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Dr. John M. Conness of Ottawa, IL earned Diplomate status within the International Congress of Oral Implantologists (ICOI) on February 17, 2012 at the ICOI's winter symposium.

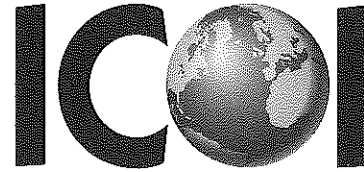
The awarding of Diplomate status is the highest honor a professional society such as the ICOI can bestow on a dental professional involved in oral implantology. Less than one percent of the dentists in the United States involved in the diagnosis of implant candidates, the actual placing of implants and the final placement of a the implant supported prosthesis have had this honor bestowed upon them. The ICOI conducts a Diplomate program in which active members are encouraged to achieve Diplomate status through their efforts in education, research and actual clinical experience. Advance Credential Committee interviews and testing are required. All Diplomates of the ICOI may choose to list the designate "D.I.C.O.I." after their names.

Candidates like Dr. Conness who restore and place implants were required to submit cases for review that included a minimum of seventy-five or more individual implants and ancillary procedures showing various surgical procedures with the final restorations all of which had to be at least one year old.

Ten of these cases had to be at least five years old and show some diversity in implant selection or ancillary procedures, restorative design and materials. Ten additional cases had to be of an advanced nature utilizing advanced implant surgical and restorative procedures and techniques.

The credentialing committees choose two of Dr. Conness' submitted cases that have been in function at least three years as well as one recently completed complex case to be presented at an oral interview. At the oral interview, these three cases were discussed in detail.

Academically Dr. Conness had to provide documentation of at least one hundred and fifty continuing implant education hours in the preceding five years. These hours were attained by attending implant continuing education classes, teaching courses, presenting seminars or by giving lectures or table clinics. In addition Dr. Conness was required to take the ICOI's Diplomate written examination and submit a current Curriculum Vitae to the credentialing committee. Going forward all ICOI Diplomates must also accumulate one hundred fifty hours or more of implant education within five years after becoming an ICOI Diplomate.



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Dr. Conness maintains general dental practices in Ottawa, IL and Streator, IL concentrating in implant dentistry, general dentistry and cosmetic dentistry. For more information visit Dr. Conness' website at [www.drjohnconness.com](http://www.drjohnconness.com).