

# Cuba Marathon

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**\_Quality management** is a dynamic process which has to be adapted constantly on expert and scientific level in accordance with permanently altering general conditions. The aim should be to improve its total quality. Among others, education, advanced studies and curricula can be considered as structural improvements. Nevertheless, nobody really asks the question of how theoretical knowledge is practically applied, or how to put the recently learnt knowledge into practice. In this respect the trainee is often left alone. Where is room for chairside teaching? At least during the clinical studies at the university patients are involved. As we already know, this is of great importance in order to achieve, enhance and complete one's know-how. Many curricula e.g. in implantology even up to master studies congest the market. It is astonishing that the versatile and in part very comprehensive implantological education almost omits practical training and leave

trainees on their own. Good training concepts, courses, advanced studies, curricula etc. but no chairside teaching programs are offered in Europe, USA and Asia. Trinon company, and recently the German Association for Dental Implantology (DGZI), the oldest association for implantology in Europe, became aware of this educational deficit. Prof. Dr. Marquez Roncan and Dr. Eduardo Valencia are also committed advocates for the practical training concept "Theoretical and clinical learning—to implant with professional experts for the well-being of patients". Now, the 16<sup>th</sup> Trinon Marathon, which has been a successful practical course since 2003, will take place in Cuba. During the many courses, international implantologists have implanted more than 13.000 implants free of charge for the patients. The implantologists learnt how to put into practice the theoretical knowledge for the benefit of the patients. This is quality management from start to finish!\_

