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Continuing Education When the Evidence Is Missing



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EVIDENCE-BASED DENTISTRY AND DENTAL CONTINUING EDUCATION ARE

not always a perfectly matched couple. The reality is that much of what we do in dentistry isn't necessarily based on solid quantifiable evidence that can be nicely summarized in a data table in a published peer reviewed article. Much of our practice is based on experience, a lot of expert opinion, and a completely subjective artistic element. That list is all at the bottom of any evidence pyramid you are going to see. We do have our top-of-the-pyramid systematic reviews for some topics like dental materials, but outside of that we have to rely on all levels of the pyramid. As an educator, it is why my favorite term to use at the school is "critical thinking." It is also why continuing education like that provided at the Oregon Dental Conference is so important.

My personal gold standard for continuing education is based on three courses that I took early on in my career, and each offered a different style of education. I was introduced to real "evidence-based dentistry" by Dr. Ted Jacobson, whose removable prosthodontic study club was organized in a manner in which every slide he presented had a journal citation. In hindsight, maybe some of those citations were nothing more than case studies and expert opinion, but Dr. Jacobson demonstrated that he was presenting material that was based on the best evidence available at the time.

For my generation of colleagues, many of us reference Dr. Harry Albers as the gold standard for dental CE. Dr. Albers was the ultimate expert for dental materials at the time. He had experience using the materials and had done the research for all of the physical properties of the myriad of composites and bonding agents. He would go into great detail on how to use

the material, and he had creative ways for teaching how to manipulate the materials. His CE was the classic "expert opinion."

The third course was a Tucker Cast Gold study club mentored by Dr. Tom Walker. At the time, we would remark that there was no published evidence that demonstrated the longevity of a cast gold onlay using the Tucker technique, but any study club member knew that it was truly the gold standard for a restoration. Since then, retrospective studies have been published that back this claim up. But still, I think of doing a Tucker cast gold restoration as an "artistic" endeavor which is based on sound scientific principle.

This combination of evidence-based dentistry, expert opinion, and art is still relevant. The reality is that much of the dental care we provide today is based on these multiple factors. Look no further than the new patient that presents to your office with a cracked tooth. We have evidence based periodontal risk assessments and caries risk assessments but we don't yet have an evidence based cracked tooth risk assessment. One can discuss with Dr. Tom Hilton the challenges of coming up with such an assessment. Instead the treatment each doctor offers the patient is based on a multiple of factors based on their experience, continuing education, and their personal expert opinion. Non-carious class V lesions, restoring to centric relationship and occlusal interferences are just a few examples of the many dental situations in which there are not solid systematic reviews that we can reference to provide the correct care.

A lack of evidence alone shouldn't discredit a continuing education course. I recently attended a course about the use of ozone in dentistry. My conclusion was

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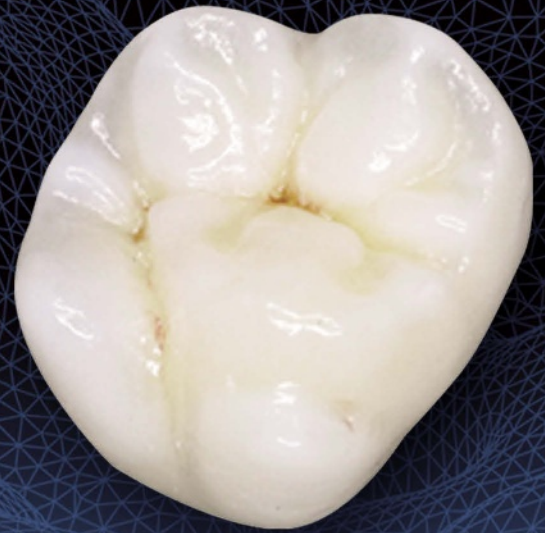
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02/21/2018	Multnomah	Cannabis and Oral Health	Barry Taylor, DMD & Caroline DeVencenzi, DMD	2	Portland (OHSU School of Dentistry)	www.multnomahdental.org or lora@multnomahdental.org
02/24/2018	OHSU	Patient Safety and Risk Management for the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon	OMSNIC	2	Portland (OHSU School of Dentistry)	www.ohsu.edu/cde or call 503-494-8857
02/26/2018	OHSU	Record Keeping	Dr. Stephen Persichetti	3	Portland (OHSU School of Dentistry)	www.ohsu.edu/cde or call 503-494-8857
02/27/2018	Clackamas	ODA Update	Conor McNulty	1	Oregon City (Providence Willamette Falls Comm. Center)	executivedirector@clackamasdental.com
03/03/2018	OHSU	Pharmacology	Dr. Mark Donaldson	7	Portland (OHSU School of Dentistry)	www.ohsu.edu/cde or call 503-494-8857
03/13/2018	Marion & Polk	Getting to & Through Your Retirement	Larry Hanslits, CFP	1.5	Salem (West Salem Roth's)	Contact Sabrina – mpdentalce@qwestoffice.net
03/13/2018	Washington	You, The Law and the Board	Grant Stockton, JD	1.5	Aloha (The Reserve Golf Course)	Contact Dr. Dierickx – contact@wacountydental.org
03/16/2018	Southern Oregon	Early Detection of Oral Cancer	Dr. Cindy Klienegger	2	Medford (TBD)	Contact Jana – sodentalsociety@gmail.com
03/17/2018	OHSU	Medical Emergencies – 2018 Update	Steve Beadnell, DMD	4	Portland (OHSU School of Dentistry)	www.ohsu.edu/cde or call 503-494-8857
03/17/2018	OHSU	Risk Management	Chris Verbiest	3	Portland (OHSU School of Dentistry)	www.ohsu.edu/cde or call 503-494-8857
03/20/2018	Clackamas	Oral Surgery	Brett Sullivan, DMD, MD	2	Oregon City (Providence Willamette Falls Comm. Center)	executivedirector@clackamasdental.com
03/21/2018	Multnomah	Search Engine Optimization	Scott Hendison	2	Moda Plaza, Milwaukie	multdental@aol.com or lora@multnomahdental.org
04/24/2018	Clackamas	Tooth Wear: Diagnosis & Treatment	Dr. Silvia Amaya Pajares	2	Oregon City (Providence Willamette Falls Comm. Center)	executivedirector@clackamasdental.com
05/08/2018	Marion & Polk	TADs & Mini Implants	David Swiderski, DDS, MD	1.5	Salem (West Salem Roth's)	Contact Sabrina – mpdentalce@qwestoffice.net
05/08/2018	Washington	Prevention and Management of Nerve Injuries	Daniel Petrisor, DMD, MD	1.5	Aloha (The Reserve Golf Course)	Contact Dr. Dierickx – contact@wacountydental.org
05/10/2018	Southern Oregon	Are you Prepared for Retirement?	Shannon York (Edward Jones)	1	Medford (Los Arcos)	Contact Jana – sodentalsociety@gmail.com
05/21/2018	Multnomah	Annual Awards Dinner/ Table Clinics	Multiple	2	Multnomah Athletic Club	multdental@aol.com or lora@multnomahdental.org
05/22/2018	Clackamas	Pedo/Ortho Panel	TBD	2	Oregon City (Providence Willamette Falls Comm. Center)	executivedirector@clackamasdental.com
10/19/2018	Southern Willamette	Risk Management	Chris Verbiest	3	TBD	Contact Brian – swdsoregon@gmail.com

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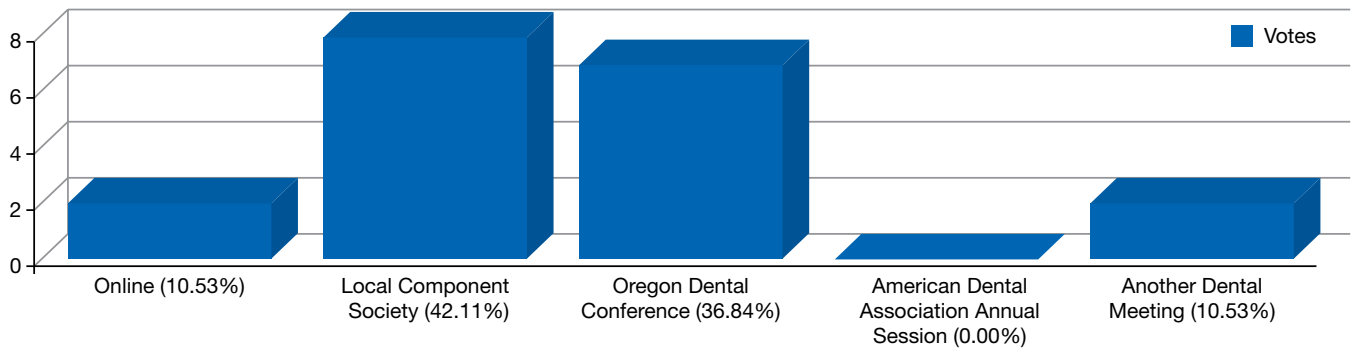
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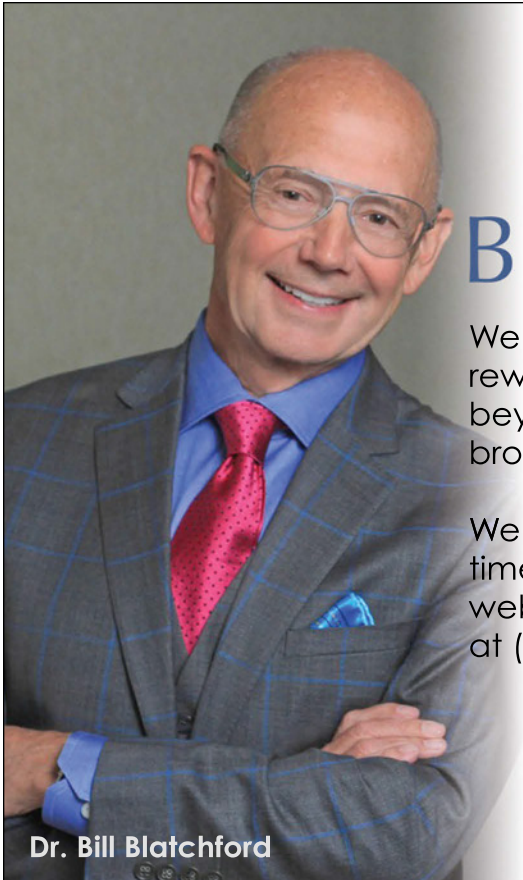
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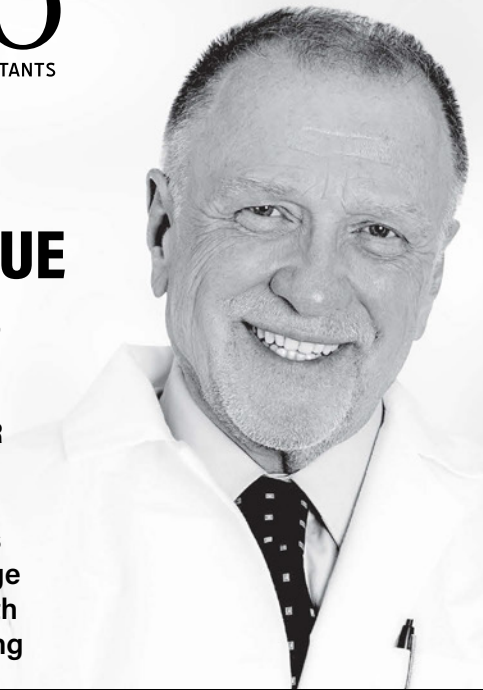
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7 – 9 AM	Pierre Fauchard Academy Breakfast
9 AM – 4:30 PM	Scientific Sessions
11:30 AM – 6:30 PM	Solutions Marketplace Open
12 – 1 PM	Oregon Dental Assistants Association (ODAA) Luncheon
12:15 – 1:15 PM	American College of Dentists Luncheon
3:30 – 6:30 PM	Grand Opening Reception, Solutions Marketplace
FRIDAY, APRIL 6	
7 AM – 6 PM	Registration Open
7:30 – 8:30 AM	General Session
9 AM – 5 PM	Scientific Sessions
10 AM – 6 PM	Solutions Marketplace Open
12 – 2 PM	Oregon Association of Dental Laboratories (OADL) Board Meeting
12 – 1:30 PM	Oregon State Association of Endodontists (OSAE) Luncheon
4 – 6 PM	New Dentist Reception, Solutions Marketplace
6 – 10 PM	All-in for Fun (Casino Night), DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Portland
SATURDAY, APRIL 7	
7 AM – 1 PM	Registration Open
7 AM	International College of Dentists Breakfast, DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Portland
8 AM – 4 PM	Scientific Sessions
9:30 AM – 1 PM	Solutions Marketplace Open
11 AM – 12:30 PM	Oregon Dental Hygienists' Association (ODHA) "All RDH" Event
11 AM – 1 PM	Oregon Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (OSOMS) Luncheon
11 AM – 1 PM	Oregon Society of Periodontists (OSP) Luncheon
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MARCH 22 Course Handouts Online Course handouts will be available online at www.oregondentalconference.org and through the ODC Mobile App, starting two weeks prior to the conference. *Handouts will not be printed for distribution on-site.* If you wish to have ODC handouts available for reference during courses, please be sure to download them in advance.

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APRIL 5–7 On-site Registration Registration will be available in Pre-Function A at the Oregon Convention Center during the hours listed below. Dentists who are not members of ODA will need to show their ADA card to receive the ADA member rate.

ON-SITE REGISTRATION HOURS

Thursday, April 5: 7 AM – 6 PM

Friday, April 6: 7 AM – 6 PM

Saturday, April 7: 7 AM – 1 PM

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Registration materials

Confirmation of registration will be sent to individual registrants after processing. A packet containing name badges for all participants will be mailed prior to the conference to all primary registrants who register by February 23, 2018. Those registering after February 23 may pick up their name badge in the Holladay Lobby of the OCC during registration hours.



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	Conference Badge		Solutions Marketplace-Only Badge	
	EARLY Before 2/23	ON-SITE After 2/23	EARLY Before 2/23	ON-SITE After 2/23
ODA member	\$290	\$410	\$25	\$50
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Non-ADA member	\$830	\$985	\$200	\$400
International dentist	\$320	\$465	\$25	\$50

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	Conference Badge		Solutions Marketplace-Only Badge	
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Hygienist; Assistant; Administrative Staff; Laboratory Tech	\$100	\$190	\$25	\$50
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Visit the Solutions Marketplace (Exhibit Hall) for FREE!

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COURSES AT A GLANCE | THURSDAY

RECOMMENDED FOR:

COURSE TITLE	COURSE NUMBER	CE CREDITS	PRESENTER(S)	TIME	GROUP	DENTIST	HYGIENIST	ASSISTANT	OFFICE MGR.	LAB TECH
Thursday – Full Day Course										
To Do! A Patient Care Checklist for Your Practice Treatment	9108	6	Engelhardt-Nash	9 AM - 4:30 PM	ODEA	D	H	A	OM	
Thursday – Morning Courses										
Dental Trauma: Pearls and Pitfalls from Splinting to Definitive Reconstruction	9101	1.5	Amundson	10:30 AM - 12 PM	ODA	D				
Adequate Record Keeping, Board Updates, and the Enforcement Process	9103	3	Blickenstaff; Kleinstub; Prisby	9 AM - 12 PM	ODA	D	H	A	OM	
Being a Medicaid Provider in an Era of Accountability	9105	3	Czerepak; et al	9 AM - 12 PM	ODA	D	H		OM	
CPR for the Health Care Provider*	F1001	3.5	EMT Associates	9 AM - 12:30 PM	ODA	D	H	A	OM	LT
Orthodontic Management of Cleft Lip and Palate: The Middle Years	9109	1.5	Garfinkle	10:30 AM - 12 PM	ODAA	D	H	A		
Oral Cancer: Three Minutes to Save a Life	9110	3	Gilliam	9 AM - 12 PM	ODA	D	H			
Infection Control in Dentistry*	9114	3	Jorgensen	9 AM - 12 PM	ODA	D	H	A	OM	LT
Local Anesthesia Update*	9115	3	Kao	9 AM - 12 PM	ODA	D	H	A		
The Simple Approach to Occlusal Stability	9117	3	Kleive	9 AM - 12 PM	ODA	D	H	A		LT
How Crown Lengthening <i>Will</i> Enhance your Restorative Results	9119	3	Kohner	9 AM - 12 PM	ODA	D	H	A	OM	LT
Spit Happens (and Sometimes it Doesn't): The Diagnosis and Treatment of Salivary Gland Disease	9120	3	Lynch	9 AM - 12 PM	ODA	D	H	A		
Childhood Sleep Disordered Breathing: The Role of the Dental Team*	9122	3	Miraglia	9 AM - 12 PM	ODA	D	H	A	OM	
Endodontic Diagnosis and Decision-Making in an Era of Advanced Technology	9124	3	Replogle	9 AM - 12 PM	OSAE	D				
Microbes on Parade: The Amazing Roles They Play in Health and Disease	9125	3	Reynolds	9 AM - 12 PM	ODA	D	H	A		
Implants in the Aesthetic Zone: Science, Protocols, and Techniques	9127	3	Schoenbaum	9 AM - 12 PM	ODA	D				LT
Materials, Techniques, and Technologies for the Exceptional Dental Office	9129	3	Simos	9 AM - 12 PM	ODA	D		A		LT
Human Resources 101: Best Practices, Rules, Strategies, and What You Need to Know	9132	1.5	Wilson	10:30 AM - 12 PM	ODA	D			OM	
Thursday – Afternoon Courses										
Medical Emergency Update	9102	4	Beadnell	1 - 5 PM	ODA	D	H	A	OM	
The Value of Dental Assistants: Insights and Opportunities	9104	3	Bone; et al	1:30 - 4:30 PM	ODAA	D	H	A	OM	LT
Five Things Every Dentist Needs to Know about the Maxillary Sinus	9106	1	Dierks	1:30 - 2:30 PM	ODA	D	H	A		
The Acci-Dental Insurance Coordinator*	9107	3	Duncan	1:30 - 4:30 PM	ODA	D			OM	
CPR for the Health Care Provider*	F1002	3.5	EMT Associates	1:30 - 5 PM	ODA	D	H	A	OM	LT
Hot Stuff: The Dangers of Oral Inflammation	9111	3	Gilliam	1:30 - 4:30 PM	ODA	D	H			
Heat Treated NiTi Rotary Files and Superior Endodontic Results	9112	3	Goodis	1:30 - 4:30 PM	OSAE	D		A		
Don't Get Stressed Out! Get Funny!	9113	3	Jasheway	1:30 - 4:30 PM	ODA	D	H	A	OM	LT
Pharmacology in the Dental Office	9116	3	Kao	1:30 - 4:30 PM	ODA	D	H	A		
A Picture Is Worth Two Words: Case Acceptance	9118	3	Kleive	1:30 - 4:30 PM	ODA	D	H	A		LT
Creating Predictable Restorations: Crown Lengthening	F1003	3	Kohner	1:30 - 4:30 PM	ODA	D				
Infectious Hazards in Dentistry: Or What You Never Thought You'd Have to Worry about after You Passed National Boards	9121	3	Lynch	1:30 - 4:30 PM	ODA	D	H	A		
Childhood Sleep Disordered Breathing: The Role of the Dental Team*	9123	3	Miraglia	1:30 - 4:30 PM	ODA	D	H	A	OM	
Headliners: Breaking News and Its Effect on Health Care	9126	3	Reynolds	1:30 - 4:30 PM	ODA	D	H	A		
Current Controversies in Implant Restorations	9128	3	Schoenbaum	1:30 - 4:30 PM	ODA	D				LT
Top Tips for a Better Dental Office	9130	3	Simos	1:30 - 4:30 PM	ODA	D	H	A	OM	
Risk Management (part of ODC registration)	9131	3	Verbiest	1:30 - 4:30 PM	ODA	D	H	A	OM	
Risk Management (as a stand-alone course)	F1004	3	Verbiest	1:30 - 4:30 PM	ODA	D	H	A	OM	

FRIDAY | COURSES AT A GLANCE

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COURSE TITLE	COURSE NUMBER	CE CREDITS	PRESENTER(S)	TIME	GROUP	RECOMMENDED FOR:				
						DENTIST	HYGIENIST	ASSISTANT	OFFICE MGR.	LAB TECH
Friday – General Session										
Change the Game: Reduce Stress to Boost Morale and Teamwork!	9190		Gard	7:30 - 8:30 AM	ODA	D	H	A	OM	LT
Friday – Full Day Courses										
Cone Beam CT Dissection of the Head and Neck: Clinical Application and Interpretation (<i>Location of workshop is off-site. See page 16 for price and location.</i>)	F1005	6	Asadi; Hatcher	9 AM - 5 PM	ODA	D	H			LT
Treatment and Presentation Skills for the Dental Team: The Team, The Whole Team, and Nothing But the Team	9141	6	Engelhardt-Nash	9 AM - 5 PM	ODEA	D	H	A	OM	
Getting to YES! Helping Patients Choose Comprehensive Dentistry	9142	6	Fay	9 AM - 5 PM	ODA	D	H	A	OM	
Biologically Appropriate Management of Multifaceted Endodontic Diagnosis and Referral Strategies	9156	6	Rivera	9 AM - 5 PM	OSAE	D	H	A		
Cosmetic Pearls for the General Practitioner	9162	6	Zase	9 AM - 5 PM	ODA	D	H	A	OM	LT
Friday – Morning Courses										
Review of CDC Guidelines for Infection Control in Dental Health Care Settings	9135	3	Barry	9 AM - 12 PM	ODA	D	H	A	OM	LT
Treatment Planning the Edentulous Arch Focused on Removable Prosthesis*	9137	3	Bormes	9 AM - 12 PM	OADL	D			OM	
Lessons Learned from a Thousand Office Managers	9139	3	Duncan	9 AM - 12 PM	ODA	D			OM	
CPR for the Health Care Provider*	F1006	3.5	EMT Associates	9 AM - 12:30 PM	ODA	D	H	A	OM	LT
International Volunteer Dental Projects: What's It All About, Anyway?	9143	3	Fritz	9 AM - 12 PM	ODA	D	H	A	OM	LT
Local Anesthesia Update*	9144	3	Kao	9 AM - 12 PM	ODA	D	H	A		
Beating Up on Your Patients' Periodontal Disease: A Minimally Invasive Approach*	9146	3	Kohner	9 AM - 12 PM	ODA	D	H	A		
Diagnosis and Treatment of Recurrent Oral Ulcers	9148	3	Lynch	9 AM - 12 PM	ODA	D	H	A		
Management and Prevention of Gingival Recession: The Interactive Seminar	9149	3	Merijohn	9 AM - 12 PM	ODA	D	H	A	OM	LT
Patient-Centered Dental Benefits and Risk Assessment	9150	3	Mills	9 AM - 12 PM	ODA	D	H	A	OM	
Lumps, Bumps, Patches, and Bone Lesions: A Review of Common Oral and Facial Lesions and Oral Cancer Update	9151	3	Petrisor	9 AM - 12 PM	ODAA	D	H	A	OM	LT
The Mighty Thyroid: Linking Thyroid Function to Oral and Systemic Health	9154	3	Reynolds	9 AM - 12 PM	ODA	D	H	A		
Seven Secrets to Living Well	9157	3	Smith	9 AM - 12 PM	ODA	D	H	A	OM	LT
Silver Diamine Fluoride: Black Teeth – The When, What, Why, and How of SDF	9159	1.5	Stafford	10:30 AM - 12 PM	ODA	D	H	A		
The Chamber of Self-Medication Secrets: Self-Medication, Dental Considerations, and Patient Care Planning	9160	3	Viola	9 AM - 12 PM	ODHA	D	H	A	OM	LT
Friday - Afternoon Courses										
This Can All Be Easier: A Dozen Projects That Will Make Your Office a Fun, Easy, and Productive Place to Work	9133	3	Ahearn	2 - 5 PM	ODA	D	H	A		
Medical Emergencies	9134	4	Auzins	1 - 5 PM	ODA	D	H	A	OM	
OSHA Compliance and Safety for the Dental Practice	9136	3	Barry	2 - 5 PM	ODA	D	H	A	OM	LT
Treatment Planning the Edentulous Arch Focused on Removable Prosthesis*	9138	3	Bormes	2 - 5 PM	OADL	D			OM	
The Acci-Dental Insurance Coordinator*	9140	3	Duncan	2 - 5 PM	ODA	D			OM	
CPR for the Health Care Provider*	F1007	3.5	EMT Associates	1:30 - 5 PM	ODA	D	H	A	OM	LT
Understanding Sutures and Basic Flap Design	9145	3	Kao	2 - 5 PM	ODA	D	H	A		
Beating Up on Your Patients' Periodontal Disease: A Minimally Invasive Approach*	9147	3	Kohner	2 - 5 PM	ODA	D	H	A		
KIWImethod® Hands-On Workshop: Minimally Invasive Gingival Grafting	F1008	3	Merijohn	2 - 5 PM	ODA	D				
Nerve Injuries in Dentistry: Prevention and Management	9152	3	Petrisor	2 - 5 PM	ODAA	D	H	A	OM	LT
Essentials of Orofacial Pain and Temporomandibular Disorders	9153	1.5	Rapson; Rustvold	2 - 3:30 PM	ODA	D	H	A		
Up in Smoke: Current Trends in Smoking Habits Affecting Oral and Systemic Health	9155	3	Reynolds	2 - 5 PM	ODA	D	H	A		
Building a Healthier You: An Insider's Guide to Living Better Longer	9158	3	Smith	2 - 5 PM	ODA	D	H	A	OM	LT
Top of the Heap: Frequently Prescribed Medications and Clinical Dental Considerations	9161	3	Viola	2 - 5 PM	ODHA	D	H	A	OM	LT

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COURSES AT A GLANCE | SATURDAY

RECOMMENDED FOR:

COURSE TITLE	COURSE NUMBER	CE CREDITS	PRESENTER(S)	TIME	GROUP	DENTIST	HYGIENIST	ASSISTANT	OFFICE MGR.	LAB TECH
Saturday – Full Day Courses										
Patient Care in the Digital Dental Office	9170	6	Guichet	8 AM - 4 PM	ODA	D	H	A	OM	LT
Coordinated Management of Office Anesthetic Urgencies: A Program for the Doctor and Staff	9174	6	Lieblisch	8 AM - 4 PM	OSOMS	D		A		
Esthetics and Implant Prosthetics: Avoiding Failures and Complications	9175	6	Marchack	8 AM - 4 PM	OSP	D	H	A		LT
Saturday – Morning Courses										
Who Are All These People?	9163	3	Ahearn	8 - 11 AM	ODA	D			OM	
Obstructive Sleep Apnea: The Evolving Surgical Algorithm for Management of Refractory Patients	9164	1.5	Cheng	9:30 - 11 AM	ODA	D	H	A		
Restorations for Our Pediatric Patients	9165	3	Cohn	8 - 11 AM	ODA	D	H	A		
CPR for the Health Care Provider*	F1009	3.5	EMT Associates	8 - 11:30 AM	ODA	D	H	A	OM	LT
Demystifying Peri-Implant Maintenance: An Evidence-Based Approach	9168	3	Gibson	8 - 11 AM	ODHA	D	H	A		
Predictable Endodontic Instrumentation and Obturation	9172	3	Koch; Nasseh	8 - 11 AM	OSAE	D				
Delivering W.O.W. Service	9176	3	Mausolf	8 - 11 AM	ODEA	D	H	A	OM	LT
#Top Trending Topics in Dentistry	9178	3	Menage Bernie	8 - 11 AM	ODA	D	H	A		
Introduction to Treating Sleep Apnea in Your Practice: from Getting Started to Medical Billing	9180	3	Murphy	8 - 11 AM	ODA	D	H	A	OM	
Practical Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office	9182	4	Richmond	8 AM - 12 PM	ODA	D	H	A		
What is Your Gut's Microbiome Saying about Your Health?	9183	3	Smith	8 - 11 AM	ODA	D	H	A	OM	LT
Saturday – Afternoon Courses										
Practical Proven Prevention for Your Pediatric Patients	9166	3	Cohn	1 - 4 PM	ODA		H			
CPR for the Health Care Provider*	F1010	3.5	EMT Associates	12:30 - 4 PM	ODA	D	H	A	OM	LT
GenRX: Uppers, Downers, and All Arounders	9169	3	Gibson	1 - 4 PM	ODHA	D	H	A	OM	
Infection Control in Dentistry*	9171	3	Jorgensen	1 - 4 PM	ODA	D	H	A	OM	LT
Not Your Typical Gingivitis	9173	1.5	Kratochvil	1 - 2:30 PM	ODA	D	H	A		
Communication Solutions: Attitudes, Breakdowns, and Conflict Resolution	9177	3	Mausolf	1 - 4 PM	ODEA	D	H	A	OM	LT
Beyond Straight Teeth: Maximizing Oral Health for the Orthodontic Patient	9179	3	Menage Bernie	1 - 4 PM	ODA	D	H	A		
Advanced Communication Skills for Dental Teams	9181	3	Murphy	1 - 4 PM	ODA	D	H	A	OM	LT

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ODC Offers Something for Every Member of the Dental Team

By Melody Finnemore

THE OREGON DENTAL CONFERENCE NOT ONLY GIVES dental teams a chance to learn about new techniques, technologies and professional perspectives, but also provides an opportunity to spend some social time together outside of the office, among a myriad of other benefits.

The 2018 Oregon Dental Conference, scheduled for April 5-7 at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland, will mark the conference's 126th annual meeting. The conference has something for everyone and is an educational, team-building experience that supports dental teams' personal and professional success.

For two practices, the Oregon Dental Conference is both a family affair and a team-building experience. Smith & Jackson Family Dental in Eugene has been owned and operated by the Smith family for three generations. It is now operated by Jessica Jackson, DMD, and her brother, Stevenson Smith, DMD. Dr. Jackson joined her father, Dr. Steve Smith, a former president of the ODA, in 2000 after graduating

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from the Oregon Health Science University's School of Dentistry. She began attending the Oregon Dental Conference as a student.

“My dad was always a big supporter of continuing education and the ODA. I worked in his office as an assistant during school and saw that as an example,” she said.

Dr. Jackson said she continues to attend the conference because she appreciates the opportunity to gain more knowledge and constantly improve her skills. “The hands-on classes that I've done, I've really enjoyed. I also like seeing other dentists. I feel that a real benefit, not only for me but for the team, is that sense of community within the dental profession.

“It's always really nice to hear and learn from leading women in our field because I think sometimes dentistry can be kind of man-based in terms of leadership, and I think there has been a change in the last few years with the ODA getting more women speakers and leadership, and seeing that from them is really key,” she added.

Noting that each member of the team, which consists of Drs. Jackson

and Smith and six employees, is unique in his or her skills and strengths, Jackson said each person going to classes, gathering information and bringing it back to the office is a “huge benefit.”

“It really brings new life into our team meetings, going to the Oregon Dental Conference and then sharing that information afterward,” she said.

Dr. Jackson said she also appreciates the ODA's effort to provide a mix of personal and professional topics during the conference so it's more holistic for attendees.

In order to attend the conference, Drs. Smith and Jackson close their practice and the team spends the weekend in Portland. “Everyone on the team except my brother are women, and we're all moms, so it's nice to get away for the weekend,” Dr. Jackson said.

The Oregon Dental Conference also is a family and team event for Travis Evans, DMD, and his father, Rick Evans, DDS, who own Lakeside Family Dentistry in Tualatin. Dr. Rick Evans became a dentist in 1986 and has attended the annual conference ever since. Dr. Travis Evans joined him in participating in the conference after graduating from Boston University School of Dental Medicine in 2009.

“It's an opportunity to be with the staff outside of the office, learn about new and emerging technology and techniques, and see old friends and other dental industry people,” Travis Evans said, adding that his team always enjoys a big group lunch





at one of the restaurants near the convention center during the first day of the conference. “It’s also an opportunity to stay abreast of all the changes and happenings within Oregon’s dental world.”

Dr. Travis Evans said he particularly enjoys the speakers who present during the conference, and he has served as a speaker host in the past. “That was interesting, and I encourage anybody who hasn’t done that yet to do so,” he said. “I enjoy hearing people from other parts of the country come tell us what they are experiencing.”

The annual meeting provides participants an opportunity to earn up to 18 CE credits with scientific course offerings, workshops and a diverse group of speakers. With more than 150 booths offering dental industry experts and resources, the new Solutions Marketplace provides an enhanced exhibit hall experience. The ODA encourages attendees to bring their shopping lists and support the exhibitors who support the conference — and ultimately the ODA. ●

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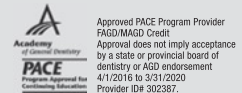
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By Homayon Asadi,
DDS

Presented by:

Homayon Asadi, DDS,
and David Hatcher,
DDS, MSc, MRCD(C)

Location:

This course will be held off-site at the Legacy Institute for Surgical Education & Innovation, 1225 NE 2nd Ave. in Portland.

**AN INAUGURAL DISSECTION
WORKSHOP USING CONE BEAM**

computed tomography (CBCT) to preview and identify head and neck anatomy prior to and during dissection will take place 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, April 6, 2018.

The workshop, titled *Cone Beam CT and Navigation-Guided Dissection of Head and Neck: Clinical Application and Interpretation*, will be co-led by Homayon Asadi, DDS, and David Hatcher, DDS. This course will examine the superficial and deep structures of the face, suprahyoid region, floor of the mouth, neurovascular pathways, masticatory musculature, paranasal sinuses and temporomandibular joint. Attendees will use real-time computer vision navigation and CBCT to guide dissection. The course will combine dissection with CBCT applied to maxillofacial anatomy and pathosis.

“Understanding anatomy is the basis for identifying abnormalities and assessing patient health. In clinical practice, CBCT is a surrogate method for dissection,” said Asadi, who maintains a private practice in San Jose, California. “This course will strengthen clinical skills utilizing CBCT to evaluate anatomy of a live patient.”

CBCT creates spatially accurate 3-D volume of the head and neck anatomy that can be used to visualize anatomic structure layer by layer. During the dissection, a passive optical dynamic navigation system will continually update the 3-D position of the surgical instrument on the CBCT images.

During the hands-on portion of the workshop, attendees will:

- Work in pairs, each assigned a half-head cadaver.



Dr. Asadi presents a dissection workshop.

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- Identify normal and abnormal anatomy directly on the cadaver and simultaneously on corresponding CBCT images.
- Dissect and evaluate selected anatomic structures including paranasal sinuses, suprahyoid region and temporomandibular joint.
- Utilize software to navigate to specific anatomic sites on CBCT images resulting in virtual dissection of anatomic structures.

“We predict that computer-aided anatomic dissection will be here to stay and may roll over into clinical practice,” Asadi said.

According to Asadi, attendees should leave this workshop with the ability to correlate anatomic structures during dissection with their respective images utilizing CBCT imaging. They should also be able to reinforce CBCT anatomy by direct visualization of dissection anatomy, and their dissection skills through CBCT and navigation should improve.

For more information on this workshop and other presentations at the Oregon Dental Conference, please visit www.oregondentalconference.org.

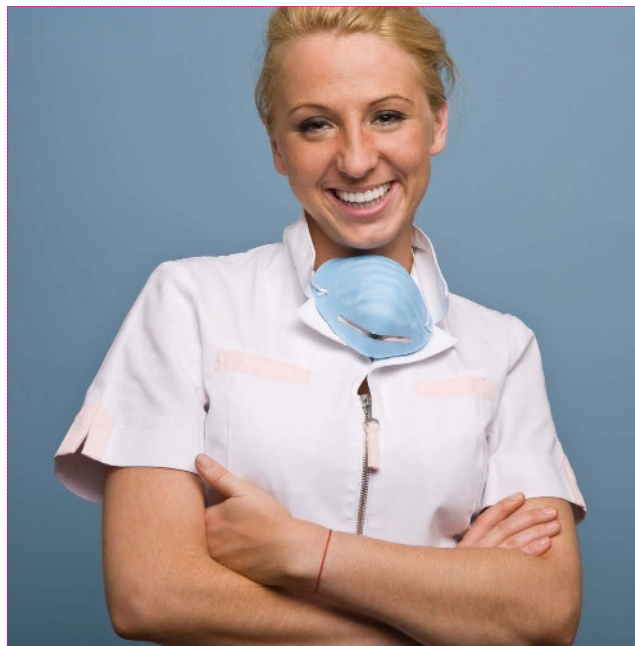
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Homayon Asadi, DDS, is the interim co-chair of the Preventive and Restorative Dentistry Department, and an associate professor and a course director of anatomy and histology for the Department of Biomedical Sciences at University of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry. He has been actively involved in academics for over 25 years, both lecturing and dissection on many subjects. Dr. Asadi lectures frequently and is a member of several honor societies including OKU and the American and International Colleges of Dentists. He has been recognized and honored for distinguished merit in teaching, and he also maintains a private practice in San Jose and Hollister, California.



David C. Hatcher, DDS, MSc, MRCD(C) received his DDS degree from the University of Washington and was granted a specialty degree in oral and maxillofacial radiology and an MSc from the University of Toronto. Dr. Hatcher is in private practice in Sacramento, California, and has faculty appointments as clinical professor at UCLA, UCSF, UCD, Roseman University and the University of Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry.



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The Ten Commandments of Oral Dysplasia

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THE PHENOMENON OF DYSPLASIA OF THE ORAL MUCOSA and its management has aroused considerable debate, and the guiding principles of the management of this entity have evolved over the career of this author. Much of the previous common wisdom has been refuted by subsequent study, which in turn has been drawn into question by further study. The following represents my views on this very controversial subject.

1 Dysplasia is incurable regardless of the means of treatment used. It is a life-long problem, and thou shalt consider it as such. Dysplastic lesions can be excised or can even regress spontaneously. Either way, the patient with no clinical evidence of residual dysplasia should be considered to be in remission, not cured. Clinical regression does not mean that the local genetic deregulation that resulted in the original emergence of a physical lesion has been totally removed. It hasn't.



Figure 1: Severe dysplasia of left lateral border of tongue. This patient was asymptomatic.

2 When excising dysplasia, thou shalt not “chase” positive margins by re-excision and re-excision. Positive margins for dysplasia are common. Removal or destruction of the clinically apparent dysplastic oral mucosa does nothing to affect the as-yet-undetermined genetic changes that condemn the adjacent tissue, which may or may not become dysplastic later. It is folly to excise and re-excite normal mucosa only to receive a final report from the pathologist stating something like “superior margin positive for mild-to-moderate dysplasia, re-excision advised.” The pathologist doesn't manage the patient; you do. Wide excision of precious oral mucosa for a benign condition is hard to justify if it produces significant scarring, limitation of tongue or cheek mobility or other oral dysfunction.

3 Thou shalt avoid the term “carcinoma-in-situ” (CIS), which should be expunged from our lexicon. Severe dysplasia is the same thing. There is no point by our pathology colleagues in promulgating this confusion. See Commandment #4 below.

4 Carcinoma-in-situ is not cancer. The CIS patient does not have cancer... yet. Pathologists have debated this for years, and those who favor the separate designation of CIS would note that the use of the C-word, *cancer*, heightens the awareness of both the patient and the managing practitioner, regardless of discipline, that this is an important pre-malignant lesion. OK, I agree in principle, but *carcinoma-in-situ is not cancer*. This confuses patients who have had a CIS excised in the past and now find difficulty getting life insurance because they listed “cancer” in their

medical history. This confusion has also been exploited by plaintiff attorneys who would attempt to obfuscate this point and confuse juries in medico-legal lawsuits.

5 Thou shalt excise severe dysplasia because micro-invasive actual cancer might be identified, not to attempt to “cure” the dysplasia.

An attempt at comprehensive excision of severe dysplasia by means of an appropriate, non-radical and superficial surgery is a reasonable patient management tool that can serve as a guide to the future management of that individual patient. I am not using the term *mandatory* here in regard to excision, because for a variety of reasons, a severe dysplasia in a specific patient with specific other issues and co-morbidities may be observed in a structured fashion. Not all severe dysplasias progress on to invasive squamous cell carcinoma. Most do, but some remain static, and some actually recede. If surveillance is chosen for severe dysplasia in a given patient, appropriate documentation and what used to be termed “close follow-up” and is now called “active surveillance” is *mandatory*.

The result of a comprehensive but appropriately superficial excision may lead the patient down one of three pathways. *Pathway #1* is the one we hope for. If the specimen’s final pathology report of the entire excisional specimen shows nothing more than severe

dysplasia or CIS, further active surveillance is appropriate. Such active surveillance might involve further re-excision, or more likely, it would not. Active surveillance here would usually include surveillance by periodic repeat biopsy. *Pathway #2* follows the incidental identification of a very superficial micro-invasive squamous cell carcinoma (SCC) extending minimally through the basement membrane, within a field of severe dysplasia. This is invasive cancer, and the patient should be worked up from an oncologic standpoint; however, no further treatment is usually needed. *Pathway #3* would follow the identification of an actual invasive SCCa with several millimeters or more of invasion. This patient will require further oncologic work-up and appropriate cancer treatment.

6 Thou may observe mild to moderate dysplasia in a structured and documented program of active surveillance.

Establishment of a baseline diagnosis of a non-frictional and otherwise unexplainable white or white/red lesion via biopsy is advisable. Active surveillance in this setting may be nothing more than a focused visual and palpatory examination of the area in question at the time of semi-annual hygiene appointments.

7 Thou shalt biopsy dysplasias that are treated with CO₂ laser ablation, which is a viable management option.



Figure 2: Small invasive squamous cell carcinoma of anterior floor of mouth overlying duct orifice of right submandibular gland. This tumor had either bypassed the stages of dysplasia or gone through them quickly as this was already an invasive cancer at the time of presentation to the dentist.

This commandment is more for the surgeon than the primary care dentist, but CO₂ laser ablation is a viable option, particularly for mild to moderate dysplasia, when preservation of mucosal surface is desired. If a fresh biopsy has not been obtained prior to the laser procedure, an incisional biopsy must be obtained at the same time.

8 Dysplasia patients who smoke are attempting suicide. Period.

9 Dysplasia can occur within clinically normal-appearing oral mucosa. In a 2002 study, 26 new oral cancer or dysplasia patients at a British center underwent biopsy of the mirror-image site, which appeared to be normal oral mucosa.¹ Twenty-seven percent showed dysplasia within the normal oral mucosal biopsies,



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while an additional 8 percent showed CIS or microinvasive SCC. All within normal-appearing oral mucosa! Although this study was small and included only patients who both smoked and consumed alcohol, the author made his point.

10 Thou shalt reassure patients and their spouses or significant others that oral dysplasia is probably not contagious. Although there is emerging data on HPV transmission from the uterine cervix to the oropharynx in a very small percentage of couples, there is nothing currently to suggest that oral dysplasia is transmissible by kissing, oral sex or other mechanisms.

The phenomenon of mucosal dysplasia has been subjected to more extensive scrutiny in the uterine cervix than it has in the mouth. A frequently cited study in the OB-GYN literature noted that, overall, 12 percent of dysplasias of the uterine cervix progressed on to CIS.²

This figure compares reasonably well with what has been reported in oral mucosa. The most interesting part of this study addressed the time of

Table 1

Time of Progression of Dysplastic Lesions of the UTERINE CERVIX to Carcinoma-in-situ	
Mild dysplasia	58 months
Moderate dysplasia	38 months
Severe dysplasia	12 months

Östör AG. Natural history of cervical intraepithelial neoplasia: a critical review. *Int J Gynecol Pathol* 12:186-92, 1993.

progression to CIS, by grade of dysplasia (Table 1). Again, this data **applies to the uterine cervix not the mouth**, and these gynecologic authors discriminate CIS from severe dysplasia, but it gives us something to think about. It is currently not possible to predict the rate of progression of any **oral dysplasia** to CIS or malignancy, based on grade.

Conclusions

The **Ten Commandments of Oral Dysplasia** represent only my personal viewpoint of this entity, and this is not a peer-reviewed publication. Any of these points could be challenged by knowledgeable experts and a lively debate would arise; however, comprehensive resolution and unified agreement would be unlikely. ●

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Restorative Implant Dentistry in 2018: Aesthetics and Controversies



By Todd R. Schoenbaum,
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I AM HONORED TO COME TO PORTLAND to speak at the 2018 ODA meeting on Thursday, April 5. I will be covering two topics.

In the morning session, I will be discussing strategies for success with implants in the aesthetic zone. These challenging cases require a team approach, with the surgeon, restorative dentist, and technician all collaborating to achieve predictable results. Successful implant treatment in the aesthetic zone requires a balance of biology, function and aesthetics. On the restorative side, one of the keys to meeting these demands is the use of a properly designed provisional restoration (temporary). This will allow us to shape and contour the soft tissue around the implant. It increases predictability by showing the patient and clinicians what is possible. It allows us to understand what the patient's biotype will produce in terms of papilla and soft tissue positions. The provisional restoration can be used to *fine-tune* the shape and position of the soft tissues and proposed teeth positions. It is at this



Figure 1. The screw retained implant provisional (temporary) is a crucial component for predictable treatment of implants in the aesthetic zone. This restoration is fabricated chair-side at the time of implant placement to preserve and enhance the soft tissue architecture.

stage that we determine if we should proceed with the definitive restoration. Outside of some enhanced tooth aesthetics, there is not much the lab can do to correct a less than acceptable form of the soft tissues.

As part of this lecture, we will discuss what to expect of the soft tissue around implants. It's different from the tissue around natural teeth! Successful restoration of implants really benefits when the restorative dentist understands what is possible and how to manage and shape the gingiva and papilla. This will be accomplished during the "prototype" stage of treatment. I will show you how to make these restorations



Figure 2. The implant provisional should initially have a very narrow contour in the emergence zone. After osseointegration and maturation of the soft tissue, this area can be further modified to fine-tune the position of the peri-implant tissues.

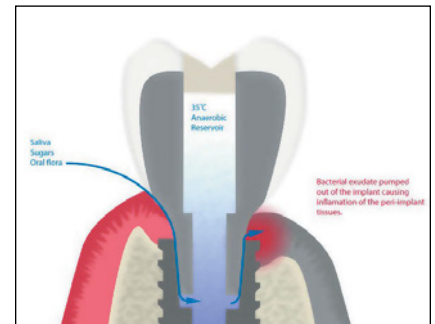


Figure 3. The internal aspect of the implant, abutment, and crown can serve as a reservoir for pathogenic bacteria. How these spaces are treated and filled can make a marked difference in the long-term outcome, especially as it relates to bad tastes and odors emanating from the implants.

chairside. This is exceptionally useful for single incisors and allows "immediate loading" of the implant. That term, "immediate loading," means different things to different people, but make no mistake, an implant restoration should not be put into contact with the opposing dentition at the time of implant placement. I will explain the key criteria for determining whether or not we can/should load the implant at the



Figure 4. Inevitably, there are patients who present with significant and un-resolvable hard and soft tissue defects around their implants. Pink porcelain can help to mask this defect, but its use is highly challenging and requires a highly skilled technician. This treatment also faces a very real balancing act between hygiene and aesthetics.

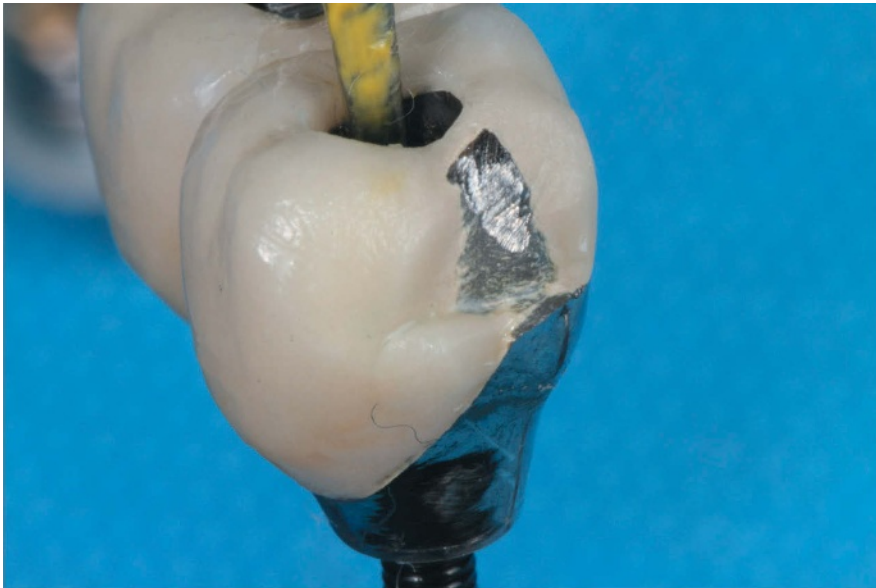


Figure 5. The screw retained, splinted PFM restoration was revolutionary when introduced 30 years ago, but it is not without limitations and challenges. Are there improvements in this design? Have materials (i.e. zirconia) been developed which can mitigate these limitations? Should all multi-unit implant restorations be splinted?



Figure 6. Screw-retained Zr/Ti Base restorations are relatively new to the profession. What do we know about them in terms of longevity? Where can and should they be used?

time of placement. There are distinct advantages to this workflow but also some significant challenges and potential complications.

Lastly, for the morning session, I will explain the use of pink porcelain (or composite) in the treatment of significant hard and soft tissue defects in the aesthetic zone. These are extremely challenging cases that require a highly skilled technician. These cases cannot be resolved 100 percent, but I will show some techniques that can help improve success. Tempering expectations is a key component to treating these severe defects.

In the afternoon session, I will be discussing current controversies in restorative implant dentistry. I have found that much of our understanding about what is and is not appropriate implant treatment still has as its foundation the days of external hex implants and a limited selection of stock prosthetic components. Much has changed in implant dentistry over the past few decades. This program will produce a lively discussion on some of the recent changes and developments with implant restorations for partially edentulous patients. Since we will be discussing and even debating these topics, recent peer-reviewed studies will be included to add evidence to the debate. Some of the topics for discussion will include screw vs. cement retained restorations, splinted vs. non-splinted restorations, zirconia vs. titanium abutments, screw covering options, peri-implantitis and cementation of implant crowns and bridges.

As techniques, materials and implant designs have evolved, so too has our understanding of how best to treat patients with them. The implants and the evidence have seen significant evolution over the last 30 years, and so too has the proper way to use these devices in the treatment of our patients. This

discussion will feature real-life clinical scenarios and challenges alongside the best available evidence. I look forward to seeing you all there. 🌐

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Figure 1B. After



Figure 2A. Before



Figure 2B. After



Figure 3A. Before



Figure 3B. After

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