRESERVING PULP VITALITY IN DEEP CARIES : FROM BIOLOGY TO CLINICAL STRATEGY

This lecture examines the histopathological changes in pulp tissue beneath medium-to-deep carious lesions. Inflammatory cell accumulation of varying severity is observed, and this response may remain reversible for an extended period.

The ongoing debate between selective and non-selective caries excavation is discussed with support from histological and bacteriological evidence. A pivotal event in disease progression is bacterial invasion into the pulp, leading to localized necrosis and signaling the transition from reversible to irreversible pulpitis. The accuracy of current diagnostic methods for distinguishing between these two conditions is reviewed in light of recent research.

In cases of carious pulp exposure with a diagnosis of reversible pulpitis, direct pulp capping can preserve pulp vitality. The specific clinical conditions under which this treatment is indicated are explained in detail. However, as necrosis progresses, it may involve larger areas of the pulp chamber.

While irreversible pulpitis has traditionally been treated with full pulpectomy, this presentation introduces an alternative strategy based on the stepwise removal of diseased pulp tissue. The aim is to identify the boundary between infected and healthy tissue and to create a controlled wound environment suitable for capping with bioactive materials.

The criteria for determining the clinical endpoint rely on visual assessment of the wound, demonstrated through high-resolution clinical videos. Long-term follow-up cases will be presented to support the effectiveness of this biologically guided approach.

BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Domenico Ricucci received his degree in General Medicine from "La Sapienza" University of Rome in 1982, and his DDS from the same University in 1985.

Since then, he has maintained private dental practices limited to endodontics. In addition to his private practice, Dr. Ricucci was Professor of Cariology at "Magna Graecia" University of Catanzaro, Italy in 2002 -2003.

He served on the Research Committee of the European Society of Endodontology from 1999 to 2005.

Dr. Ricucci's primary research interest relates to pulpal and periapical tissue reactions to caries and treatment procedures, vital pulp therapy (VPT), biofilms in endodontic infections, etiology of RCT treatment failure, pulp regeneration/revascularization.

Since 1998, he has run his own histology laboratory and has developed considerable skills in hard tissue preparations for light microscopy.

Dr. Ricucci has published more than 100 papers and has lectured both nationally and internationally. He has authored the Textbook and Atlas Endodontology : "An integrated biological and clinical view".

He is also the founder and scientific director of the international endodontic project Endo Sapiens.