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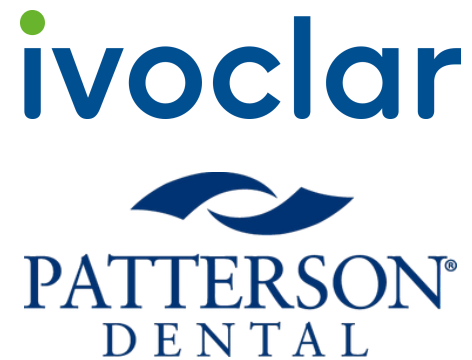
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REGISTRATION CONTACT INFORMATION

Mid-Continent Dental Congress
c/o Eleventh and Gather
170 Depot Street, Unit A
Blue Ridge, GA 30513
678.341.3048
gsllds@prereg.net

ON-SITE REGISTRATION HOURS

Thursday, September 24

7:00am - 6:00pm

Friday, September 25

7:00am - 4:00pm

REGISTRATION & TICKET FEES INCREASE AFTER 8/27/26

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We invite you to St. Louis Union Station for the **84th Annual Mid-Continent Dental Congress**, our premier two-day dental convention with high-quality CE, networking, exhibits and fun at our Thursday Social Event, the **MCDC Laugh Lab** comedy performance featuring dentist-turned-comedian **Dr. Brady!**

REGISTRATION FEES	Code	On/Before 8/27	After 8/27
GSLDS Member Dentist *	A	\$0	\$0
GSLDS Affiliate Member Dentist *	B	\$0	\$0
Hygienist * Staff of GSLDS Member Dentist Special Rate!	FM	\$150	\$185
Assistant * Staff of GSLDS Member Dentist Special Rate!	GM	\$125	\$160
Office Staff * Staff of GSLDS Member Dentist Special Rate!	HM	\$125	\$160
Dental Technician * Staff of GSLDS Member Dentist Special Rate!	JM	\$125	\$160
ADA Dentist	C	\$425	\$460
Non-ADA Dentist	D	\$725	\$760
ADA Military Dentist	E	\$150	\$185
Hygienist	F	\$185	\$220
Assistant	G	\$160	\$195
Office Staff	H	\$160	\$195
Dental Technician	J	\$160	\$195
Exhibits Only ^ Dr. and staff only. Not available on-site.	K	\$100	\$135
Registered Doctor's Family ^ Not in dental field. Not available on-site.	L	\$0	\$25
Exhibitor	EX	\$0	\$0
Dental Student ~	M	\$0	\$0
Hygiene or Assistant Student ~	N	\$0	\$0

* 2026 membership dues must be paid in full by Sept. 18, 2026.

~ Graduate and student dentists must register by mail or on-site and must provide a copy of their current year student ID.

^ No CE earned in this category. Not available on-site.

More Details & Policies

REGISTRATION DETAILS

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Attendees whose registration forms are postmarked or received online on or before September 7, 2026, will receive registration packets in the mail. Registrants should bring all their materials to the meeting. Registrations received after September 7, 2026, will be processed, but materials must be picked up on-site. They will not be mailed. Please check your packet for accuracy. Notify Mid-Continent Dental Congress immediately of any discrepancy at gslds@prereg.net.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellation requests must be emailed to gslds@prereg.net and received on or before September 3, 2026. All approved refunds are subject to a \$25 processing fee per registrant. No refunds will be made for cancellations requested after September 3, 2026. All approved refunds will be returned in the original form of payment. If registration materials and badges have been received, you must return all materials prior to receiving an approved refund to MCDC, c/o Eleventh & Gather, 170 Depot St., Unit A, Blue Ridge, GA 30513.

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Mailed and online registrations received after Aug. 27, 2026 will be processed at the higher registration and event fees.

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Register at mcdcstl.org to secure a spot in your preferred lecture, participation course or special event, based on availability. A confirmation email and receipt will be sent upon completion of your registration. Mailed forms will be processed in the order received. Registrations cannot be accepted by fax or phone. Mid-Continent Dental Congress accepts Visa, Mastercard, American Express or check (payable to Greater St. Louis Dental Society). A \$5.00 transaction fee applies to all credit card registrations.

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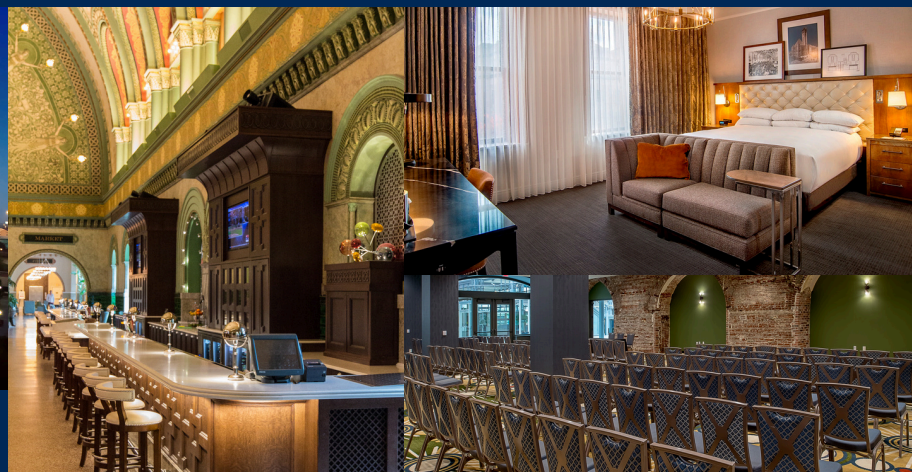
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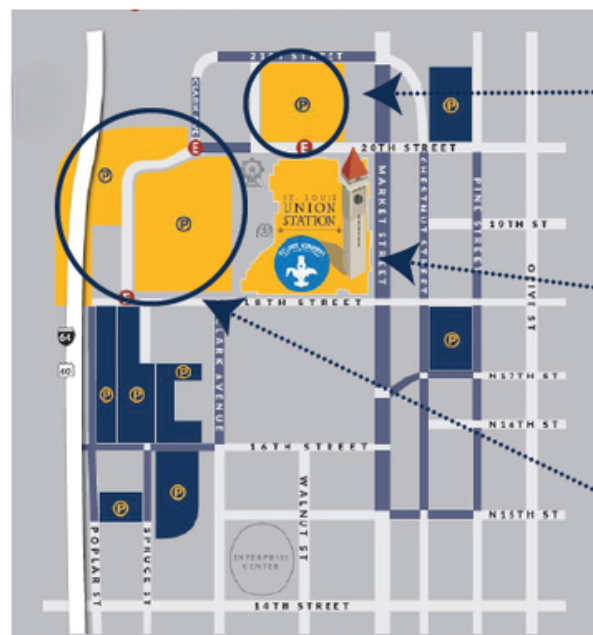


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THURSDAY EVENT SCHEDULE

CODE	SPEAKER	EVENT	START	END	FEE	PAGE
					On or Before 8/27 After 8/27	
T01		GSLDS Annual Business Meeting - For GSLDS Members Only	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	\$0 \$0	32
T02	Constance Lambdin	Align & Expand: A Yoga & Lifestyle Practice for Balance, Clarity, and Possibility	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	\$65 \$80	22
T03	Joshua Austin, DDS	The Mental Dental Connection: The Secret to Being a Better Clinician and Leader	8:00 AM	11:30 AM	\$40 \$55	11
T04	Mark Hyman, DDS	Dentistry's Top Game Changers – Top 20 Innovations for Successful Teams	8:00 AM	11:30 AM	\$0 \$0	21
T05	Kenneth Troutman, DDS	Implant Success at Any Level: Fundamentals for New and Expanding Implant Practices	8:00 AM	11:30 AM	Staff: \$40 \$55 Dentists: \$65 \$80	29
T06	Jim McKee, DDS	The 10 Most Important Questions about Occlusion and TMD	8:00 AM	11:30 AM	Staff: \$40 \$55 Dentists: \$65 \$80	23
T07	Sheela Roth, BS, RDH	AI in Dentistry: Hype, Help, or Here to Stay?	8:00 AM	11:30 AM	\$40 \$55	26
T08	Amber Auger, MPH, RDH	Rx for the Real World™: Homecare Innovations for High-Risk Mouths	8:00 AM	11:30 AM	\$40 \$55	10
T09	Thomas Dudney, DMD	MACdentistry: The What, When, How, and Why of Current Indirect Restorative Materials, Adhesives, and Cements	8:00 AM	11:30 AM	Staff: \$40 \$55 Dentists: \$65 \$80	14
T10	John Flucke, DDS	Predictable Bonding & Curing for Better Patient Outcomes	8:00 AM	11:30 AM	Staff: \$40 \$55 Dentists: \$65 \$80	16
T11	Lou Graham, DDS	The Game Changer in Modern Enamel Repair: Stop Watching and Start Treating	8:00 AM	11:30 AM	\$0 \$0	18
T12	Dani Botbyl, RDH	WHEN, WHERE & WHY? The Dental Hygienists Guide to Combining Hand Scaling, Air Polishing and Ultrasonic Procedures	8:00 AM	11:30 AM	\$40 \$55	12
T13	Tija Hunter, CDA, EFDA	Rockstar Dental Assistant	8:30 AM	10:30 AM	\$30 \$45	20
T14	Patterson Dental Technicians	Equipment Preventative Maintenance Workshop	8:30 AM	11:30 AM	\$55 \$70	24
T15		GSLDS Past President's Luncheon	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	\$0 \$0	32
T16		Presale Buffet Luncheon at Lombardo's Trattoria Italian Restaurant	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	\$37 \$45	32
T17		Presale Buffet Luncheon at Maggie O'Briens Restaurant & Irish Pub	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	\$30 \$38	32
T18	Tija Hunter, CDA, EFDA	Dental Assistants and Documentation: Are You Doing All You Need to Do?	1:30 PM	3:00 PM	\$25 \$40	20
T19	Tija Hunter, CDA, EFDA	Pet Peeves	3:30 PM	5:00 PM	\$25 \$40	20
T20	Bo Nielsen	No BS Marketing and Communication Class	1:30 PM	3:30 PM	\$0 \$0	24
T21	Constance Lambdin	Align & Expand: A Yoga & Lifestyle Practice for Balance, Clarity, and Possibility (REPEAT)	1:30 PM	4:00 PM	\$65 \$80	22
T22	Kenneth Troutman, DDS	Implant Success at Any Level: Fundamentals for New and Expanding Implant Practices Hands-on Workshop	1:30 PM	4:30 PM	\$295 \$350	29
T23	Patterson Dental Technicians	Equipment Preventative Maintenance Workshop (REPEAT)	1:30 PM	4:30 PM	\$55 \$70	24
T24	Joshua Austin, DDS	What's New? Materials and Tech that Expedite Excellence	1:30 PM	5:00 PM	\$40 \$55	11
T25	Mark Hyman, DDS	The 5-Star New Patient Experience – Success Systems to Wow Your Patients	1:30 PM	5:00 PM	\$0 \$0	21
T26	Jim McKee, DDS	Treatment Planning the Restorative-TMD Patient	1:30 PM	5:00 PM	Staff: \$40 \$55 Dentists: \$65 \$80	23
T27	Amber Auger, MPH, RDH	The Gum Game Plan™	1:30 PM	5:00 PM	\$40 \$55	10
T28	Thomas Dudney, DMD	Be Aware of Wear: A Systematic Approach to Diagnosing, Treatment Planning, and Restoring the Worn Dentition	1:30 PM	5:00 PM	Staff: \$40 \$55 Dentists: \$65 \$80	15
T29	Sheela Roth, BS, RDH	Dental 911: Practical Playbooks for Dental Teams to Boost Production, Fill Schedules, and Simplify the Day	1:30 PM	5:00 PM	\$0 \$0	26
T30	Dani Botbyl, RDH	EFF-Ups Dental Hygienists Make When Using Ultrasonics!	1:30 PM	5:00 PM	\$40 \$55	13
T31		Sip 'N Shop Happy Hour in the Exhibit Hall	4:30 PM	6:00 PM	\$0 \$0	32
T32		MCDC Laugh Lab Social Event	6:30 PM	9:00 PM	\$65 \$95	8, 32
T33		MCDC Laugh Lab Social Event *VIP Section*	6:30 PM	9:00 PM	\$90 \$120	8, 32

FRIDAY EVENT SCHEDULE

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F02	Lou Graham, DDS	Setting Your Practice Apart: Simple Must “Do’s”	8:00 AM	11:30 AM	\$40 \$55	18
F03	Chad Duplantis, DDS	DIGITIZE YOUR DENTISTRY: Tools you can use to Excel in Clinical Practice	8:00 AM	11:30 AM	\$40 \$55	15
F04	Mark Hyman, DDS	The Art of Getting to Yes	8:00 AM	11:30 AM	\$40 \$55	21
F05	Michelle Lee, DMD	Let’s Start with the Temporomandibular Joint and Finish with a Big Smile	8:00 AM	11:30 AM	Staff: \$40 \$55 Dentists: \$65 \$80	22
F06	Ronda Holman	Filling the Void	8:00 AM	11:30 AM	\$40 \$55	19
F07	Ashley Clark, DDS	Acute and Chronic Ulcers – How to Diagnose, How to Treat	8:00 AM	11:30 AM	\$40 \$55	14
F08	David Rice, DDS	Anterior Composite Magic: Rapid, Precise Techniques for Aesthetic Excellence	8:00 AM	11:30 AM	Staff: \$40 \$55 Dentists: \$65 \$80	25
F09	Anissa Broussard, DMD	Found & Fluent: AI Search Visibility + Claude for Your Practice	8:00 AM	11:30 AM	\$0 \$0	13
F10	Abdi Sameni, DDS	Excellence in Restorative Dentistry: Intercept & Restore; Adhesive Strategies for Lifetime Patient Care Part I – Intercept	8:00 AM	11:30 AM	Staff: \$40 \$55 Dentists: \$65 \$80	27
F11	Troy Schmedding, DDS	Responsible Dentistry	8:00 AM	11:30 AM	Staff: \$40 \$55 Dentists: \$65 \$80	28
F12	Amanda Hill, RDH	Breaking the Chain: Mastering Infection Control	8:00 AM	11:30 AM	\$0 \$0	19
F13	Amber Auger, MPH, RDH	Hormones & Hygiene™: The Oral-Systemic Impact of Female Hormone Fluctuations	8:00 AM	11:30 AM	\$40 \$55	10
F14	Diana Batoon, DMD	I Wish I Knew Then What I Know Now	8:00 AM	11:30 AM	\$0 \$0	12
F15	Christopher Hernandez, Michael Wandling, Master CDT	LAB DAY SPECIAL EVENT! PREDICTABLE RESULTS WITH BETTER IOS SCANS: What the Lab Needs from Your Digital Impressions — and How to Deliver It (PART I) DIGITAL DENTISTRY WORKFLOW: From the Dental Office to the Lab (Part II)	8:00 AM	11:30 AM	\$0 \$0	30
F16	Brooke Fukuoka, DMD	The Wonderful World of Special Care: Special Care Concepts That Can Help Any Patient Be More Comfortable in Your Chair	8:30 AM	11:00 AM	\$35 \$50	17
F17		Presale Buffet Luncheon at Lombardo’s Trattoria Italian Restaurant	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	\$37 \$45	32
F18		Presale Buffet Luncheon at Maggie O’Briens Restaurant & Irish Pub	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	\$30 \$38	32
F19	Amy Sikes, Moderator, Michael Wandling, Master CDT, Mandy Arena, DMD, Claire Carrow Wiedner, DMD	LAB DAY SPECIAL EVENT! PANEL DISCUSSION THE DENTIST–LAB PARTNERSHIP: Real-World Communication Strategies and How Modern Labs Add Value	1:30 PM	3:00 PM	\$0 \$0	31
F20	Brooke Fukuoka, DMD	SDF/SMART and Other MID Techniques – Choose Your Own Adventure	1:30 PM	3:00 PM	\$0 \$0	17
F21	Brooke Fukuoka, DMD	We Can Treat You Here or There, We Can Treat You Anywhere! Utilizing Teledentistry and Portable Equipment to Expand Access to Care	3:30 PM	4:30 PM	\$0 \$0	17
F22	Chad Duplantis, DDS	Crossing that Bridge: A Look into Restorative Dental Implantology from the Eyes of a General Practitioner	1:30 PM	4:30 PM	Staff: \$40 \$55 Dentists: \$65 \$80	15
F23	Michelle Lee, DMD	Connecting the Dots in Comprehensive Dentistry: Form, Function, and Esthetics	1:30 PM	4:30 PM	Staff: \$40 \$55 Dentists: \$65 \$80	23
F24	Ronda Holman	We Don’t Have That – Or Do We?	1:30 PM	4:30 PM	\$40 \$55	20
F25	Ashley Clark, DDS	Pediatric Oral Pathology	1:30 PM	4:30 pm	\$40 \$55	14
F26	David Rice, DDS	From Chaos to Control: Accelerate Your Growth & Conquer \$240k in Practice Problems in Under 12 Months	1:30 PM	4:30 PM	\$0 \$0	25
F27	Abdi Sameni, DDS	Excellence in Restorative Dentistry: Intercept & Restore; Adhesive Strategies for Lifetime Patient Care Part II – Restore	1:30 PM	4:30 PM	Staff: \$40 \$55 Dentists: \$65 \$80	27
F28	Troy Schmedding, DDS	Alter the Tooth Life Cycle Hands-on Workshop	1:30 PM	4:30 PM	\$295 \$350	28
F29	Amanda Hill, RDH	The Curious Clinician: Reigniting Passion and Embracing Emerging Trends in Dentistry	1:30 PM	4:30 PM	\$40 \$55	19
F30	Amber Auger, MPH, RDH	The Dental Hygiene Detective: Advance Risk Assessments	1:30 PM	4:30 PM	\$40 \$55	10
F31	Diana Batoon, DMD	Wake Up Your Practice to Dental Sleep Medicine	1:30 PM	4:30 PM	\$40 \$55	12

MCDC

Laugh Lab

Social Event



THURSDAY NIGHT
SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2026
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM
IN THE BALLROOM AT UNION STATION

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A very special comedy performance by
Dr. Brady

Dr. Brady brings his own brand of humor to the table, with a mix of brutally honest life stories, outrageous tales from the dental trenches, and a knack for turning the mundane into the absurd, Dr. Brady delivers a comedy experience that's raw, relatable, and absolutely hilarious. He combines his love of dentistry, philanthropy, and irreverent humor into a one-of-a-kind style that leaves audiences in stitches. Prepare to laugh until your face hurts.

The event will take place at St. Louis Union Station and will offer complimentary appetizers, one complimentary drink (beer, wine, cocktail, or soda) followed by a cash bar, Dr. Brady's merchandise give-a-ways, 90 minutes of stand up comedy and musical comedy. Meet & greet, plus photo opportunities with Dr. Brady, will follow the show.

**PURCHASE YOUR
TICKETS WHEN YOU
REGISTER ONLINE**

Fee: **\$65** | **\$95** after 8/27 **CODE T32**
VIP Fee: **\$90** | **\$120** after 8/27 **CODE T33**

VIP Section includes reserved seating in front of stage and priority for the meet-and-greet following the show.

*Tickets will not be available on-site.
The deadline to purchase tickets is
September 10, 2026.*

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Dentistry Trends		Hill
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Equipment Preventative Maintenance	Patterson Dental	
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Sleep Apnea		Batoon
Team Building	Hyman	
Teledentistry		Fukuoka
TMD	McKee	
TMJ		Lee
Treatment Planning	McKee	Lee
Ultrasonic Technology	Botbyl	
Worn Dentition	Dudney	

COURSE DETAILS



AMBER AUGER, MPH, RDH

Amber Auger, MPH, RDH, is a nationally recognized dental hygiene clinician, international speaker, and Hygiene Director known for her evidence-based, systems-driven approach to modern periodontal therapy. With over 16 years of clinical experience, Amber blends science, strategy, and heart-centered leadership to help dental teams elevate patient outcomes while strengthening practice profitability and workflow efficiency.

RX FOR THE REAL WORLD™: HOMECARE INNOVATIONS FOR HIGH-RISK MOUTHS

Thursday AM	
Event Code	T08
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 \$40 \$55
Time	8:00 AM - 11:30 AM
CE Credits	3 Hour Lecture
Subject	Periodontics/Hygiene
Audience	All

Rx for the Real World™ is an evidence-based course designed to equip dental professionals with the latest homecare innovations that actually make a difference. From remineralizing agents to salivary stimulants, biofilm disruptors to barrier-protecting rinses, we'll break down the most effective products on the market—and how to implement them based on case presentation, compliance, and clinical outcomes. This practical course goes beyond theory to give you patient-tested recommendations, product comparisons, and scripting to increase case acceptance and improve long-term outcomes.

Learning Objectives:

- Identify common clinical indicators for high-risk conditions such as active caries, xerostomia, periodontal disease, and dentinal hypersensitivity
- Evaluate innovative homecare products and their active ingredients, including calcium phosphate technologies, xylitol, stannous fluoride, arginine, and biopolymers
- Differentiate between product delivery systems (e.g., varnishes, sprays, gels, rinses) based on patient needs and compliance potential
- Develop customized homecare protocols for patients with complex oral health conditions
- Demonstrate effective communication strategies to improve patient adoption of specialized homecare recommendations

THE GUM GAME PLAN™

Thursday PM	
Event Code	T27
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 \$40 \$55
Time	1:30 PM - 5:00 PM
CE Credits	3 Hour Lecture
Subject	Periodontics/Hygiene
Audience	All

The Gum Game Plan™ is a case-based course designed for dental professionals who are ready to move beyond cookie-cutter treatment plans. Through real-life clinical scenarios, participants will explore the art of asking the right questions, identifying key clinical findings, and aligning products, frequencies, and techniques to each patient's unique needs. This interactive course equips clinicians with practical scripts, decision trees, and the confidence to customize soft tissue management strategies that deliver measurable results.

Learning Objectives:

- Analyze clinical case studies to determine the appropriate classification of periodontal or gingival conditions
- Formulate customized soft tissue management protocols based on patient history, risk factors, and clinical findings
- Interpret patient-reported concerns and correlate them with diagnostic markers to guide treatment recommendations
- Develop tailored homecare and in-office treatment plans using evidence-based modalities and delivery systems
- Demonstrate confident communication with patients when presenting individualized periodontal protocols

HORMONES & HYGIENE™: THE ORAL-SYSTEMIC IMPACT OF FEMALE HORMONE FLUCTUATIONS

Friday AM	
Event Code	F13
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 \$40 \$55
Time	8:00 AM - 11:30 AM
CE Credits	3 Hour Lecture
Subject	Female Hormones Oral Health
Audience	All

Hormones & Hygiene™ is an integrative course exploring the connection between hormonal shifts and oral health in female patients, especially during perimenopause and menopause. Learn to recognize oral signs of hormonal imbalance, understand their systemic impact, and apply evidence-informed, functional strategies to support whole-body wellness. From mineral depletion to inflammation and detoxification, this course empowers dental professionals with practical tools, patient-centered scripts, and prevention-focused insights to elevate care through every stage of a woman's hormonal journey.

Learning Objectives:

- Identify the key hormonal stages in a female patient's life that impact oral health
- Recognize oral manifestations associated with hormonal fluctuations, including perimenopause and menopause
- Explain the root cause connections between mineral depletion, detoxification, and hormonal imbalance
- Evaluate the role of sleep, stress, and lifestyle on hormonal regulation and oral-systemic inflammation
- Apply patient-centered strategies and scripts to support hormonal health within the dental hygiene scope

THE DENTAL HYGIENE DETECTIVE: ADVANCE RISK ASSESSMENTS

Friday PM	
Event Code	F30
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 \$40 \$55
Time	1:30 PM - 4:30 PM
CE Credits	3 Hour Lecture
Subject	Patient Risk Assessments
Audience	All

There are many clues that provide evidence of oral disease such as occlusal wear, recession, bleeding, fissured tongues, erythematous tissues, incipient lesions, and many more. Determining our patient's high-risk factors for oral disease and systemic health is multifactorial, and our role as dental professionals allows us to evaluate and identify the first signs of disease. This program will help you and your team review patient risk factors in depth while empowering the clinician to compare clinical technologies that align with the patient's lifestyle to reduce disease.

Learning Objectives:

- Review the role of pH in caries risk assessment and learn to identify stages of demineralization and remineralization
- Learn how to expedite risk assessments to enhance patient education and prevention
- Prioritize the patient's high-risk factors to comprehensively decrease their risk of oral and systemic diseases
- Evaluate the latest clinical and home care technologies to decrease patient oral and systemic disease risk
- Discover how to integrate lasers into the workflow



JOSHUA AUSTIN, DDS

Dr. Joshua Austin's presentations deliver practical, applicable education that inspires and entertains attendees while also offering sound fundamentals that make a difference in dental practice success. His keynote performances, from Dentsply Sirona World to Seattle Study Club Symposiums, are met with rave reviews from audiences and conference organizers alike. Joshua incorporates his trademark comedic style in his lectures across the country on topics such as mental wellness, new products/materials review, and online reputation management.

THE MENTAL DENTAL CONNECTION: THE SECRET TO BEING A BETTER CLINICIAN AND LEADER

Thursday AM	
Event Code	T03
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 \$40 \$55
Time	8:00 AM - 11:30 AM
CE Credits	3 Hour Lecture
Subject	Mental Health
Audience	All

Anxiety, pain, depression, burnout. Dentistry can be difficult and take a toll. Studies show us that dental professionals experience a high incidence of mental illness. Additionally, many dental professionals don't clearly understand the mental health conditions that our patients present with, which red flags to watch for or what to do/how to intervene. Presented in Dr. Joshua Austin's trademark comedic style, this course explores strategies for working together to improve mental health so we can be our best. Learn how to recognize triggers and warning signs. Identify essential tools and resources. Discover how and when to refer to a mental health professional. Explore and understand mental health terms, common treatments and therapy options. Gain coping mechanisms and learn how to manage expectations – both our own and those of our patients. *Supported, in part, by Ivoclar.*

Learning Objectives:

- Define mental health terms and analyze mental health statistics
- Discover mechanisms for coping with our personal and professional challenges
- Illuminate common DSM-5 diagnoses and characteristics
- Learn how to choose the professionals for our own personal wellness team
- Identify and examine our psychologic triggers and their importance
- Explore the benefits of psychotherapy
- Consider today to be Dental Mental Health Day

WHAT'S NEW? MATERIALS AND TECH THAT EXPEDITE EXCELLENCE

Thursday PM	
Event Code	T24
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 \$40 \$55
Time	1:30 PM - 5:00 PM
CE Credits	3 Hour Lecture
Subject	Restorative Materials Technology
Audience	All

In this fast-moving market, advertising makes every product appear to be the panacea. However, some of the best products and services don't enter the market with much fanfare. Dental professionals can become bogged down or confused when trying to decipher which new materials and technologies are right for their practices. As editorial director with Dental Economics magazine, Dr. Joshua Austin authors the column Pearls for Your Practice and has personally worked with most new products and technologies that have entered the market. In this interactive, fast-moving course, Joshua shares the current trends in dental materials and technologies. Learn how materials have changed over the past few years and how those changes can affect your procedures and practice. *Supported, in part, by Ivoclar.*

Learning Objectives:

- Illuminate growing trends and discover the best new products and innovations on the market
- Explore the impact new products/technologies have on the practice's bottom line
- Gain a formula for assessing time savings vs. financial output in your purchasing decisions
- Analyze how bulk fill posterior composites compare to their traditional counterparts
- Discuss time saving placement techniques for bulk fill posterior composites
- Review universal adhesives and their advantages
- Explore the three etching techniques and learn when each are appropriate
- Review current cements and identify which classes are superior
- Discuss when luting is an appropriate choice instead of bonding
- Explore many other products and items that can make your life easier and your dentistry faster



COURSE DETAILS



DIANA BATOON, DMD

Dr. Diana Batoon has combined her dental passion and expertise to become an industry leader and international speaker. Her practice centers around restorative dentistry, sleep apnea, TMD and airway-focused dentistry. She actively participates in research for sleep apnea for both adults and children.



NEW DENTIST COURSE

I WISH I KNEW THEN WHAT I KNOW NOW

Friday AM	
Event Code	F14
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 \$0 \$0
Time	8:00 AM - 11:30 AM
CE Credits	3 Hour Lecture
Subject	Human Relations New Dentists
Audience	Dentists New Dentists

Being a dentist comes with challenges both good and bad. How can you be prepared to be an effective leader, savvy business owner and thriving dentist? Come learn and listen to different pathways that can support your success as a dentist that is changing by the minute. Audience participation is highly recommended.

Learning Objectives:

- Develop a strategy that can help you grow as a business owner, lead dentist, and associate
- Understand the business principles that are part of every dental practice
- Learn how to manage conversations with dental team members to help you become an effective leader
- Develop a strategy on identifying the personalities of patients and how to manage conversations to convert treatment plans

WAKE UP YOUR PRACTICE TO DENTAL SLEEP MEDICINE

Friday PM	
Event Code	F31
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 \$40 \$55
Time	1:30 PM - 4:30 PM
CE Credits	3 Hour Lecture
Subject	Sleep Apnea
Audience	All

Dental sleep medicine is a level of service that every dental practice should offer. Changing and saving lives sets your practice apart and builds stronger relationships with your existing patient base and potential new clients. Increase your knowledge about sleep related breathing disorders for both adults and children. Every team member in the dental setting will leave understanding the systemic links, related dental conditions of TMD and malocclusion.

Learning Objectives:

- Successfully screen and implement dental sleep medicine in dentistry
- Identify all ages of patients and the intimate connections between the oral cavity, head and neck and major organs
- Learn how to treatment plan, sequence, and bill sleep apnea and TMD oral appliances



DANI BOTBYL, RDH

Dani Botbyl, RDH is an educator, author, and researcher and has been a trailblazer for the advancement of ultrasonic technology in dental hygiene practice and education in North America. The culmination of her knowledge and research has produced multiple publications in industry and peer-reviewed journals and textbooks. Dani has presented hundreds of courses to students, faculty and practicing clinicians nationally and internationally. Her passion for enhancing the expertise of dental hygienists creates learning experiences that are not to be missed!

WHEN, WHERE & WHY? THE DENTAL HYGIENISTS GUIDE TO COMBINING HAND SCALING, AIR POLISHING AND ULTRASONIC PROCEDURES

Thursday AM	
Event Code	T12
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 \$40 \$55
Time	8:00 AM - 11:30 AM
CE Credits	3 Hour Lecture
Subject	Ultrasonic Technology
Audience	Hygienists

Dental hygienists dedicated to clinical practice spend the majority of patient treatment time battling biofilm, calculus, and stain. While ultrasonic technology, subgingival air polishing, and hand instruments each have their claims for effectively disrupting and removing hard and soft deposits, the key question remains: when, where and why should each method be used? This session separates science from clever marketing and explores advantages and limitations of each procedure, inspiring the critical thinking needed to develop individualized debridement strategies for each patient's unique needs. The session will feature live audience polling and clinical demonstrations to reinforce key takeaways and support practical application.

Learning Objectives:

- Examine current research on ultrasonics, supra/subgingival air polishing, and hand instrumentation to determine their respective roles in preventing and treating periodontal disease
- Apply evidence-based decision making to select and sequence debridement instruments, magnetostrictive and piezoelectric technologies, and powder formulations to achieve patient-specific clinical results and maximize comfort
- Design or enhance biofilm therapy protocols that strengthen overall treatment efficiency, streamline appointment flow and promote professional growth and satisfaction within the dental hygiene team

DANI BOTBYL, RDH (CONTINUED)

EFF-UPS DENTAL HYGIENISTS MAKE WHEN USING ULTRASONICS!

Thursday PM	
Event Code	T30
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 \$40 \$55
Time	1:30 PM - 5:00 PM
CE Credits	3 Hour Lecture
Subject	Ultrasonic Debridement
Audience	Hygienists

In this clinically relevant session, Dani will discuss a variety of ultrasonic debridement scenarios whereby clinicians often make decisions that negatively impact the removal of calculus and biofilm and create discomfort for patients. In addition, Dani will provide practical solutions which can immediately be implemented into your dental hygiene appointments.

Learning Objectives:

- Explain why you should be considering the cross section of every ultrasonic instrument you use
- Analyze the relationship between power setting and effectiveness, efficiency and patient comfort
- Identify when a hand instrument should always be the first choice over an ultrasonic tip
- Describe how line angle and CEJ adaption either makes or breaks your debridement procedure
- Discuss why ultrasonic grasp is the key to quicker deposit removal and a happier patient



ANISSA BROUSSARD, DMD

Dr. Anissa Broussard is a renowned expert in digital marketing for dentistry. She holds a Fellowship with the Dental Speaking Institute and has been invited to keynote at major events including the AACD, Social Media Marketing World, and Funnel Hacking Live. Her work has been featured in Dental Economics and highlighted in Russell Brunson's Expert Secrets. Dr. Broussard is also the founder of Digital Floss, a full-service dental marketing agency, and Dentalflix, the premier online education platform delivering top-level training for both independent and group practices.

FOUND & FLUENT: AI SEARCH VISIBILITY + CLAUDE FOR YOUR PRACTICE

Friday AM	
Event Code	F09
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 \$0 \$0
Time	8:00 AM - 11:30 AM
CE Credits	3 Hour Lecture
Subject	Marketing Artificial Intelligence
Audience	Dentists, Team

Claude and AI tools are changing the way dental practices operate, and the practices moving fastest are pulling ahead. In this course, attendees will learn how to use Claude to support their team, streamline daily operations, and reclaim time in the practice. They will also learn how AI search has changed the way patients find and choose their dentist, what Google's latest updates mean for their online visibility, and what it looks like when a dental practice is fully positioned for the AI era. Practical. Actionable. Immediately applicable.

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Learning Objectives:

- Understand the difference between Claude Chat, Claude Cowork, and Claude Code — and know which is right for your practice
- Discover how to connect Claude to the tools your team already uses to save time and improve consistency
- Understand how AI search engines have changed the way patients discover and choose dental practices
- Learn actionable strategies to improve your practice's visibility across AI platforms and Google
- Leave with a clear picture of what a fully AI-positioned dental practice looks like and the steps to get there



COURSE DETAILS



ASHLEY CLARK, DDS

Dr. Ashley Clark is a board-certified oral pathologist currently serving as the President of CAMP Laboratory in Indianapolis, IN, after a nearly decade-long career serving as an oral pathologist in academia. She is on the Professional Board for Oral Cancer Cause and Digital Dental Notes and the Advisory Board for General Dentistry. Dr. Clark has won several teaching awards, has provided over 400 continuing education courses, and has authored more than 50 publications and book chapters. She is a member of the American and International College of Dentists.

ACUTE AND CHRONIC ULCERS – HOW TO DIAGNOSE, HOW TO TREAT

Friday AM	
Event Code	F07
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 \$40 \$55
Time	8:00 AM - 11:30 AM
CE Credits	3 Hour Lecture
Subject	Oral Pathology
Audience	All

This course is designed to inform the participant about acute and chronic ulcerative conditions lesions of the oral cavity. These lesions range from common entities all oral health care professionals will encounter to more rare dermatologic conditions with oral manifestations. Treatment and management of patients with these ulcerative conditions will be discussed.

Learning Objectives:

- Discuss acute ulcerative conditions of the oral cavity
- Recognize chronic ulcerative conditions of the oral cavity
- Discuss a treatment plan for patients with acute and chronic ulcerations

PEDIATRIC ORAL PATHOLOGY

Friday PM	
Event Code	F25
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 \$40 \$55
Time	1:30 PM - 4:30 PM
CE Credits	3 Hour Lecture
Subject	Oral Pathology
Audience	All

This course is designed to do a brief overview of common entities in which oral health care providers treating pediatric patients will encounter. A variety of topics will be discussed ranging from developmental defects to salivary gland lesions with a focus on more common lesions.

Learning Objectives:

- Identify common oral pathologic lesions in the pediatric population
- Discuss a differential diagnosis for pediatric oral pathology
- Determine a treatment plan for pediatric patients with oral pathologic lesions



THOMAS DUDNEY, DMD

Dr. Thomas Dudney is a 1977 graduate of the University of Alabama at the Birmingham School of Dentistry. He has previously served as the Clinical Director for the Aesthetic Advantage hands-on programs taught by Dr. Larry Rosenthal at New York University and the Eastman Dental Clinic in London. Presently he is the clinical director of the Pacific Aesthetic Continuum (PAC) hands-on programs. In addition to teaching hands-on programs, he has presented workshops and lectures at dental meetings and has authored several articles on aesthetic and restorative dentistry.

MACDENTISTRY: THE WHAT, WHEN, HOW, AND WHY OF CURRENT INDIRECT RESTORATIVE MATERIALS, ADHESIVES, AND CEMENTS

Thursday AM	
Event Code	T09
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 Staff: \$40 \$55 Students: \$0 \$55 Dentists: \$65 \$80
Time	8:00 AM - 11:30 AM
CE Credits	3 Hour Lecture
Subject	Restorative/Indirect
Audience	Dentists Hygienists Dental Technicians

As restorative materials, adhesives, and cements continue to evolve, change, and improve, it becomes more difficult for restorative dentists to keep up with the latest advances. With increasingly higher patient expectations for long term clinical success, it is important that the dentist has an understanding and working knowledge of these materials in order to make sound decisions. This half day lecture will discuss factors affecting the selection of indirect restorative materials that will satisfy the aesthetic and functional goals of the patient as conservatively as possible. Cases will be used to demonstrate the use of these materials, bonding agents, and cements in different clinical situations.

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Learning Objectives:

- The factors affecting material selection
- Monolithic vs. layered restorations
- Combining aesthetics and function with emax lithium disilicate
- Advantages and disadvantages of full contour zirconia
- The benefits of the new universal adhesives
- Which cements to use when and why
- How to treat the tooth and the restoration when conventionally cementing or adhesively bonding
- The long-term benefits of bioactive cements

THOMAS DUDNEY, DMD (CONTINUED)

BE AWARE OF WEAR: A SYSTEMATIC APPROACH TO DIAGNOSING, TREATMENT PLANNING, AND RESTORING THE WORN DENTITION

Thursday PM	
Event Code	T28
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 Staff: \$40 \$55 Students: \$40 \$55 Dentists: \$65 \$80
Time	1:30 PM - 5:00 PM
CE Credits	3 Hour Lecture
Subject	Worn Dentition
Audience	Dentists Hygienists Dental Technicians

In today's society tooth wear is more prevalent than ever and it is therefore incumbent upon the entire dental team to be well versed in recognizing the clinical signs of wear while understanding the importance of prevention when possible and the restorative options when necessary. This half day lecture will illustrate the different types of tooth wear with clinical examples and demonstrate a systematic approach to diagnosis and treatment.

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Learning Objectives:

- Recognize the clinical signs of intrinsic and extrinsic erosion
- Office protocols to help patients prevent and/or treat acid erosion
- Recognize the clinical signs of horizontal and vertical wear patterns
- Designing an occlusal scheme that fits and identifying grinding patterns of the patient
- Bite opening vs. crown lengthening vs. orthodontic intrusion to gain space for restorations
- The importance of an interdisciplinary team in treating wear cases
- A systematic approach in the treatment of simple to complex wear cases



CHAD DUPLANTIS, DDS

Dr. Chad Duplantis has always had an interest in "high-tech" dentistry and has been incorporating CAD/CAM and digital technology in his practice since 2004. Dr. Duplantis has written and published several articles regarding digital dentistry and workflows for various dental publications. In addition to technology, Dr. Duplantis has a keen interest in restorative implantology, CBCT, impressioning, adhesion and materials, and he is also published in these regards. He has helped various manufacturers on numerous projects and evaluations regarding different aspects of clinical dentistry and serves as a Key Opinion Leader for several dental corporations. Recently, he co-founded "Dentists IN the Know" which is a social media group to help inform and educate dentists and dental team members.

DIGITIZE YOUR DENTISTRY: TOOLS YOU CAN USE TO EXCEL IN CLINICAL PRACTICE

Friday AM	
Event Code	F03
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 \$40 \$55
Time	8:00 AM - 11:30 AM
CE Credits	3 Hour Lecture
Subject	Digital Dentistry
Audience	Dentists Hygienists Assistants

Digital dentistry is here to stay. With technology and materials improving daily, the clinical team must be on board to accept the new reality or be left behind. This course is designed to help the office run more efficiently, communicate better, and produce quality dentistry consistently. We will discuss various technological advancements and their impact on dentistry. Included in our discussions will be digital radiography, CBCT, digital diagnostic tools, cameras, scanning technology, mills, and 3D printers. We will take a look at how to appropriately incorporate this technology into your practice from diagnosis to treatment and beyond. The culmination of this technology will create a patient experience that differentiates your practice.

Supported, in part, by Glidewell Dental, iTero, Pearl, and Shofu Dental Corporation.

Learning Objectives:

- Review the initial exam and how technological advancements can improve your diagnostic capabilities
- Discuss the digital tools that your office needs for success throughout the lifecycle of the patient, from introduction to treatment and beyond
- Visualize the digital workflow for both the dental team and the laboratory and why it leads to predictable outcomes
- Understand how technology creates both an experience for the team and the patient

CROSSING THAT BRIDGE: A LOOK INTO RESTORATIVE DENTAL IMPLANTOLOGY FROM THE EYES OF A GENERAL PRACTITIONER

Friday PM	
Event Code	F22
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 Staff: \$40 \$55 Students: \$40 \$55 Dentists: \$65 \$80
Time	1:30 PM - 4:30 PM
CE Credits	3 Hour Lecture
Subject	Implants
Audience	Dentists Hygienists Assistants

As we all know, implants have become a mainstay of dental practice over the past several years. The success rate affords us many options when it comes to replacing missing teeth. This course will help the dental team realize the many possibilities of restorative implant dentistry. We will talk about the single implant restorations as well as some full arch options. We will also discuss the role of the entire team in this process. By the end of the course, the dentist should feel confident that he or she can treatment plan these better. The dentist and team will also realize the rewards of completing such cases. This course is designed for all members of the dental team.

Supported, in part, by Glidewell Dental and iTero.

Learning Objectives:

- Learn to implement technology to properly treatment plan implant cases and increase acceptance
- Understand restorative considerations and materials used in treating implant cases
- Visualize how digital dentistry can improve the results of these cases, including scanning, CBCT and 3D Printing
- Review full arch implant cases and options for treating

COURSE DETAILS



JOHN FLUCKE, DDS

Dr. John Flucke is in private practice in Lee's Summit, MO, where he spends four days per week in direct patient care. He also serves as Technology Editor for Dental Products Report magazine as well as Chief Dental Editor where he writes, edits, and does video demos of products featured in his "Technology Evangelist" columns. Dr. Flucke has one of the most popular dental blogs on the Internet "Ramblings of Dentistry's Technology Evangelist" featuring daily updates on technology in healthcare and technology in general. The site has over 2 million unique page views. He lectures extensively on all aspects of clinical dentistry as well as technology in dentistry and has been featured at every major dental meeting in the U.S. and international locations as well.

PREDICTABLE BONDING & CURING FOR BETTER PATIENT OUTCOMES

Thursday AM	
Event Code	T10
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 Staff: \$40 \$55 Students: \$40 \$55 Dentists: \$65 \$80
Time	8:00 AM - 11:30 AM
CE Credits	3 Hour Lecture
Subject	Restorative/Direct
Audience	Dentists Assistants

Adhesive dentistry has transformed restorative treatment from mechanical retention to biologically driven, minimally invasive care. Yet with evolving bonding chemistries, universal adhesives, self-etch versus total-etch protocols, new restorative materials, and many curing light options, clinicians often face confusion about what truly works—and why. There is also a growing body of research that shows thermally activating/warming restoratives provides significant advantages. Warming composite materials provide benefit in both placement and long term clinical success. This course provides a practical, evidence-based review of contemporary bonded dentistry, focusing on dentin adhesion, enamel bonding strategies, material selection, and curing to create predictable clinical results. Attendees will gain clarity on materials as well as the benefits of using composite warming protocols.

Supported, in part, by VOCO America.

Learning Objectives:

- Differentiate current adhesive strategies (total-etch, self-etch, and universal systems) and explain the mechanisms by which they bond to enamel and dentin
- Select appropriate mechanisms to achieve long term patient outcomes
- Implement evidence-based techniques to improve bond durability, reduce sensitivity, and minimize restoration failure in direct and indirect restorations



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Dr. Brooke is a passionate speaker whose primary focus is improving oral health for patients who have special healthcare needs and geriatric patients who live in long-term care. Dr. Brooke has practiced in a diverse array of settings and has built programs to help expand access to care for her patients. She strives to create a fun, yet educational, interactive environment where learners gain knowledge and experiences they can immediately implement into practice.

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF SPECIAL CARE: SPECIAL CARE CONCEPTS THAT CAN HELP ANY PATIENT BE MORE COMFORTABLE IN YOUR CHAIR

Friday AM	
Event Code	F16
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 \$35 \$50
Time	8:30 AM - 11:00 AM
CE Credits	2.5 Hour Lecture
Subject	Patient Special Care
Audience	All

The Wonderful World of Special Care is an interactive course that puts the learner in the shoes of many of our patients. This course contains simulations that leave the learners with a newly formed empathy for our patients' struggles in the dental office. Step out of your world and into ours as you engage and feel what it is like to experience the world in a different way. Sit in the "Splash Zone" for a particularly interactive experience.

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Learning Objectives:

- An understanding of what it feels like to be blind in the dental office
- Able to practice non-verbal communication
- Aware of the power of visual aids
- Know how to alter the environment to influence behavior

SDF/SMART AND OTHER MID TECHNIQUES – CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

Friday PM	
Event Code	F20
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 \$0 \$0
Time	1:30 PM - 3:00 PM
CE Credits	1.5 Hour Lecture
Subject	SDF/SMART Restorations
Audience	All

Silver Diamine Fluoride and SMART restorations have been growing in interest in dentistry. Many courses exist where these topics are discussed. This course is different. The learners drive the bus. What is it YOU want to talk about? We will have topics on a slide Jeopardy Style, and the learners will pick which ones we talk about. Learners will keep choosing topics until the time runs out. Learning Objectives covered will vary based on what learners' pick.

Supported, in part, by Elevate Oral Care and GC America.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the basic science behind SDF and Glass Ionomer
- Be aware of various protocols, with SDF and Glass Ionomer
- Understand partial caries removal
- Know the indications and contraindications for SDF/SMART
- See Case Examples in adult populations
- Learn other topical medicament options

WE CAN TREAT YOU HERE OR THERE, WE CAN TREAT YOU ANYWHERE! UTILIZING TELEDENTISTRY AND PORTABLE EQUIPMENT TO EXPAND ACCESS TO CARE

Friday PM	
Event Code	F21
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 \$0 \$0
Time	3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
CE Credits	1 Hour Lecture
Subject	Teledentistry, Portable Equipment
Audience	All

This course is designed for those who are interested in learning about portable dentistry and teledentistry. We will discuss the benefits and challenges of both portable dentistry and teledentistry. We will review the basic equipment needs and precautions that are unique to portable services. We will discuss agreements with facilities and what we recommend having in those agreements. When time and technology permit, we may perform an asynchronous teledental exam together and conclude allowing one of the learners to utilize our intraoral camera on the big screen as a live teledental example.

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Learning Objectives:

- Understand the difference between synchronous and asynchronous teledental services
- Be able to minimize transportation hazards through proper equipment storage and transport
- Know the difference between mobile and portable dentistry
- Understand the team approach to care working with the facilities



COURSE DETAILS



LOU GRAHAM, DDS

For the past 35+ years, Dr. Graham has practiced dentistry in Chicago, IL. As dentistry evolved throughout his career, he remained at the cutting edge and incorporated many of these changes into both his multi-group specialty practice and his clinical courses. Dr. Graham's course offerings incorporate the latest diagnostic technologies into everyday treatment planning and clinical care to ensure the best options and treatments are presented to each and every patient.

THE GAME CHANGER IN MODERN ENAMEL REPAIR: STOP WATCHING AND START TREATING

Thursday AM	
Event Code	T11
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 \$0 \$0
Time	8:00 AM - 11:30 AM
CE Credits	3 Hour Lecture
Subject	Restorative, Caries
Audience	All

For decades, “watch and wait” has been the standard response to early enamel lesions — but in modern dentistry, that approach is no longer acceptable. Advances in diagnostic imaging, AI technology, and minimally invasive treatment protocols now allow clinicians to identify and arrest carious lesions before cavitation occurs. This course challenges outdated thinking and provides a clear, evidence-based roadmap for early intervention. Learn how to move beyond guesswork with traditional radiographs and explorers, implement cutting-edge diagnostic tools, and deliver noninvasive restorative treatments that halt the caries progression and promote partial to full remineralization of the affected lesion. Discover how to stop the “caries cycle” once and for all — improving patient outcomes, preserving tooth structure, and elevating the standard of care.

Supported, in part, by [Kavo North America](#) and [vVardis](#).

Learning Objectives:

- Recognize why “watching” early enamel lesions is outdated and identify the limitations of conventional caries diagnostics
- Integrate advanced technologies, including 2D AI and enhanced diagnostic tools, to detect early lesions with greater accuracy and confidence
- Apply a predictable, three-minute restorative protocol that arrests up to 90% of early lesions and promotes remineralization
- Establish a modern, noninvasive approach to managing incipient caries and breaking the cycle of repetitive drilling and restoration
- Elevate patient communication by emphasizing early detection, early intervention, and long-term tooth preservation as the most conservative approach to treatment

SETTING YOUR PRACTICE APART: SIMPLE MUST “DO’S”

Friday AM	
Event Code	F02
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 \$40 \$55
Time	8:00 AM - 11:30 AM
CE Credits	3 Hour Lecture
Subject	Office Production
Audience	All

This course focuses on well-proven systems to shift the mindset from high-volume “production factory” (yes, we still must be productive) to a high-trust, value-based office. By reimagining the patient’s journey beginning with empathy-driven scheduling, modernizing your initial exam, to modern day methodologies to improve case acceptance and finally, creating efficiencies in your practice that drive growth and sanity.

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Learning Objectives:

- Understanding the patient versus telling, why this is the most overlooked piece to the puzzle. What are the key factors that influence a patient to move forward with treatment and how best can you identify those factors
- Welcome to my office, today’s full initial exam and how diagnostics are changing the flow. If you are still doing 15-minute initial exams in the hygiene chair, it’s time to change!
- Integrating a seamless modern day initial exam to create a relationship that converts 75% of your patients to future treatment care
- The Value Conversation: Shifting the focus from technical procedures to health outcomes and lifestyle benefits
- Financial Flexibility: Integrating seamless strategies to remove “sticker shock” barriers and get rid of paying 3.5% of your profits to credit card companies
- Morning Huddles: Moving from just reviewing the schedule, to sharing yesterday’s team wins and opportunities for today, it can’t be just about numbers and goals!
- Recall Appointments: It’s not just clean, spit and see “ya” but far more about customizing the experience!





AMANDA HILL, RDH

Amanda Hill, BSDH, RDH, CDIPC, is an engaging speaker, consultant, and award-winning author with more than 30 years of experience in clinical dental hygiene and education. Known as the “Waterline Warrior,” she brings energy and clarity to complex topics, making infection control and preventive care practical, relevant, and even fun. Amanda is passionate about helping dental teams stay curious, think critically, and deliver care that truly makes a difference.

BREAKING THE CHAIN: MASTERING INFECTION CONTROL BASICS

Friday AM	
Event Code	F12
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 \$0 \$0
Time	8:00 AM - 11:30 AM
CE Credits	3 Hour Lecture
Subject	Infection Control
Audience	All

Dental professionals face various challenges in preventing exposure to pathogens, which includes complying with regulations, training the team, ensuring cleanliness and sterilization, managing costs, and implementing effective communication and documentation processes. These tasks play a vital role in maintaining a safe environment for patients and staff. Noncompliance with dental infection control protocols is not an option and can have severe repercussions, such as infections to patients or team members, legal and financial penalties, and harm to reputation resulting in loss of revenue and patients. In this course, we will review OSHA and CDC protocols and key strategies for applying infection control effectively.

Learning Objectives:

- Define infection prevention principles and recommendations for dental health care settings
- Recognize how to prevent transmission of infectious agents through standard precautions
- Employ standard operating procedures to remain in compliance with regulations
- Formulate a successful infection control plan

THE CURIOUS CLINICIAN: REIGNITING PASSION AND EMBRACING EMERGING TRENDS IN DENTISTRY

Friday PM	
Event Code	F29
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 \$40 \$55
Time	1:30 PM - 4:30 PM
CE Credits	3 Hour Lecture
Subject	Dentistry Trends
Audience	All

Dentistry is advancing faster than ever, with new technologies and evidence-based protocols redefining the standard of care. But while clinical expectations rise, many dental professionals find themselves running on autopilot—disconnected from their purpose, overwhelmed by change, and questioning how to keep up without burning out. This course invites clinicians to tap into curiosity as both a clinical tool and a personal lifeline. By exploring emerging trends—like minimally invasive dentistry, non-antibiotic periodontal therapies, and the evolution of Dentistry 3.0—participants will learn how to stay ahead of the curve while reigniting their passion for the profession. Alongside practical strategies for patient communication, team integration, and treatment implementation, we’ll also explore reflection tools to reduce stress, complete the burnout cycle, and reconnect with the “why” behind the work.

Learning Objectives:

- Evaluate emerging clinical trends and technologies that are transforming dental care and patient outcomes
- Identify practical steps to integrate new products and protocols into the practice with team and patient alignment
- Apply motivational interviewing and co-diagnosis strategies to improve treatment acceptance and patient trust
- Explore the connection between curiosity, professional fulfillment, and long-term career satisfaction
- Utilize stress awareness and burnout recovery techniques to maintain energy, focus, and clinical excellence



RONDA HOLMAN

Ronda Holman’s passion for dentistry runs deep and spans a wide range of interests, including immediate denture and partial fabrication, CEREC scanning and restoration design, and her work as an Airway Warrior helping children and adults recover from mouth breathing. She believes in the power of exceptional patient education, clinical skill, and continuous learning to become the best possible chairside partner.

FILLING THE VOID: HOW DENTAL ASSISTANTS CAN CREATE PURPOSE, GROWTH, AND OPPORTUNITY WITHOUT LEAVING THE PRACTICE

Friday AM	
Event Code	F06
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 \$40 \$55
Time	8:00 AM - 11:30 AM
CE Credits	3 Hour Lecture
Subject	Self Improvement, Auxiliary
Audience	Assistants

This course shows dental assistants how to identify the gaps in their practice and step into roles that make them indispensable — from managing social media and marketing to organizing systems, patient experience, and community outreach.

Learning Objectives:

- Assistants often feel stuck — wanting more growth but unsure where to find it
- From employee to asset: shifting your mindset
- Common voids in the dental practice
- How to fill the void (step by step)
- Compensation & communication

COURSE DETAILS

RONDA HOLMAN (CONTINUED)

WE DON'T HAVE THAT - OR DO WE? HOW ORGANIZED SYSTEMS TURN CHAOS INTO CALM IN THE DENTAL OFFICE

Friday PM	
Event Code	F24
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 \$40 \$55
Time	1:30 PM - 4:30 PM
CE Credits	3 Hour Lecture
Subject	Clinical Systems, Auxiliary
Audience	Assistants

This course shows dental assistants how to build predictable, efficient and stress-free clinical setups using the proven "All-Use Tub" system. This presentation will teach how to streamline procedures, reduce expired products, simplify ordering and create systems that make every day run smoother — saving time, money and sanity.

Learning Objectives:

- The pain point
- What is the "All-Use Tub System"?
- The cost of disorganization
- Building your "All-Use Tub System" (step by step)
- The organized assistant mindset



TIJA HUNTER, CDA, EFDA

Tija Hunter was named one of the "Top 25 Women in Dentistry" by Dental Products Report Magazine. She is a member of the American Dental Assistants Association (ADAA) where she holds the honor of Master. Tija is a contributor to many dental publications. She is the author of seven CE study courses, a book on motivation: Rock Star Dental Assistant, and a Dental Compliance Calendar. She is an international speaker and is a certified trainer in nitrous oxide in several states. Tija holds certification in OSHA and HIPAA.

ROCKSTAR DENTAL ASSISTANT

Thursday AM	
Event Code	T13
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 \$30 \$45
Time	8:30 AM - 10:30 AM
CE Credits	2 Hour Lecture
Subject	Human Relations, Auxiliary
Audience	Assistants

Dental assistants spend more time with the patients than any other team member, so let's educate that assistant to be the best they can be to help your practice excel! Create value in yourself by learning what it takes to become a true Rock Star!

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Learning Objectives:

- MARKETING: Let's talk about ways we can maximize our relationships with patients and teammates
- TEAMWORK: Accelerate your role within the practice
- COMMUNICATION: Discover key ways to make you and your practice a success
- ORGANIZATION: Establish systems and methods for cutting costs and staying on top

DENTAL ASSISTANTS AND DOCUMENTATION: ARE YOU DOING ALL YOU NEED TO DO?

Thursday PM	
Event Code	T18
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 \$25 \$40
Time	1:30 PM - 3:00 PM
CE Credits	1.5 Hour Lecture
Subject	Auxiliary, Documentation
Audience	Assistants

There is so much more to documentation than just chart notes, but do you know everything that needs to be documented daily? Most of us don't. Join me to discuss everything that needs to be documented each day and grab some valuable tools to help you stay on top!

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Learning Objectives:

- Understand the importance of accurate chart notes and documentation for all facets of your office
- Discover simple ways to construct complete chart notes
- Learn how to create a simple check list of all the documentation your office needs and protocols to go with them!

PET PEEVES

Thursday PM	
Event Code	T19
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 \$25 \$40
Time	3:30 PM - 5:00 PM
CE Credits	1.5 Hour Lecture
Subject	Communication
Audience	Assistants

We all have them, but how do we deal with them? This fun course talks about the issues we all face in a dental office daily. And we will also discuss ways to better communicate, with patients and team members, dealing with the stress of it all and making our day flow better!

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Learning Objectives:

- Discuss issues we face daily...funny or not, they are real
- Explore communication styles and where you fit in
- Learn key ways to destress, stay organized and love our day



MARK HYMAN, DDS

Dr. Mark Hyman is a renowned dentist from Greensboro, NC, and a public speaker whose work is characterized by his warmth, enthusiasm, sense of humor, and passion for dentistry. As an accomplished speaker, he has delivered talks across the United States, Canada, Mexico, Jamaica, The Bahamas, Israel, and England. He has earned national and international recognition and, since 2001, has been one of Dentistry Today magazine's top speakers in dentistry. He loved his 32 years in private practice and currently serves as an Adjunct Full Professor and Special Assistant to the Office of the Dean at the UNC Adams School of Dentistry in Chapel Hill, NC.

DENTISTRY'S TOP GAME CHANGERS – TOP 20 INNOVATIONS FOR SUCCESSFUL TEAMS

Thursday AM	
Event Code	T04
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 \$0 \$0
Time	8:00 AM - 11:30 AM
CE Credits	3 Hour Lecture
Subject	Team Building
Audience	All

Successful dental practices and high-performing teams constantly reimagine, reinvent, and adapt to ensure success during turbulent times. Learn the top 20 game-changing innovations you need to know to propel your practice.

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Learning Objectives:

- Evaluate and implement advances in dentistry
- Capitalize on the individual skills of your dental team members to improve productivity
- Apply new techniques for keeping your team focused and enthused

THE 5-STAR NEW PATIENT EXPERIENCE – SUCCESS SYSTEMS TO WOW YOUR PATIENTS

Thursday PM	
Event Code	T25
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 \$0 \$0
Time	1:30 PM - 5:00 PM
CE Credits	3 Hour Lecture
Subject	Human Relations
Audience	All

In this fast-paced, interactive lecture, Dr. Mark will guide you through his successful systems that guarantee exceptional new patient experiences. A winning combination of out-listening the competition, cutting-edge diagnostics, and time-tested human relations principles will help you thrive even through those most challenging of times. Audiences are sure to enjoy this fast-paced, interactive presentation experience.

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Learning Objectives:

- Master the 10 key questions you must ask each patient
- Teach your team how to systematically and predictably take quality photographs
- Demonstrate a treatment planning sequence that leads to case acceptance

THE ART OF GETTING TO YES

Friday AM	
Event Code	F04
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 \$40 \$55
Time	8:00 AM - 11:30 AM
CE Credits	3 Hour Lecture
Subject	Case Acceptance
Audience	All

Many patients miss out on the optimal care they need simply because their dentist didn't ask the right question. As a result, your team's skills and talents may be underutilized, hindering your practice from reaching its full potential. Dr. Mark flips the script and helps you to turn 'no' into 'yes', turning missed opportunities into successes.

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Learning Objectives:

- 10 characteristics of super dental teams
- 10 steps to hear yes, every time
- 5 questions you must answer
- 5 keys to effective listening
- 10 keys to success: "It's what you learn, after you know it all, that counts"



COURSE DETAILS



CONSTANCE LAMBDIN

Constance Lambdin is the founder of Central West End Yoga in St. Louis, a yoga teacher, community builder, and Lululemon Ambassador with nearly 25 years of personal practice and 15 years of teaching experience. Her approach blends movement, mindfulness, breathwork, and yoga philosophy to help people navigate stress, build resilience, and reconnect with what matters most. Constance spent a year in India studying Bhakti Yoga within a Vaisnava ashram, an experience that continues to inform her teaching today. Known for creating warm, accessible, and deeply engaging experiences, Constance helps students move beyond simply managing their lives and toward living with greater clarity, purpose, and alignment.

ALIGN & EXPAND: A YOGA & LIFESTYLE PRACTICE FOR BALANCE, CLARITY, AND POSSIBILITY

Thursday AM	
Event Code	T02
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 \$65 \$80
Time	8:00 AM - 10:30 AM
CE Credits	2.5 Hours Participation
Subject	Health, Fitness
Audience	All
Limited To	60 Attendees
PARTICIPANTS MUST BRING a yoga mat, water, and journal with a pen to support this course	

Thursday PM REPEAT	
Event Code	T21
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 \$65 \$80
Time	1:30 PM - 4:00 PM
CE Credits	2.5 Hours Participation
Subject	Health, Fitness
Audience	All
Limited To	60 Attendees
PARTICIPANTS MUST BRING a yoga mat, water, and journal with a pen to support this course	

This yoga and life-alignment session is open to everyone—no prior yoga experience is needed. Together, we will explore the concept of dharma—your unique path, purpose, and way of contributing to the world. Through movement, breath, and guided reflection, we'll examine what it means to live in greater alignment with who you truly are and what matters most to you. Alignment is more than physical posture. It is the relationship between your body, your mind, your values, and the direction of your life. When we become caught in habits, expectations, or limiting beliefs, it can be easy to lose connection with our deeper purpose. This practice invites you to reconnect with yourself, create space for clarity, and explore what becomes possible when you align with your authentic path and take the next best step forward. The profession of dentistry asks a great deal of both body and mind. Long hours of focus, precision, service, and responsibility can leave little room to pause and reflect on the bigger picture. This workshop offers an opportunity to step out of the demands of doing and into the practice of being—cultivating awareness, resilience, and a renewed sense of direction. You will be guided through an accessible yoga practice designed with the dental professional in mind, incorporating movement, breathwork, mindfulness, and journaling. The intention is not perfection, but presence, not achievement, but alignment. Leave feeling more grounded, energized, and connected to your deeper purpose, with greater clarity around how you want to move through your work, your relationships, and your life—and confidence in taking the next best step.

Learning Objectives:

- Explore alignment as a holistic practice that integrates body, mind, values, and intention, creating greater clarity around what matters most and how to move forward with purpose
- Identify patterns, habits, and limiting beliefs that may create disconnection from your deeper path, and learn practical tools to cultivate awareness, presence, and possibility
- Experience yoga, breathwork, and reflective practices that support resilience, mental clarity, and a stronger connection to your inner guidance when navigating personal and professional challenges
- Develop a framework for recognizing and taking the "next best step"—using alignment as a compass for making choices that feel authentic, sustainable, and aligned with your unique path
- Participate in a guided yoga practice designed to help you feel more grounded, centered, and open to new possibilities, leaving with greater confidence in your ability to move forward with intention



MICHELLE LEE, DMD

Dr. Michelle Lee is a graduate of University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine and lives in Malvern, PA. She owns a patient-centered comprehensive restorative private practice in Fleetwood, Pennsylvania treating from a joint based, occlusion focused practice treating the TMJ to final smile design. Dr. Lee started her Pankey journey in 2008 and serves on the Pankey Board of Directors, Advisory Board, Pankey Faculty, and also holds a Pankey Scholar distinction. She also teaches restorative microscope dentistry at the University of Pennsylvania Dental School and integrates microscope dentistry in her own private practice. She is passionate about teaching, mentoring, giving back to dentistry, and has been invited to speak in various national and local education venues. Dr. Lee is grounded through her love for hiking, traveling, and cooking. She enjoys presence over presents with her family and friends.

LET'S START WITH THE TEMPOROMANDIBULAR JOINT AND FINISH WITH A BIG SMILE

Friday AM	
Event Code	F05
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 Staff: \$40 \$55 Students: \$40 \$55 Dentists: \$65 \$80
Time	8:00 AM - 11:30 AM
CE Credits	3 Hour Lecture
Subject	TMJ, Occlusion
Audience	Dentists Hygienists Assistants

TMD, splint therapy, occlusion, and case treatment planning to final esthetics. Let's make it simple and bring it all together by deconstructing TMJ anatomy and muscle physiology to understand how joint stability manifests in predictable restorative outcomes, and how we use the information to create smiles. We will begin by learning how to use Splint Therapy not only as a treatment for TMD symptoms but as a vital diagnostic tool to find a stable, repeatable treatment position. By bridging the gap between appliance therapy, occlusal equilibration, and facially generated design, we will demonstrate a systematic workflow to restore Form, Function, and Esthetics with total predictability.

Supported, in part, by Kettenbach USA.

Learning Objectives:

- Review of cases from treatment of the TMD to final smile
- Review of principles of Joint anatomy, Muscles, and occlusion
- Discuss how Splint therapy can treat TMD and aid in treatment position
- Discuss posterior and anterior determinants of occlusion in a comprehensive case review
- How to communicate and collaborate with your team and patients in this process

MICHELLE LEE, DMD (CONTINUED)

CONNECTING THE DOTS IN COMPREHENSIVE DENTISTRY: FORM, FUNCTION, AND ESTHETICS

Friday PM	
Event Code	F23
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 Staff: \$40 \$55 Students: \$40 \$55 Dentists: \$65 \$80
Time	1:30 PM - 4:30 PM
CE Credits	3 Hour Lecture
Subject	Treatment Planning, Esthetics
Audience	Dentists Hygienists Assistants

In dentistry, the challenge often lies in knowing how to sequence a complex case from start to finish. "Connecting the Dots in Comprehensive Dentistry" bridges the gap between initial diagnosis and the final delivery of esthetic restorations.

This session moves beyond "tooth-by-tooth" dentistry to explore a systematic approach to treatment planning. By applying the fundamental principles of functional occlusion, clinicians will learn how to design a stable foundation that protects against restorative failure. We will dive deep into the logic of case sequencing—determining what to do first, second, and last—to ensure a predictable workflow. Finally, we will integrate esthetic principles to ensure that the final result is not only mechanically sound but also harmoniously beautiful.

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Learning Objectives:

- Analyze and Apply Occlusal Principles: Identify the key components of a functional occlusion (such as centric relation and anterior guidance)
- Master the Sequencing Workflow: Develop a step-by-step protocol for complex cases, moving logically from biological stabilization to functional design and final esthetic execution
- Integrate Form with Esthetics: Utilize "Facially Generated" treatment planning to determine ideal tooth position, ensuring that the restorative "Form" supports both facial harmony and speech
- Diagnostic Troubleshooting: Recognize "red flag" clinical signs—such as wear patterns or muscle pain—that require functional intervention before the esthetic phase begins
- Communication & Case Acceptance: Enhance the use of diagnostic wax-ups and provisional restorations as "blueprints" to communicate expected outcomes clearly to both the patient and the laboratory



JIM MCKEE, DDS

Dr. Jim McKee maintained a restoratively based private practice in Downers Grove, IL, with an emphasis on treating patients with structurally altered TM joints. In addition to private practice, Jim is a published author who has lectured national and internationally for over 30 years. Jim provides a new perspective on occlusion and TM joints that helps increase the predictability of occlusal, orthodontic, restorative, orthognathic and airway treatment options for both the patient and the dentist. He is the founder of the Chicago Study Club program and has extensive experience in directing study clubs in the United States and Canada. He is a Resident Faculty member at Spear Education in Scottsdale, Arizona. Jim is a past-president of the American Academy of Restorative Dentistry and the American Equilibration Society.

THE 10 MOST IMPORTANT QUESTIONS ABOUT OCCLUSION AND TMD

Thursday AM	
Event Code	T06
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 Staff: \$40 \$55 Students: \$40 \$55 Dentists: \$65 \$80
Time	8:00 AM - 11:30 AM
CE Credits	3 Hour Lecture
Subject	TMD, Occlusion
Audience	All

Today, we have a better understanding of many occlusal problems that have challenged our profession for decades. Our ability to understand occlusion begins with redefining occlusion to include not only the teeth but also the TM joints. By expanding occlusal concepts to include both the teeth and the TM joints, we finally have answers why some patients have malocclusions, why some patients have pain and why some patients have both. As both a specialist and a restorative dentist, the key to success in most cases is the ability to manage bite forces both at the tooth level and the joint level. During this presentation, we will discuss traditional occlusal concepts that have proven success. We will also discuss traditional occlusal concepts that may be outdated given our increased knowledge in occlusion and TM joints. Additionally, we will also discuss managerial concepts such as fees, insurance coverage and the verbal skills for increased case acceptance. Combining the clinical and managerial information will provide a framework for implementation in your practice.

Learning Objectives:

- Recognize high-risk occlusion and TM joint patient when considering restorative dentistry, implant dentistry, orthodontics, orthognathic surgery, or airway treatment
- Learn new concepts in occlusion and TM joint diagnosis and treatment planning and learn what historical occlusal/TMD concepts may need revision
- Develop a treatment planning protocol that can be used for predictable treatment outcomes on both low-risk and high-risk occlusion patients

TREATMENT PLANNING THE RESTORATIVE-TMD PATIENT

Thursday PM	
Event Code	T26
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 Staff: \$40 \$55 Students: \$40 \$55 Dentists: \$65 \$80
Time	1:30 PM - 5:00 PM
CE Credits	3 Hour Lecture
Subject	TMD, Treatment Planning
Audience	All

Creating a well sequenced treatment plan can be a challenge depending on the difficulty of the treatment involved and the unique circumstances for each patient. Treatment planning can become even more complex in patients who have structurally altered TM joints. This program will provide a logical approach to recognizing and treating patients with both normal and structurally altered TM joints. The presentation will emphasize understanding the history, the clinical exam and the diagnostic findings and review cases with both unsuccessful and successful outcomes.

Learning Objectives:

- Create an organized new patient exam that allows you to understand both the clinical and managerial aspects of treatment planning
- Understand what diagnostic information is needed for each patient and how to collect accurate diagnostic information on a consistent basis
- Case studies ranging from simple to complex

COURSE DETAILS



BO NIELSEN

Bo Nielsen has spent over 25 years working with thousands of veterinary and healthcare practices. Bo uses his deep knowledge of healthcare technology to help AutoRemind customers set strategies and execute digital marketing and communication programs. With a degree in computer science and a background in software development, Bo brings a strong technical understanding of digital media, SEO and AI Search (GEO). Before entering the healthcare industry, he played a key role in moving the globally renowned toy brand LEGO into the digital space.

NO BS MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION CLASS

Thursday PM	
Event Code	T20
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 \$0 \$0
Time	1:30 PM - 3:30 PM
CE Credits	2 Hour Lecture
Subject	Marketing
Audience	All

This session will equip you with insights and practical tools to cut through the BS surrounding marketing and bring common sense to digital marketing with real examples and data-driven analysis. The session will also deep dive into how to effectively communicate with your existing client base, ensuring you stay top of mind. Learn how to get your message across using branding, sales strategies, and targeted communication. You'll receive clear, practical, and actionable advice on client communication (CRM) in dentistry.

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Learning Objectives:

- Clearly state your company's value proposition on your website, highlighting what sets you apart from the competition
- Learn the pros and cons of Search Engine Optimization (SEO), AI Search (GEO) and online advertising. Can you really rank #1 on Google?
- See if it is possible to manage your online reputation. Discover strategies for managing and improving your online reputation
- Understand the importance of Customer Relationship Management (CRM) and why digital communication is essential for engaging your current customers
- Find out if your followers actually get to see your social posts and utilize your social media channels more effectively
- Let's discuss what type of message you can send. Sales messages are obvious, but what about branding messages, educational messages, etc.
- Let's create a message. What is enough? What is too much? Can you use AI? How do you stay communicative on point when the recipients do not have the patience to read anymore
- Let me inspire you with a long range of messages that you could send, and look at the values you get
- Learn about "Insights". What analysis can you use. Let discuss open-rate, Click-Through-Rate, Real ROI, and much more
- Let's get legal and make sure you know how to get consent to communicate



PATTERSON DENTAL TECHNICIANS

Learn how to make basic dental equipment repairs in your office and the importance of proper equipment maintenance.

EQUIPMENT PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP

Thursday AM	
Event Code	T14
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 \$55 \$70
Time	8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
CE Credits	3 Hours Participation
Subject	Equipment Preventative Maintenance
Audience	All
Limited To	50 Attendees

Attendees will perform various repairs with their own hands, rotating between stations of mechanical room, sterilization, lab, operator and x-ray. Whether you have owned your practice for years, are just beginning your career or are a staff member, all attendees will benefit from this workshop. Learn the importance of preventative maintenance: better patient experience, increased productivity by maximizing uptime for the office and maximizing the life of the equipment, increased the ROI of the equipment purchase.

Supported, in part, by Patterson Dental.

Learning Objectives:

- Learn how to save on repair costs by making basic equipment repairs
- Understand how to make simple equipment adjustments to improve the use of equipment
- Increase the lifespan for your dental equipment investments by learning preventative maintenance processes

Thursday PM REPEAT	
Event Code	T23
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 \$55 \$70
Time	1:30 PM - 4:30 PM
CE Credits	3 Hours Participation
Subject	Equipment Preventative Maintenance
Audience	All
Limited To	50 Attendees





DAVID RICE, DDS

Best-selling author, executive coach, and founder of IgniteDDS, the nation's largest community for new dentists and students, Dr. David Rice is a dynamic thought leader in the world of dentistry. With a passion for mentorship, leadership, and business success, he travels the globe speaking, writing, and coaching dentists and teams to live their self-determined future.

ANTERIOR COMPOSITE MAGIC: RAPID, PRECISE TECHNIQUES FOR AESTHETIC EXCELLENCE

Friday AM	
Event Code	F08
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 Staff: \$40 \$55 Students: \$40 \$55 Dentists: \$65 \$80
Time	8:00 AM - 11:30 AM
CE Credits	3 Hour Lecture
Subject	Restorative, Anterior Composites
Audience	Dentists Hygienists Assistants

Patients understand 3 things: our ability to consistently deliver a beautiful smile – pain free – with convenience. This course will deliver all three – in a very hands-on fashion – so register fast because seats will go fast. With some key principles on the front end of our time, you'll learn to injection mould big cases in less than 30 minutes of chair time. You'll learn when and where warming composites is a win. You'll learn multiple matrix systems for big class IV's and diastema closures. Our goal is show you how the best in the biz is doing and see what works best in your hands.

Learning Objectives:

- Learn the 7 Deadly Sins of Smile Design and how to apply them to Anterior Composite Magic
- Leave with multiple fast & predictable Class IV options
- Integrate injection moulding for efficient esthetics from peg laterals to full arches

FROM CHAOS TO CONTROL: ACCELERATE YOUR GROWTH & CONQUER \$240K IN PRACTICE PROBLEMS IN UNDER 12 MONTHS

Friday PM	
Event Code	F26
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 \$0 \$0
Time	1:30 PM - 4:30 PM
CE Credits	3 Hour Lecture
Subject	Practice Growth
Audience	All

Difficult patients, increasing costs, decreasing insurance reimbursement and team turnover. Dentistry has its challenges... but I promise you this...there is a playbook to overcome them all. The top 2% practice understands and lives by 3 P's. People, Process and Production. And those 3 P's are driven by 9 very specific accelerators. Whether you're just getting started or you've been in the dental game long-term, join us as we unveil what every dental consultant wishes you didn't know. How to help yourself! You'll leave understanding the data behind dentistry's trends and the choices you – and your team – must make to stop living to work and start working to live. You'll leave with a playbook on how to retain your team, how to grow your case acceptance by a minimum of 23% and you'll leave with a new set of habits that make your practice and personal success inevitable.

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Learning Objectives:

- Grow your bottom line \$240k in under 12 months with zero clinical compromise
- Captivate and keep a team everyone envies
- Gain Clinical, Systems and Financial control
- Develop your people, process and production



COURSE DETAILS



SHEELA ROTH, BS, RDH

Sheela Roth, BS, RDH, is the Head of Clinical Education at Pearl, where she leads initiatives focused on practice transformation, clinical performance, and the adoption of dental AI. With a background in practice operations and team development, she brings a practical, results-driven approach to education. Sheela previously founded Absolute Dental Business Solutions, a practice management consultancy, and continues to advise a high-performing dental practice serving more than 11,000 active patients. She earned her Bachelor of Science from Loma Linda University and is a Registered Dental Hygienist.

AI IN DENTISTRY: HYPE, HELP, OR HERE TO STAY?

Thursday AM	
Event Code	T07
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 \$40 \$55
Time	8:00 AM - 11:30 AM
CE Credits	3 Hour Lecture
Subject	Artificial Intelligence
Audience	All

Artificial intelligence is rapidly gaining attention in dentistry, yet many clinicians remain uncertain about its practical value, limitations, and long-term role in private practice. This course provides a clear, evidence-informed overview of how AI is being implemented in real-world clinical workflows while reinforcing the clinician as the primary diagnostician. Using case-based examples from a private practice serving over 11,000 active patients, this session demonstrates how AI can enhance diagnostic clarity, support patient education, and improve chairside communication without replacing clinical judgment. Applications in radiology, case presentation, and chart audit processes will be reviewed with a focus on practical implementation. Participants will also explore how AI can support clinical calibration across providers and improve consistency in treatment planning. Attendees will leave with a balanced understanding of what AI can and cannot do, along with simple, actionable workflows to support efficiency, team alignment, and clinical performance.

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Learning Objectives:

- Explain the appropriate role of artificial intelligence in dentistry, including its capabilities and limitations, while reinforcing the clinician as the primary diagnostician
- Describe how AI can support chairside case presentation and patient education to improve clarity, understanding, and clinical communication
- Identify opportunities to improve efficiency through AI-supported workflows, reducing administrative burden and saving team time without disrupting clinical care
- Apply AI tools to support clinical calibration across providers, improving consistency in diagnosis, treatment planning, and team alignment
- Implement simple, daily checklists and structured workflows to streamline team meetings, morning huddles, and overall practice organization

DENTAL 911: PRACTICAL PLAYBOOKS FOR DENTAL TEAMS TO BOOST PRODUCTION, FILL SCHEDULES, AND SIMPLIFY THE DAY

Thursday PM	
Event Code	T29
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 \$0 \$0
Time	1:30 PM - 5:00 PM
CE Credits	3 Hour Lecture
Subject	Practice Management
Audience	All

When the schedule is unpredictable and the day gets busy, having the right systems in place makes all the difference. This fast-paced session delivers practical, real-world strategies to help dental teams stay efficient, prepared, and productive. Join Sheela Roth as she shares proven playbooks from a high-performing private practice to improve scheduling, streamline workflows, and strengthen patient communication. Attendees will learn how to proactively prepare for each day, reduce administrative friction, and create more effective, treatment-focused conversations. This course also introduces how simple AI-supported tools can enhance visibility, improve consistency, and support better patient understanding without adding complexity. From optimizing appointment flow to leveraging visual tools that help patients clearly see and understand treatment needs, the focus remains on practical, repeatable systems that drive results, including simple daily workflows teams can implement immediately. Participants will leave with actionable strategies to improve daily performance, increase production, and create a more confident, aligned, and efficient team environment.

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Learning Objectives:

- Prioritize high-value opportunities by identifying patients and procedures that support consistent production and efficient scheduling
- Improve front office efficiency by implementing systems to prepare patient information in advance and reduce administrative bottlenecks
- Utilize visual and AI-supported tools to enhance patient communication and improve understanding during case presentation
- Apply effective scheduling strategies to reduce cancellations and improve same-day appointment utilization
- Implement structured workflows that support a more efficient, treatment-focused, and productive clinical day

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ABDI SAMENI, DDS

Dr. Abdi Sameni is a 1991 graduate of the Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry at the University of Southern California (USC). He lectures nationally and internationally on interdisciplinary dentistry, digital photography in clinical practice, and various aspects of biomimetic and esthetic dentistry.

EXCELLENCE IN RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY: INTERCEPT & RESTORE; ADHESIVE STRATEGIES FOR LIFETIME PATIENT CARE PART I – INTERCEPT

Friday AM	
Event Code	F10
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 Staff: \$40 \$55 Students: \$40 \$55 Dentists: \$65 \$80
Time	8:00 AM - 11:30 AM
CE Credits	3 Hour Lecture
Subject	Restorative, Adhesive
Audience	All

Part I — Intercept

Ultra-Conservative Restorative Dentistry: Prevention, Remineralization, and Early Aesthetic Intervention

Advances in adhesive dentistry allow clinicians to manage patients along a continuum—from early disease interception to conservative reconstruction. This two-part educational program explores how modern adhesive techniques enable dentists to preserve natural tooth structure while delivering aesthetic and predictable outcomes. Each course is designed to stand independently while also forming part of a larger philosophy of care that prioritizes prevention, conservation, and long-term patient health. Modern dentistry increasingly allows clinicians to intervene before traditional restorative procedures become necessary. This course focuses on ultra-conservative strategies that halt disease progression while preserving natural tooth structure and improving aesthetics. Through carefully curated and well-documented clinical cases—each supported by long-term follow-up—participants will explore modern preventive and interceptive therapies including remineralization strategies, peptide-based enamel regeneration, internal and external bleaching, resin infiltration for the management of white spot lesions and early interproximal caries, and predictable tooth fragment reattachment. This session highlights how modern preventive and interceptive therapies can significantly extend the life of natural dentition.

Supported, in part, by Bien Air Dental, GC America, and vVardis.

Learning Objectives:

- Identify opportunities for preventive and minimally invasive intervention
- Integrate remineralization strategies, peptide therapies, and whitening techniques into aesthetic treatment planning
- Utilize resin infiltration to arrest early lesions and improve enamel appearance
- Perform predictable fragment reattachment using modern adhesive principles
- Combine multiple conservative treatment modalities to achieve ideal aesthetic and biologic outcomes while preserving natural tooth structure

EXCELLENCE IN RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY: INTERCEPT & RESTORE; ADHESIVE STRATEGIES FOR LIFETIME PATIENT CARE PART II – RESTORE

Friday PM	
Event Code	F27
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 Staff: \$40 \$55 Students: \$40 \$55 Dentists: \$65 \$80
Time	1:30 PM - 4:30 PM
CE Credits	3 Hour Lecture
Subject	Restorative, Adhesive
Audience	All

Part II — Restore

Additive Composite Restorations: Conservative Aesthetic Rehabilitation and Tooth Replacement

Advances in adhesive dentistry allow clinicians to manage patients along a continuum—from early disease interception to conservative reconstruction. This two-part educational program explores how modern adhesive techniques enable dentists to preserve natural tooth structure while delivering aesthetic and predictable outcomes. Each course is designed to stand independently while also forming part of a larger philosophy of care that prioritizes prevention, conservation, and long-term patient health. When restorative treatment becomes necessary, adhesive dentistry allows clinicians to rebuild teeth with highly conservative and additive techniques. This course focuses on restorative solutions that preserve remaining tooth structure while achieving exceptional aesthetic outcomes. Through carefully curated clinical cases with long-term documentation, participants will explore predictable approaches to aesthetic composite bonding, simplified composite layering techniques for natural optical effects, and bonded resin fixed partial prostheses for conservative replacement of missing anterior teeth. This session demonstrates how adhesive techniques allow clinicians to restore and replace teeth while preserving as much natural structure as possible.

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Learning Objectives:

- Utilize additive composite techniques to restore teeth conservatively
- Apply simplified composite layering protocols that reproduce natural optical effects
- Use bonded resin fixed partial prostheses as conservative options for anterior tooth replacement
- Combine adhesive restorative strategies to achieve optimal aesthetic integration and long-term biologic success
- Communicate the value of conservative adhesive treatment solutions beyond traditional insurance limitations

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COURSE DETAILS



TROY SCHMEDDING, DDS

Dr. Troy Schmedding is a 1993 honors graduate of the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry in San Francisco, California. Troy maintains a private practice in Walnut Creek, CA, focusing on aesthetic and functional dentistry. Dr. Schmedding was a Course Director at the University of the Pacific and has published numerous articles on the topics of restorative materials and protocol driven Dentistry. An Accredited member of the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry, he lectures both nationally and internationally on Aesthetic, Restorative and Adhesive Dentistry. Dr. Schmedding shares his knowledge with numerous dental manufacturers helping to stimulate new product development for our profession.

RESPONSIBLE DENTISTRY

Friday AM	
Event Code	F11
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 Staff: \$40 \$55 Students: \$40 \$55 Dentists: \$65 \$80
Time	8:00 AM - 11:30 AM
CE Credits	3 Hour Lecture
Subject	Esthetic Dentistry
Audience	Dentists Assistants

Effective implementation of Minimally Invasive protocols requires we customize design preparation based on tissue integrity. This course will present advanced adhesion techniques and materials, supported by key research, that support protocols that minimize the removal of healthy tissue and maximize marginal seal. Protocols you will implement on Monday. Simply “Responsible Dentistry”.

Supported, in part, by AMD Lasers, Kettenbach USA, and Premier Dental.

Learning Objectives:

- Preparation design
- Immediate dentin seal
- Marginal elevation
- Predictable temporization for minimally invasive preparations

Note: This morning lecture is recommended for the afternoon hands-on workshop, but not required.



HANDS-ON WORKSHOP

ALTER THE TOOTH LIFE CYCLE HANDS-ON WORKSHOP

Friday PM	
Event Code	F28
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 \$295 \$350
Time	1:30 PM - 4:30 PM
CE Credits	3 Hour Participation
Subject	Restorative
Audience	Dentists
Limited To	30 Attendees
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In this hands on course you will begin the exploration of Minimally Invasive Dentistry as it relates to posterior indirect restorations. The traditional approach we all learned early on in our careers will be challenged as we look to take the approach of “prep less and bond more”. Advanced Adhesion techniques and materials can help to minimize the removal of healthy tooth structure and take your restorations to the next level. We will perform nonretentive preparations and dentin protection strategies together with temporization techniques you can implement in your practice.

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Learning Objectives:

- Understand the benefits of immediate dentin sealing
- Raise deep sub-gingival margins to supra-gingival margins
- Tackle the challenge of temporizing non-retentive preparations
- Understand management of cracked tooth syndrome

Note: Registration for the morning lecture above is recommended for this hands-on workshop but not required.





KENNETH TROUTMAN, DDS

Dr. Kenneth Troutman, DDS, FAGD, MLIF grew up in Boonville, IN, and graduated as Valedictorian of Boonville High School in 1994. He attended the University of Southern Indiana in Evansville and received his B.S. in Biology where he graduated as Magna Cum Laude in 1998. Upon graduation from the University of Southern Indiana, he twice received the award for Excellence in Pre-Dentistry. Dr. Troutman received his Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree from Indiana University School of Dentistry in Indianapolis in 2002. In 2008, Dr. Troutman completed a Dental Implant externship at the Midwest Implant Institute (MII) in Ohio. In 2011 he was awarded Fellowship status at MII. After receiving his Doctorate degree, Dr. Troutman was proud to return to his home area and practice dentistry in Huntingburg where he excels in a wide range of General, Cosmetic, Restorative, Oral Surgery and Implant Dentistry procedures. Dr. Troutman is committed to staying on the leading edge of dentistry and dental technology and to providing excellent care to his patients.

IMPLANT SUCCESS AT ANY LEVEL: FUNDAMENTALS FOR NEW AND EXPANDING IMPLANT PRACTICES

Thursday AM	
Event Code	T05
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 Staff: \$40 \$55 Students: \$40 \$55 Dentists: \$65 \$80
Time	8:00 AM - 11:30 AM
CE Credits	3 Hour Lecture
Subject	Implants
Audience	Dentists Assistants

This course is designed for clinicians at any stage of their implant journey. Whether you are just beginning to explore implant surgery or are already placing implants and looking to strengthen your clinical confidence, optimize your workflow, and increase your annual implant caseload, this session will provide valuable guidance. The presentation will address common clinical questions, offer insight into case selection and workflow integration, and share practical strategies to help you perform implants more confidently and consistently. Attendees will also receive an introductory overview of CBCT analysis, along with a focused discussion comparing freehand and guided surgical approaches, highlighting when each method is most effective and how to incorporate both into everyday practice.

Supported, in part, by Biotech Dental USA.

Learning Objectives:

- Identify appropriate implant cases based on clinical experience level, patient factors, and anatomical considerations to improve predictability and outcomes
- Describe a streamlined implant workflow from diagnosis through restoration that supports efficient integration of implant therapy into everyday practice
- Explain foundational CBCT principles for implant planning, including interpretation of key anatomical landmarks and risk assessment
- Compare freehand and guided implant placement techniques, including indications, advantages, and limitations of each approach
- Apply practical strategies to increase clinical confidence, consistency, and overall implant case volume in both new and expanding implant practices



HANDS-ON WORKSHOP

IMPLANT SUCCESS AT ANY LEVEL: FUNDAMENTALS FOR NEW AND EXPANDING IMPLANT PRACTICES HANDS-ON WORKSHOP

Thursday PM	
Event Code	T22
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 \$295 \$350
Time	1:30 PM - 4:30 PM
CE Credits	3 Hour Participation
Subject	Implants
Audience	Dentists
Limited To	20 Attendees

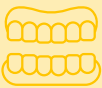
This interactive, hands-on workshop is designed to immediately apply the concepts presented during the morning session, allowing participants to translate implant fundamentals into practical clinical skills. Through guided exercises, participants will work through implant case planning, CBCT-based assessment, and surgical execution using both freehand and guided techniques placing implants in models. Emphasis will be placed on proper case selection, surgical sequencing, and decision-making to improve confidence, accuracy, and efficiency. Participants will gain tactile experience with implant placement protocols in a controlled learning environment, reinforcing best practices for predictable outcomes. This workshop is ideal for clinicians seeking to build or expand their implant placement skills while developing repeatable workflows that can be confidently implemented in daily practice.

Supported, in part, by Biotech Dental USA.

Learning Objectives:

- Apply CBCT analysis principles to evaluate bone volume, anatomical landmarks, and implant positioning for predictable surgical planning
- Demonstrate proper implant placement techniques using both freehand and guided surgical approaches in a simulated clinical setting
- Execute a step-by-step implant surgical workflow, including osteotomy preparation, implant insertion, and assessment of primary stability
- Select appropriate implant components and surgical techniques based on case complexity, anatomy, and clinician experience level
- Integrate hands-on implant placement skills into a consistent, efficient workflow that supports increased confidence and expanded implant case acceptance

COURSE DETAILS



LAB DAY SPECIAL EVENTS



CHRISTOPHER HERNANDEZ PART I

Christopher Hernandez is a dental laboratory technician, educator, and the owner of Aztec Dental Lab, LLC, based in Missouri. With a career built on precision craftsmanship and a passion for digital innovation, Christopher has developed deep expertise across digital laboratory workflows, removable prosthetics, and sleep apnea appliance fabrication. Christopher has shared his expertise as a featured speaker at multiple LMT Lab Day events, where he has lectured on digital laboratory workflows and the practical realities of integrating new technology into laboratory production. He has also been featured on the Voices from the Bench podcast, where he has spoken about the communication challenges between dental offices and laboratories and how better digital practices lead to more predictable outcomes.



MICHAEL WANDLING, MASTER CDT PART II

Michael Wandling began his dental laboratory career in 2001 and holds CDT certifications in Crown & Bridge, Ceramics, Implants, Complete Dentures, and Digital Workflow. A Master CDT — a distinction held by fewer than 50 technicians worldwide — he previously served as Director of Training and Education at Summit-Horizon. Michael currently serves on the National Board for Certification (NBC) Board of Trustees, is a passionate mentor and advocate for certification in the dental laboratory profession, and was named the 2025 CDT of the Year. His deep hands-on experience across both analog and digital laboratory technologies makes him uniquely qualified to guide attendees through the full digital dentistry workflow.

Friday AM	
Event Code	F15
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 \$0 \$0
Time	8:00 AM - 11:30 AM
CE Credits	3 Hour Lecture
Subject	Digital Dentistry, Dentist & Lab Communication
Audience	Dentists Assistants Lab Technicians

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Summit-Horizon Dental
Laboratory.

PART I: PREDICTABLE RESULTS WITH BETTER IOS SCANS: WHAT THE LAB NEEDS FROM YOUR DIGITAL IMPRESSIONS — AND HOW TO DELIVER IT

Intraoral scanners have transformed how dental practices capture impressions — but a scan that looks clean on-screen doesn't always give the laboratory what it needs to fabricate a high-quality, predictable prosthetic device. From margin clarity and bite registration accuracy to tissue management and file formats, the gap between what the clinical team sends and what the lab actually receives can mean the difference between a seamless delivery and an avoidable remake. In this focused 1-hour CE course, Christopher Hernandez — a dental laboratory technician, lab owner, and experienced digital workflow educator — pulls back the curtain on what labs truly need from IOS scans. Drawing on years of hands-on laboratory experience across removable prosthetics, sleep appliances, and digital fabrication workflows, Christopher walks dental teams through the most common scan-related issues that compromise outcomes, and provides clear, immediately actionable protocols for avoiding them. Attendees will leave with a practical understanding of how scan quality directly impacts the laboratory workflow, and with concrete techniques to refine their digital impression process — resulting in fewer remakes, faster turnaround, and superior prosthetic outcomes for patients.

Learning Objectives:

- Identify the most common IOS scan deficiencies that lead to laboratory remakes or compromised prosthetic outcomes
- Describe the specific scan data elements — including margin detail, occlusal registration, and soft tissue capture — that laboratories rely on for accurate fabrication
- Implement pre-scan protocols for tissue management, patient positioning, and intraoral scanner technique that consistently produce high-quality digital impressions
- Communicate effectively with the laboratory about case-specific scan requirements for different prosthetic device types, including removables, sleep appliances, and implant-supported restorations
- Evaluate scan quality before submission using laboratory-informed criteria, reducing back-and-forth and improving overall case efficiency

PART II: DIGITAL DENTISTRY WORKFLOW: FROM THE DENTAL OFFICE TO THE LAB

This course offers a comprehensive overview of the modern digital dentistry workflow, designed to benefit dental offices and dental laboratories alike — but most importantly, the patients they serve together. Attendees will gain a clear, step-by-step understanding of every stage in the digital process, from initial chairside intraoral scanning through final restoration delivery. Through lecture and visual demonstration, participants will see how seamless digital communication between the dental practice and the laboratory leads to faster turnaround, fewer remakes, reduced chairtime, and superior clinical outcomes. This course bridges the perspective of both sides of the dental workflow, making it uniquely valuable to a mixed audience of clinicians, dental assistants, and laboratory professionals.

Learning Objectives:

- Describe the complete digital dentistry workflow from intraoral scan (IOS) capture through final restoration delivery
- Identify the key benefits of the digital workflow for dental offices, dental laboratories, and patients
- Explain how proper file transmission and quality control at each workflow stage reduces errors, remakes, and patient inconvenience
- Distinguish between milling and 3D printing fabrication methods and explain their appropriate clinical and laboratory applications



FEATURED PANELISTS & MODERATOR



AMY SIKES

Dental Laboratory Director of Operations
Moderator



MICHAEL WANDLING, MASTER CDT

Dental Laboratory Operations Manager
Panelist



MANDY ARENA

Dental Laboratory Technician, Denture Specialist
Panelist



CLAIRE CARROW WIEDNER, DMD

General Dentist
Panelist

Friday PM	
Event Code	F19
Course Fee	Before 8/27 After 8/27 \$0 \$0
Time	1:30 PM - 3:00 PM
CE Credits	1.5 Hour Panel Discussion
Subject	Dentist & Lab Communication
Audience	Dentists Assistants Lab Technicians

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Summit-Horizon Dental Laboratory.*

PANEL DISCUSSION: THE DENTIST-LAB PARTNERSHIP: REAL-WORLD COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES AND HOW MODERN LABS ADD VALUE

This dynamic CE course explores one of the most critical factors in restorative and implant case success — effective communication between the dental practice and the dental laboratory. Moderated by Amy Sikes, Director of Operations at Summit-Horizon Dental Lab, the panel brings together experienced laboratory leaders and two practicing dentists with extensive clinical experience.

Panelists will share practical tools for clearer case submission, design feedback, material selection, troubleshooting, and expectation setting. They will also demonstrate specific ways today's laboratories can deliver meaningful added value beyond fabrication — including treatment planning support, workflow optimization, education, and proactive case management.

A live audience Q&A segment gives attendees the opportunity to ask real-world questions and leave with immediately actionable strategies to build stronger, more productive dentist-lab relationships.

Learning Objectives:

- Identify common communication breakdowns and apply proven prevention strategies
- Describe three or more ways a modern lab adds clinical value beyond fabrication
- Implement practical checklists and workflows to reduce remakes and improve outcomes
- Explain how dentist-lab partnerships improve efficiency, predictability, and patient satisfaction



GSLDS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

For Greater St. Louis Dental Society members only. Includes a complimentary breakfast buffet of yogurt parfaits, buttermilk pancakes, scrambled eggs, hashbrown potatoes, ham steaks, applewood smoked bacon, biscuits, muffins, coffee, tea and assorted juices. Registration required. Deadline to register is September 10.

THURSDAY | COURSE CODE: T01 | FEE: \$0 | 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM



GSLDS PAST PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON

For GSLDS Past Presidents, Past Editors & Past Secretary/Treasurers only. Reservations required.

THURSDAY | COURSE CODE: T15 | FEE: \$0 | 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM



PRESALE BUFFET LUNCHEON AT LOMBARDO'S TRATTORIA

Take a delightful break from the convention and join us just across the street at Lombardo's Trattoria for an Italian dining experience. This attendee luncheon offers the perfect opportunity to recharge and network in a charming atmosphere. Feast on a delicious Italian spread featuring their famous toasted ravioli, signature rigatoni dishes (Trattoria, Alfredo, and Primavera), house salad, and tempting desserts. Served with coffee, tea and soft drinks. A cash bar will be open for those who'd like to enjoy a glass of wine with their meal. Deadline to purchase is September 10. Space is limited.

THURSDAY | COURSE CODE: T16 | FEE: \$37, AFTER 8/27 \$45 | 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

FRIDAY | COURSE CODE: F17 | FEE: \$37, AFTER 8/27 \$45 | 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM



PRESALE BUFFET LUNCHEON AT MAGGIE O'BRIENS

Join us just across the street at Maggie O'Brien's for a relaxed pub-style dining experience. Connect with fellow professionals in a warm, relaxed setting while savoring hearty pub classics. Enjoy fresh garden salad, green beans, whipped potatoes, roast beef and baked chicken, cake, and soda, tea & coffee. The perfect blend of networking and nourishment to power your afternoon. A cash bar will be open for those who'd like to enjoy a drink with their meal. Deadline to purchase is September 10. Space is limited.

THURSDAY | COURSE CODE: T17 | FEE: \$30, AFTER 8/27 \$38 | 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

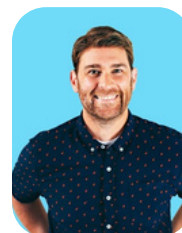
FRIDAY | COURSE CODE: F18 | FEE: \$30, AFTER 8/27 \$38 | 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM



SIP N' SHOP HAPPY HOUR IN THE EXHIBIT HALL

Puppy Cuddle Time during Happy Hour! Unwind in our stress-relief zone with adoptable furry companions from Stray Rescue of St. Louis. Kick back and connect with top vendors in a laid-back, fun atmosphere at the Midway Exhibit Hall. Indulge in delicious appetizers as you build valuable relationships in this no-pressure environment. The perfect blend of business and pleasure awaits – network, enjoy a complimentary drink (beer, wine, cocktail, or soda), and satisfy your appetite all in one fantastic evening at the Midway Exhibit Hall.

THURSDAY | COURSE CODE: T31 | FEE: \$0 | 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM



MCDC LAUGH LAB SOCIAL EVENT

Event will offer complimentary appetizers, one complimentary drink (beer, wine, cocktail, or soda) followed by a cash bar, Dr. Brady's merchandise give-a-ways, 90 minutes of stand up comedy and musical comedy. Meet & greet, plus photo opportunities with Dr. Brady, will follow the show. Tickets not available on-site. More information can be found on page 8. The deadline to purchase tickets is September 10, 2026. VIP includes reserved seating in front of stage and priority for the meet-and-greet following the show.

THURSDAY | COURSE CODE: T32 | FEE: \$65, AFTER 8/27 \$95 | 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

THURSDAY VIP | COURSE CODE: T33 | FEE: \$90, AFTER 8/27 \$120 | 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM



ACD/ICD/PFA BREAKFAST

Join the fellows of the American College of Dentists, International College of Dentists, and Pierre Fauchard Academy for a breakfast buffet including: Seasonal fruit & berries, Danish & muffins, assorted cereals, scrambled eggs, applewood smoked bacon, pork sausage links and breakfast potatoes, coffee, tea and assorted juices. For additional information, contact Dr. Arnie Jacobson at 314-726-1644 or arniejacobson@hotmail.com. Tickets not available onsite. Deadline to register is September 10. Open to all convention attendees.

FRIDAY | COURSE CODE: F01 | FEE: \$55, AFTER 8/27 \$70 | 6:45 AM - 7:45 AM

OTHER HAPPENINGS AT MCDC



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THURSDAY 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

FRIDAY 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM



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FRIDAY 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

The MOObile
Waco Taco

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AFTERNOON ICE CREAM BREAK

Enjoy complimentary local favorite Ted Drewes' frozen custard in the Exhibit Hall for dessert during Thursday's afternoon break. While supplies last. Breaks are staggered.

THURSDAY 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

PUPPY CUDDLES IN THE EXHIBIT HALL

Enjoy some puppy snuggle time during the Sip n' Shop Happy Hour in the Exhibit Hall. Puppies will be adoptable from Stray Rescue of St. Louis.

THURSDAY 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

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THURSDAY 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

FRIDAY 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM





OTHER HAPPENINGS AT MCDL



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Please contact Becky Higgins at higginsre@umkc.edu or call (816) 235-2060 for more information.

THURSDAY 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

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Please contact Tina Munroe with A.T. Still University at tmunroe@atsu.edu or call 314-833-2736 for more information.

FRIDAY 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM



THINGS TO KNOW

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Hygienist * Staff of GSLDS Member Dentist	FM	\$150	\$185
Assistant * Staff of GSLDS Member Dentist	GM	\$125	\$160
Office Staff * Staff of GSLDS Member Dentist	HM	\$125	\$160
Dental Technician * Staff of GSLDS Member Dentist	JM	\$125	\$160
ADA Dentist	C	\$425	\$460
Non-ADA Dentist	D	\$725	\$760
Military Dentist	E	\$150	\$185
Hygienist	F	\$185	\$220
Assistant	G	\$160	\$195
Office Staff	H	\$160	\$195
Dental Technician	J	\$160	\$195
Exhibits Only ^ Dr. and staff only. Not available on-site.	K	\$100	\$135
Registered Doctor's Family ^ Not in dental field. Not available on-site.	L	\$0	\$25
Exhibitor	EX	\$0	\$0
Dental Student ~	M	\$0	\$0
Hygiene or Assistant Student ~	N	\$0	\$0

* 2026 membership dues must be paid in full by Sept. 18, 2026.

~ Graduate and student dentists must register by mail or on-site and must provide a copy of their current year student ID.

^ No CE earned in this category. Not available on-site.

PAYMENT METHOD

☐ **PLEASE CHECK:** By registering for the 2026 Mid-Continent Dental Congress, I agree to the Terms & Conditions of registration found at mcdctl.org. This includes, but is not limited to, photography and video waivers as well as a general code of conduct. I understand that failure to comply may result in removal from the convention without warning, and without refund of registration or ticket fees.

☐ \$ +\$5 For Credit Cards
☐ Checks should be made payable to Greater St. Louis Dental Society (GSLDS)

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☐ Check Enclosed
 ☐ VISA
 ☐ MasterCard
 ☐ AMEX

Credit Card Number

Security Code

Expiration Date

Signature Indicates Approval For Charges

Printed Name

Cardholder's Billing Address
☐ Check Here if Same As Above

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State

Zip Code

Reminder! Registration and event fees increase after August 27, 2026.

Cancellation Deadline: Refund requests must be made on or before September 3, 2026. No refunds will be considered thereafter.

PRIMARY REGISTRANT Name for Badge	EVENTS	FEES
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First Name	Event Code	Fee	Registration Category (See Previous Page)
Last Name	Event Code	Fee	Category Fee
For Dentists:	Event Code	Fee	☐ I will attend Sip n’ Shop Happy Hour
Dental School Graduation Year	Event Code	Fee	
ADA Number	Event Code	Fee	
	Event Code	Fee	\$ Total Fees for This Registrant

ADDITIONAL REGISTRANTS	EVENTS	FEES
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	Event Code	Fee	\$ Total Fees for This Registrant

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Dates to Remember 2026



AUGUST 27, 2026

FEES INCREASE

REGISTER ON OR BEFORE THIS DATE BEFORE FEES INCREASE.

SAVE MONEY



SEPTEMBER 2, 2026

HOTEL GROUP RATE DEADLINE

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION AT ST. LOUIS UNION STATION BY THIS DATE TO RECEIVE THE GROUP RATE OF \$189 + TAXES + FEES.



SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

CANCELLATION DEADLINE

CANCEL VIA EMAIL BY THIS DATE TO REQUEST A REFUND MINUS A \$25 FEE. SEE PAGE 4 FOR MORE INFORMATION.



SEPTEMBER 7, 2026

DEADLINE FOR MAILED REGISTRATION PACKETS

REGISTER BY THIS DATE TO RECEIVE YOUR REGISTRATION MATERIALS IN THE MAIL. REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE WILL BE PROCESSED, BUT MATERIALS WILL NEED TO BE PICKED UP ON-SITE.



SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

REGISTRATION CLOSES FOR MCDC LAUGH LAB SOCIAL EVENT AND ALL BANQUET EVENTS

SIGN UP FOR BANQUET EVENTS BY THIS DATE OR YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO ATTEND! SEE PAGE 32 FOR DETAILS.



SEPTEMBER 18, 2026

BECOME A GSLDS MEMBER OR AFFILIATE MEMBER TO RECEIVE FREE REGISTRATION!

YOUR MEMBERSHIP MUST BE PAID IN FULL OR ON A CURRENT MONTHLY PAYMENT PLAN BY THIS DATE TO RECEIVE FREE REGISTRATION TO MCDC AND REDUCED RATES FOR YOUR STAFF.

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THURSDAY & FRIDAY
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FUTURE DATES

SEPTEMBER 23-24 2027

SEPTEMBER 28-29 2028

SEPTEMBER 20-21 2029



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