

Brief CV: Professor Emeritus C Peter Owen

Having qualified from the Royal Dental Hospital in London in 1969, Peter Owen went on to obtain an MScDent *cum laude* in 1983 and specialised in prosthodontics, obtaining an MChD in 1985. He has taught at three of the dental schools in South Africa and recently stepped down as Professor and Head of the Department of Oral Rehabilitation at the University of the Witwatersrand (Wits), which encompassed Prosthodontics, Endodontics and Operative Dentistry.

He has pioneered the concept of “*appropriattech*”: the use of cost-effective methods and materials whilst maintaining high quality outcomes. Allied to this is the development of Minimum Acceptable Protocols (MAPs) to serve as clinical guidelines, as a valid alternative to so-called standards of care in dentistry. He was the first in SA to introduce digital dentistry into the undergraduate curriculum and has continued to lecture on Computer Aided Design/ Computer Aided Manufacture in dentistry, including the associated materials science and biological basis of oral rehabilitation.

He has a keen interest in the development and application of innovative teaching and learning methods, especially blended learning and has developed a variety of e-learning materials including an introductory interactive e-book on removable partial dentures. He has also developed a computer-based assessment system for the clinical disciplines. He continues to produce e-learning materials and assists postgraduate students in the development and writing of research reports and papers.

Prof Owen is a past President of the International College of Prosthodontists and an executive member of the Academy of Prosthodontics of South Africa, is a Fellow of the International College of Dentistry and holds a Fellowship of the College of Dentistry (SA) of the Colleges of Medicine.

He has made over 140 presentations locally and internationally and has over 120 publications, including journal papers, books, chapters in books, manuals and other publications. He is an Associate Editor of the International Journal of Prosthodontics, and a reviewer for a variety of other international journals.