Just like the proverb “for want of a nail the kingdom was lost,” so it is with bone. Lack of bone can make implant treatment fail.

The Southern and Northeast Districts of the American Academy of Implant Dentistry present “Managing Bone Deficiencies,” a two-day conference to be held on June 10–11 in St. Petersburg, Fla.

In addition to the opportunity to earn 14.5 hours of implant-specific CE, attendees can honor Dr. O. Hilt Tatum, one of the pioneers in the field of bone expansion, at a dinner in his honor.

The specific programs and presenters include:

- “Implant Solutions for Problem Areas” with Ralph A. Roberts, DDS, FAAID
- “Blade Implants: You Don’t Know What You Don’t Know” with Richard Hughes, DDS, FAAID, DABOI/ID
- “Occlusion in Full-Mouth Implant Reconstruction” with C. Benson Clark, DDS, FAAID, DABOI/ID
- “Onlay Bone Grafting through Remote Incisions” with Bernee Dunson, DDS, FAAID, DABOI/ID
- “Maxillary Bone Expansion” with James W. Gibney, DMD, JD
- “Vascularized Ridge Split Procedure” with Rajiv Patel, BDS, MDS, FAAID, DABOI/ID
- “Up Close and Personal: An Interview with Dr. O. Hilt Tatum”
- “Emerging Trends in the Diagnosis and Management of Orofacial Pain” with Theresa S. Gonzales, DMD
- “Biologic Strategies to Enhance Bone Grafting Success in Oral Implantology” with Robert J. Miller, DDS, MA, FAAID, DABOI/ID
- “Dueling between Perspective & Point of View: Science and Practice of Implant Dentistry” with Touraj Ameli, MSc, DMD, FAAID, DABOI/ID
- “Restoring Atrophic Bone – Advanced Grafting Techniques and Short Implants” with Raul R. Mena, DMD, FAAID, DABOI/ID
- “When Titanium Becomes Toxic” with William Locante, DDS, FAAID, DABOI/ID

The two-day conference will conclude with the “Case Studies: You Decide” program. Various clinicians present a case history and attendees are split into small groups to discuss the treatment options. Each group reports its approach and concerns about potential complications to the full audience. The clinician discusses the actual treatment plan and results.

Registration for the conference and more information is available at www.aaid.com.

About AAID

Established in 1951, the AAID is the only dental implant organization that offers credentials recognized by state and federal courts as being bona fide. Its membership, which exceeds 5,500, includes general dentists, oral surgeons, periodontists and prosthodontists from across the United States and in more than 60 other countries.