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2026

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A Message from the President Dr. Melodie A. Jones, DMD

From the President
Alabama Academy of General Dentistry

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

On behalf of the Alabama Academy of General Dentistry, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2026 Emerald Coast Review of Dentistry, taking place September 10–12, 2026, at the beautiful Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa in Florida.

This meeting continues to be one of our premier educational events, bringing together outstanding speakers, relevant clinical topics, and a collegial environment that supports both professional growth and meaningful connection. Our goal is to provide high-quality continuing education that enhances your clinical excellence while also offering time to recharge with family and friends along the Gulf Coast.

As President of AL AGD, I am especially proud of our commitment to advancing dentistry through live, engaging education. Meetings like this reflect the core mission of the Academy—to promote lifelong learning, elevate patient care, and strengthen the dental community across Alabama and beyond.

Whether you are a longtime attendee or joining us for the first time, I encourage you to take full advantage of the educational sessions, networking opportunities, and the unique setting that makes this meeting so special.

Thank you for your dedication to excellence in dentistry and for being part of the Alabama AGD community. I look forward to seeing you in Sandestin.

Warm regards,

Melodie A. Jones, DMD

President

Alabama Academy of General Dentistry



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Wednesday, September 9

Exhibit Hall Setup

2:00-

Thursday, September 10

Registration Hours

7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Exhibit Hours

10:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Morning Sessions

8:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Building the Human Dentist (Part 1)

Dr. Mike Meek

Life as a Hygienist - How to Provide Optimal Care and Love It

Ms. Sherry Campbell

A Hands-On Course in Pulp Therapy and Restorative Dentistry in Pediatric Dentistry (Part 1)

Dr. Lance Kisby

From EBITDA to EXIT

Mr. Matt Still

Afternoon Sessions

1:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Building the Human Dentist (Part 2)

Dr. Mike Meek

ADPH Updates

Dr. Tommy Johnson

A Hands-On Course in Pulp Therapy and Restorative Dentistry in Pediatric Dentistry (Part 2)

Dr. Lance Kisby

Friday, September 11

Registration Hours

7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Exhibit Hours

9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Morning Sessions

8:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Beach Stretch on the Hilton Sundeck 6:00-7:00

Mrs. Sara Mansfield

Treatment and Management of the Pulp Exposure Due to Trauma: A Hands-On Course (Part 1)

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CPR Certification Course

Mr. Scott Herndon

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Exhibit Hall Party

10th Annual Charles Graffeo Reception

Saturday, September 12

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7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Morning Sessions

8:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Fun Run 6:00 AM-7:00 AM

Increasing Your Brain's Performance for Greater Professional Success

Dr. Jerry Teplitz

Getting the Edge on Removables: Analog vs. Digital

Dr. Dennis Urban

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1:00 PM - 4:30 PM

A Practical and Simple Interceptive Orthodontic Treatment for the General Practitioner (Part 2) (Hands-On)

Dr. Lance Kisby

Infection Control in the Dental Office and Oral Health Care for the

HIV Patient 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Dr. Ramakiran Chavali

PDMP and Opioids 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Dr. Rachel Kiefer

Football Party

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM



DR. MIKE MEEK

Dr. Mike Meek was a 1997 graduate from the dental school at the University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio. His class was the first undergraduate dental class to receive training in implant dentistry. Because of this fortunate timing, implant dentistry has been a part of his practice from day one.

Dr. Meek was awarded the Fellow of the Academy of General Dentistry (FAGD) in 2012 and has made the study of implant dentistry and prosthetics the center of his continuing education. With its location in Central Austin, 38th Street Dental has provided Dr. Meek and his practice partner a fantastic platform their restorative driven implant practice.

Building The Human Dentist

Lecture

Thursday Morning 8:00-11:30

Thursday Afternoon 1:00-4:30

Building the Human Dentist!!!! A fully comprehensive program centered on developing the soft side of dental practice in today's one size fits all market while featuring the most innovative science and technology relevant to the implant restorative practice..

From case selection and treatment planning the simple single to securing consent for full arch, incorporating digital workflow and 3D printing restorations like All on 4, this program puts it all together in a compact and entertaining format.

Marketing! Not sure what is important to make your dental practice relevant on the internet? SEO, web presence, and a discussion of what makes or breaks a restorative practice on the internet is part of the business development section.

Building the Human Dentist is meant for the entire dental team to help transform the average to the progressive!

Objectives

Case selection and consultation approaches for single and full arch cases

Develop language and listening skills to enhance treatment acceptance

Develop an understanding of empathy vs . Sympathy and how it plays a roll in compliance

Examine intra-oral scanning and photogrammetry in full arch rehabilitation

Examine collaborative workflow for anterior implant cases to include immediate temporization

Learn about managing full arch cases using complete digital workflow to produce consistent full arch outcomes predictably

MS. SHERRY CAMPBELL



I am the community dental health outreach coordinator for UAB School of Dentistry and work in the Department of Clinical and Community Sciences. I was in clinical practice in the state of Alabama for over 30 years and decided to utilize my knowledge and community dental health coordination credentials to educate and promote oral health care prevention in our communities and foster this need for access to care in our dental students and all dental professionals. I became the first CDHC in the state of Alabama and worked to bring awareness of this new key dental team member that the ADA created. I am a proud graduate of Rio Salado College in Arizona, where I obtained my education. I enjoy patient advocacy for our underserved populations, uninsured, and all those in need of access to dental care.

I served on the Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama from 2015-2020 as the Hygiene Board Member and served as Vice President from 2019-2020. I am an active member of the American Association of Dental Boards (AADB) and serve on several different committees and was awarded the prestigious Citizen of the Year Award in 2021 for outstanding leadership to our profession. I am honored to be the inaugural RDH recipient of this award and the first Board of Dental Examiner Member of Alabama to receive it. I have been a Hygiene Examiner for dental hygiene clinical licensure testing for 26 years and currently serving as a Hygiene Examiner for ADEX-American Board of Dental Examiners who administer these licensure exams across the country. I am honored and humbled to have the wonderful opportunity to collaborate with other dentists and hygienists on a national level and strive to better our profession.

Life as a Hygienist: How to Provide Optimal Care and Love It

Lecture

Thursday Morning 8:00-11:30

This course will enhance the hygienist's ability to provide better oral health care for their patients. It will assist them in dealing with behavioral patients who present challenges and make for a frustrating appointment.

What does and does not work daily with each individual patient.

Let's have fun and remember what made us want to become an RDH in the first place. Practical knowledge you can use daily to gain optimal results.

DR. LANCE KISBY



Dr. Lance Kisby is a graduate of Tufts University School of Dental Medicine. After completing his residency in Pediatric Dentistry at Floating Hospital at New England Medical Center in Boston, MA, Dr. Kisby was Chief of Pediatric Dentistry and Assistant Director of Dentistry at R.I. Hospital in Providence, RI. He then went on to spend 17 years in private practice until he accepted the position of Chief of Pediatric Dentistry at St. Mary's Hospital in Waterbury, CT. He has been Board Certified in Pediatric Dentistry since 1983, was a former Contributing Editor to the Journal of Clinical Pediatric Dentistry, as well as a Master of the Academy of General Dentistry. Dr. Kisby had created two Pediatric Dental Residencies, one in Danville, PA, and the second in Wilmington, DE, where he was Director of both programs. Dr. Kisby has over 48 years of clinical and teaching experience, thus bringing new and exciting techniques and insights to those dentists and staff who treat children.

A Hands-On Course in Pulp Therapy and Restorative Dentistry in Pediatric Dentistry

Hands-On

Thursday Morning 8:00-12:00

Thursday Afternoon 1:00-5:00

This course will cover the latest pulp therapy techniques in primary teeth and the use of new dental restorative materials in Pediatric Dentistry. The topic of pulp therapy will include Biodentine pulpotomies, Cvek pulpotomies for dental trauma, indirect pulp caps with GIC, and the Hall Techniques. The restorative component will discuss new composites and their use in the Slot Prep, SDF (Silver Diamine Fluoride), and when to use SDF or SMART (Silver Modified Atraumatic Restorative Technique).

Objectives:

1. List and describe the steps and indications for a Biodentine pulpotomy
2. Know the indications, contraindications, and the steps for an indirect pulp cap
3. Describe the steps for a Slot Prep using GIC and new restorative materials
4. List and describe the steps of the Hall Technique
5. Describe the indications and the steps for Silver Diamine Fluoride and when to use the SMART technique.

Learning Goals:

1. Attendees will learn the indications and the steps for a Biodentine pulpotomy.
2. Attendees will learn the indications and contraindications for a GIC indirect pulp cap
3. Attendees will learn how to do a Slot Prep and use new restorative materials.
4. Attendees will learn when to use the Hall Technique
5. Attendees will learn the advantages of SDF and when to use SDF and how to incorporate the SMART technique

In the Hands-On part of the course:

1. Attendees will do a Biodentine pulpotomy on dentiform teeth
2. Attendees will 'restore' a dentiform tooth with new composites using the Garris Matrix System

DR. LANCE KISBY

Treatment and Management of the Pulp Exposure Due to Trauma - A Hands-On Course

Friday Morning 8:00-12:00

Friday Afternoon 1:00-5:00

We have all encountered the Friday afternoon phone call at 10 minutes to 5:00 pm with a patient presenting with a dental injury. Dental Traumatic Injuries (DTI) are common in children. In fact, 30% of all childhood injuries are oral. This presentation will discuss taking a proper dental trauma history, what radiographs are indicated, explain and describe the different types of dental injuries, treatment for the most common dental injuries in children and describe the follow up protocols as well as the methods and techniques of preventing injuries. New and updated information will be given on how to give painless injections and why Articaine is now the preferred local anesthetic of choice due to its safety record. Case studies will be presented on the most common injuries so that the learner will be able to confidently identify, recognize and treat any type of dental injury, including pulp exposures with greater than 90% success. The learner will be able to apply this information the next day in their office.

Goals:

1. Learn how to recognize the types of dental injuries
2. Learn how to manage and follow up on teeth that are involved in dental trauma.
3. Learn the proper application of tricalcium silicates in teeth with traumatic injury
4. Learn how to splint and for how long
5. Learn the protocols for the follow up appointment

Objectives:

1. Attendees will be able to take a proper dental trauma history and be able to apply and describe the AAE's current dental trauma guidelines
2. Attendees will be able to list the steps for mixing and placement of a tricalcium silicate
3. Attendees will be able to apply, to a traumatized tooth, a specific tooth prep involving multiple bevels for the best aesthetic outcome after trauma
4. Attendees will be able to describe the steps for restoring an uncomplicated enamel fracture for the best aesthetic outcomes.

A Practical and Simple Interceptive Orthodontic Treatment for the General Practitioner - A Hands-On Course

Saturday Morning 8:00-12:00

Saturday Afternoon 1:00-5:00

In this course, the general dentist will receive detailed instruction as well as a hands-on portion on how pediatric dentists treat many common orthodontic problems with techniques that can be done in the office. Specific topics to be covered include:

1. How to do an orthodontic exam and what that information means
2. Primary vs. permanent teeth ideal occlusion
3. The preferred sequence of eruption of primary and permanent teeth
4. Diagnosis and managing ankylosis of primary teeth and congenitally missing permanent teeth
5. Diagnosing and early treatment of space management, anterior cross-bites, and posterior cross-bites
6. Indications and contraindications for simple appliances such as maxillary expansion appliances, correcting single tooth maxillary lingual cross-bites, habit breaking appliances, and space maintainers.
7. The role of enlarged tonsils and airway issues in malocclusion
8. Diagnosing common eruption problems from multiple panorex

Objectives:

At the conclusion of this course, participants will learn:

- Understand the management and treatment of agenesis and ankylosis cases
- How to diagnose and treat anterior and posterior cross-bites and thumb/tongue habits
- Diagnose and treat common eruption problems by way of multiple panorex
- Know the indications and contraindications for space maintainers
- Recognize when a case should be referred to the orthodontist

The Hands-On portion will include:

1. An interactive session of diagnosing and interpreting eruption problems from multiple panorex
2. Placing bands and taking impressions for a space maintainer on a typodont and writing a prescription for each of the common interceptive appliances

MR. MATT STILL

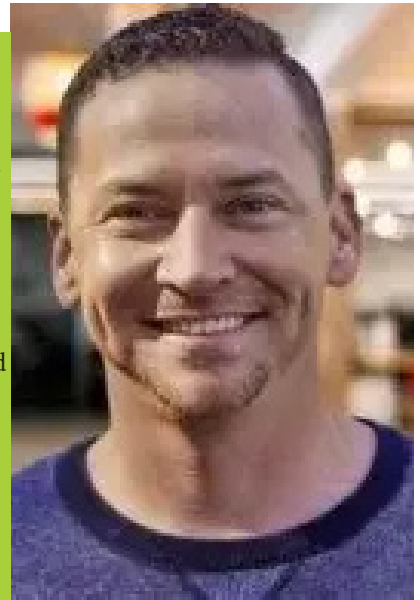
Managing Advisor

With over seven years of experience as a dedicated consultant to more than 750 independent dental practices, I've spent my career helping dentists drill down on what really matters—boosting EBITDA, streamlining office operations, and delivering meaningful education to elevate their businesses. (Yes, I've heard all the tooth puns. No, I'm not sorry for using one.)

Before consulting, I proudly served in the United States Air Force, where I was honored to receive both Honor Graduate and Distinguished Graduate—an achievement awarded to fewer than 1% in the history of the USAF. My service took me across Texas, Utah, Las Vegas, Iraq, and South Korea, shaping the discipline and adaptability I bring to every project today.

At home, I'm a husband of 13 years to my amazing wife, Ginny, and a proud dad to our daughter Irie and son Oakes. Outside the office, our family made headlines when my marriage proposal went viral—earning us spots on Ellen, Good Morning America, Today, Ricki Lake, and more. It became the most viewed marriage proposal in the world (we're still waiting on the movie deal).

I bring a unique mix of military precision, business insight, and a sense of humor that keeps things real. Whether I'm helping practices reach their next level or making my kids laugh at dinner, I aim to leave things better than I found them.



From EBITDA to EXIT: Preparing Your Dental Practice for Maximum Value

Lecture
Thursday Morning
8:00-11:30 AM

In this course, attendees will gain essential knowledge on optimizing their practice's EBITDA to enhance valuation. They'll create systems to attract multiple buyers and understand the legal and contractual components, such as NDAs, LOIs, and APAs, to secure favorable terms. The course will also cover the skills needed for independently selling a practice, emphasizing accurate valuation, marketing, and negotiation. Finally, attendees will learn how to plan and negotiate their post-sale role effectively to align with their long-term career and lifestyle goals.

After completing this course, participants will be able to:

1. Define EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA, and explain their role in practice valuation
2. Identify common mistakes dentists make when preparing to sell and strategies to avoid them.
3. Evaluate different buyer types (private, DSO, JV partnerships) and understand the impact of deal terms.
4. Implement proactive strategies such as quality of earnings reviews, margin optimization, and tax planning to increase practice value.
5. Apply a step-by-step framework to prepare a practice for a successful transition and maximize exit potential.

DR. TOMMY JOHNSON

Tommy Johnson, DMD, attended Wofford College and is a graduate of LaGrange College and the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Dentistry. He began his tenure as the Alabama Department of Public Health State Dental Director in October 2017 after 26 years of practicing general dentistry in Mobile, Alabama. Presently, he provides support as a Dental Consultant for Alabama Medicaid and previously served as the Interim Director of the Title V Maternal and Child program for the Alabama Department of Public Health. Recently completing his three-year term as one of the Directors of the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors (ASTDD), he also serves as Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of Clinical and Community Sciences at the University of Alabama School of Dentistry and is an ex officio member of the Alabama Dental Association House of Delegates, as well as the Alabama Board of Dental Scholarship Awards. Tommy authored Alabama's first State Oral Health Plan, *Your Mouth Your Health: The Connection of Oral Health to Overall Health, 2018-2023*. In the fall of 2024, Alabama's first burden of oral disease document, *ORAL HEALTH IN ALABAMA: Unveiling the Burden and Pathways to Improvement*, was published under his supervision



ADPH Updates

Lecture

Thursday Morning 8:00-11:30

The schism between medicine and dentistry, as well as between the private and public health sectors of oral health, has persisted for far too long. Attendees will be introduced to initiatives set forth by the Oral Health Office of the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) to bring medical-dental integration to the forefront utilizing innovative methods, nurturing internal and external partnerships and collaborations, and empowering others to holistically improve oral and overall health.

DR. ERIC BLOCK



Dr. Eric Block is a full-time practicing dentist, a serial entrepreneur, advisor, key opinion leader, and investor passionate about helping dentists become more efficient, productive, and less stressed. He is the Co-founder of UseFlomo.com and the International Academy of Dental Life Coaches or IADLC.com. He is a Wellness Ambassador to the ADA and the Former Chairman of the Massachusetts Dental Society's Health and Wellness Committee. He hosts the Stress-Free Dentist podcast show and Facebook group. He is the author of a series of non-fiction and children's books, available on Amazon. Check out www.TheStressFreeDentist.com for upcoming events.

Health and Wellness: Overcoming Burnout and Decreasing Stress in Dentistry

Lecture

Friday Morning 8:00-11:30

Course Description

Burnout and rising stress levels are increasingly common challenges in dentistry. This course provides practical, real-world strategies to help dental professionals create more efficient, productive, and less stressful practice environments.

Drawing on over 20 years of experience as a full-time practicing dentist, Dr. Eric Block will share actionable insights to help participants improve professional wellness, optimize daily productivity, and implement sustainable practice systems. Emphasis will be placed on simple changes that reduce daily friction, improve workflow, and make dentistry more enjoyable and sustainable over the long term.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

Identify common contributors to stress and burnout in dental practice settings.

Apply practical strategies to improve day-to-day workflow and efficiency in general dentistry.

Recognize techniques and workflows that support a more productive, less stressful clinical day.

Next-Level Dentistry: Elevate Your Practice and Career to the Next Level

Lecture

Friday Afternoon 1:00-4:30

Course Description

Advancements in dental technology and digital workflows are rapidly transforming the way dentistry is practiced. This course is designed to help dental professionals understand how modern systems, technologies, and treatment modalities can be integrated into everyday general dentistry to improve efficiency, patient outcomes, and professional satisfaction. Dr. Eric Block will share real-world insights into how technologies such as intraoral scanning, 3D printing, AI-assisted radiographic diagnosis, virtual implant planning with guided surgery, same-day crowns, low-level laser therapy, and sleep apnea treatments have been successfully implemented in clinical practice.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

Describe how digital systems and emerging technologies can improve clinical efficiency, workflow consistency, and patient outcomes in general dentistry.

Identify practical applications for technologies, including intraoral scanning, 3D printing, AI-assisted diagnostics, virtual implant planning with guided surgery, same-day restorations, low-level laser therapy, and sleep apnea treatment.

MR. TOM SIMON



Ethics in Action

Lecture

Friday Morning 10:00-11:30

Course Description:

Fraud and embezzlement in dental and medical practices are not only financial threats, they are profound ethical failures that undermine patient trust, staff morale, and professional integrity. In this session, retired FBI Special Agent Tom Simon draws on decades of investigative experience to examine real-world case studies of fraud in dental offices. Attendees will learn how ethical lapses occur, how to recognize red flags, and how to implement internal controls that safeguard against misconduct. The program directly addresses ethical considerations such as unprofessional conduct, proper billing practices, professional liability, and risk management, ensuring compliance with Alabama's annual ethics CE requirement. Participants will leave equipped with practical strategies to uphold the highest standards of professionalism while protecting their patients, their employees, and their licenses.

From Tom Simon:

“Let me start with a question: if an employee stole \$150,000 from your practice over several years, would you see it as a financial problem or an ethical failure? In my experience as a retired FBI Special Agent, I've investigated dozens of cases where trusted staff members embezzled from their employers. The damage wasn't just the money, it was the betrayal of trust, the ethical breakdown, and the impact on patients and staff. My program shows dentists and staff how to prevent these failures with practical controls and case studies that satisfy the ethics CE requirement while protecting their practices.”

Tom Simon served the FBI for 26 years as a Special Agent with an expertise in white collar crime investigations, counterterrorism, and sensitive national security matters. Based in Florida, he is currently a licensed private investigator and forensic accountant with a CPA background. Tom is also a Keynote Speaker for companies and associations.

As an FBI Special Agent, Tom was stationed in Chicago, Honolulu, and Jacksonville where he investigated a wide range of financial crimes involving embezzlements, investment scams, and real estate fraud. Tom gained a reputation as a top-notch interviewer and interrogator. He attended CIA Interview & Interrogation School, honed experience from hundreds of cases, and obtained confessions from numerous company embezzlers and investment fraudsters.

In 2021 Tom left the FBI to form Simon Worldwide Investigations, a private investigative firm with a specialty in theft, corporate embezzlement schemes, and other financial crimes. With his background as a CPA, he is adept at analyzing financial records to identify fraudulent activity and quantify the loss for legal filings and courtroom proceedings.

As a recognized authority on fraud, Tom has been a contributor to TV shows including American Greed, Crime Watch Daily, and True Crime Daily. He is a paid law enforcement analyst for Hawaii News Now, the Honolulu CBS/NBC affiliate. Tom also produces daily educational videos on fraud matters on his social media feeds (TikTok, Instagram, LinkedIn, YouTube) with 500,000+ daily followers and millions of video views.

Tom has provided speeches and training seminars for corporate, law enforcement, regulatory, intelligence, and industry groups. Tom uses his financial fraud expertise and true-crime stories to engage, educate, and entertain audiences.

DR. JERRY TEPLITZ



Dr. Jerry V. Teplitz' background is as unique as the techniques and approaches he teaches. He is a graduate of Hunter College and Northwestern University School of Law. He practiced as an attorney for the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

At that point, Jerry's career took a dramatic change of direction. Jerry studied and received a Masters and Doctorate Degree in Holistic Health Sciences. He was on the faculty of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute for Organization Management for nine years.

He's President of his consulting firm and as a professional speaker, he has spoken at over 1800 meetings and to over one million people. He conducts seminars in the areas of leadership, management, stress management, employee productivity and sales development.

Jerry is the author of two Amazon Bestsellers - Switched-On Selling: Balance Your Brain for Selling Success and Switched-On Networking: Balance Your Brain for Networking Success. Other books he has authored include Managing Your Stress In Difficult Times, Switched-On Living and Brain Gym for Business.

Articles on Jerry have appeared in such publications as Successful Meetings, Prevention, and Travel & Leisure Golf Magazine. He has also been listed in several editions of Who's Who in America and now hosts an internet radio show called Healthy Alternatives.

Jerry has been selected by the Canadian Society of Association Executives as an "Association Excellence Speaker" and by the Professional Convention Management Association as a "Best-In-Class Speaker" based on the quality and impact of his presentations. He has been honored by being inducted as a "Legend of the Speaking Profession" by the Veteran Speakers Network.

Increasing Your Brain's Performance for Greater Professional Success

Lecture

Saturday Morning 8:00-11:30

- Have you ever had a negative, stressful day at work? How did you feel at the end of it? Tired, drained... Now, have you ever had a positive day? How did you feel at the end of it? Energized. Isn't there an increase in your productivity and effectiveness on that positive day? What would that do to your abilities and successes? You can have that outcome every day!
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- This seminar provides a method for personal brain re-engineering, which enables you to adapt quickly and successfully to a changing environment. In this highly interactive program, Amazon bestselling author and top rated speaker, Dr. Jerry V. Teplitz will strengthen the skills you already have and give you the mental agility to add to your abilities with surprising ease and confidence.

MR. SCOTT HERNDON

CPR Certification Course

Hands-on Friday Afternoon 1:00-4:30
or Saturday Morning 8:00-11:30



For the nineteenth year in a row, Scott will bring his experience and enthusiasm to the Emerald Coast Academy of General Dentistry Review of Dentistry instructing American Heart Association CPR classes.

Scott has over 40 years experience in occupational safety and health and emergency response as well as experience instructing. In addition to basic life support courses, Scott has been certified as a Fire Service Instructor and is an authorized OSHA Outreach Trainer, routinely serving as instructor trainer at the OSHA Training Center at the University of Alabama.

Scott is an Occupational Safety and Health professional, assisting businesses in managing efforts regarding accident prevention and OSHA compliance, as well as best practices.

His past industrial experience includes steel making, petroleum refining, textiles, and other light/medium manufacturing.

In addition to his professional career, Scott volunteers as a Firefighter/EMT with the Carroll's Creek Fire Department in Tuscaloosa County, AL.

Scott has been married to his lovely wife, Kay, for 44 years. They have two children and four grandchildren.

Scott leads this course with enthusiasm and energy. Although there is always joking and fun, he takes training the participants very seriously, knowing that their proficiency in what they learn may possibly be needed to save a life one day.

Here is what past Alabama AGD conference participants have had to say about Scott's CPR classes:

- "Best CPR course I've had over the past 38 years of dental practice."
- "I am 64 years old, a retired dentist, and this is the best taught course I have ever taken."
- "Best CPR course and instructor I have had."
- "Most comprehensive treatment of subject matter I have received since dental school (28 years ago.)"
- "This was the most thorough training I have received in CPR. It was very obvious the instructor was knowledgeable and cared that everyone actually learned the technique."

Learning Objectives

- The participant will be able to confidently and proficiently perform CPR if the need should ever arise
- The participant will earn required CPR certification

MR. DENNIS URBAN

Dennis Urban, CDT has over 45 years of expertise in the dental technology field including lab management, technical training, sales and marketing, product development, quality assurance, teaching, writing, and lecturing.

In addition to being a seasoned dental laboratory expert, Dennis has been an eminent lecturer to dentists and technicians worldwide since 1985. He owned and operated a full-service lab on Long Island, New York for many years. His lectures and trainings span many areas of dentistry, including removables, digital technology, implant overdentures and design protocol, screw retained dentures, shade communication, occlusion, soft liners, and crown and bridge. His technical articles have been published in numerous dental publications in the US, Canada, and Europe.

Dennis Urban has been President of both the Long Island Dental Laboratory Association and the Dental Laboratory Association of the State of New York. He is a former Cal Lab Board member. He was Chair of the National Board for Certification in Dental Technology and is on the Executive Board of NADL.

Dennis is also on the advisory board for IDT and JDT magazines and was a Corporate Council Member for ADEA

Dennis was the recipient of the 2007 NADL Excellence in Education award and was a nominee for 2015 Educator of the Year. Dennis is the recipient of the prestigious 2024 CDT of the Year Award, the highest award in dental technology.

Dennis is the Director of Technical Education and Training for Sterngold Dental.



Getting the Edge on Removables - Analog vs. Digital

Lecture

Saturday Morning 8:00-11:30

Course Overview:

This course covers successful procedures and case planning on traditional and digital full dentures. Participants will learn key principles on proper workflow and digital design including occlusion, aesthetics, material choices, and laboratory communication. The benefits of milling vs. printed technology will also be discussed. This course is a must for the clinician who wants to increase removable caseloads with predictability and patient acceptance.

Learning Objectives:

- Case planning and proper workflow on digital and analog full dentures
- Digital denture design
- Software options and application
- Digital printed try-ins
- Fabrication steps
- Patient protocol
- Scanning strategies
- Printed and milling options
- Overdenture workflow
- Occlusal schemes
- Laboratory communication
- Patient expectations

DR. RAMAKIRAN CHAVALI

Dr. Chavali is a full-time Associate Professor at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) School of Dentistry. After earning his dental degree from Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, India, he relocated to the United States in 2002. He completed his Master's degree in Biomaterials (2005) and Graduate Prosthodontics residency (2009) at UAB.

Dr. Chavali has over 20 years of teaching experience at UAB, where he is actively involved in pre-clinical and clinical education in dental biomaterials, fixed, removable, and implant prosthodontics. He serves as Co-Director of the UAB International Dentist Program and as Predoctoral Director for D3 and D4 Removable Partial Prosthodontics and Implants. In addition to his academic responsibilities, he maintains an active faculty practice at the UAB School of Dentistry.

Outside of dentistry, Dr. Chavali enjoys spending time with his family and playing cricket.



Infection Control in the Dental Setting - Dental Care for the HIV Patient and Infection Control

Lecture

Saturday Afternoon 1:00-3:00

The dental office presents inherent risks for cross-infection, posing potential hazards to both dental health care providers (DHCP) and patients. These risks arise primarily from exposure to blood-borne pathogens such as Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), Hepatitis B (HBV), and Hepatitis C (HCV). More recently, the COVID-19 pandemic has renewed focus on infection transmission through aerosols generated during dental procedures.

The implementation of standard precautions has been proven effective in protecting DHCP while preventing the transmission of infectious agents between patients. The foundation of infection control in dentistry is based on interrupting the chain of infection. This course is designed to review and update current infection control guidelines and ensure that the entire dental team remains informed and compliant with best practices.

HIV infection remains a global public health concern, affecting individuals across all racial, gender, and age groups. In the United States alone, approximately 1.2 million individuals are currently living with HIV. This course addresses the etiology, modes of transmission, oral manifestations, and dental management of patients living with HIV. Medical and dental considerations relevant to providing care for HIV-positive patients are discussed, with emphasis on applying infection control principles to protect both the patient and the dental professional.

Additionally, the course covers occupational exposure management, including post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) following workplace injuries, and reviews currently available HIV treatment modalities.

Course Learning Objectives

- Understand the principles involved in breaking the chain of infection
- Review the major blood-borne pathogens: HIV, HBV, and HCV
- Identify and apply the elements of standard precautions in dental practice
- Recognize the importance of post-exposure follow-up, policies, and procedures in reducing the risk of infection
- Appreciate the need for developing and implementing effective infection control policies within the dental office
- Identify the etiology, signs, and symptoms of HIV/AIDS
- Understand current dental treatment protocols for patients living with HIV
- Recognize medications used in the treatment of HIV/AIDS
- Implement strategies to prevent occupational injury and understand the appropriate use of post-exposure prophylaxis when injuries occur

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Rachel Kiefer graduated with a Doctor of Pharmacy from Auburn University Harrison College of Pharmacy in 2006. She has over 25 years of pharmacy experience in the community pharmacy setting, from staff pharmacist to senior management positions, where she trained and led initiatives for immunization certification, medication therapy management, point-of-care testing, and wellness screenings throughout Alabama. Rachel is the Assistant State Pharmacist for the Alabama Department of Public Health, where she assists the State Pharmacy Director in managing the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) and overseeing standard operating policies and procedures for 340B medications used in county health departments. In addition, Rachel is the Prevention Program Manager for the CDC's Overdose Data to Action in States grant, where she coordinates with key partners on state-wide initiatives to address the opioid epidemic. She also serves as the interim Hospital Preparedness Program Director for the Center for Emergency Preparedness, aiming to strengthen preparedness and response efforts across hospitals and healthcare entities before, during, and after disasters. Rachel enjoys collaborating with other behavioral health professionals and agencies as she participates in the Executive Board of the Alabama School of Alcohol and Other Drug Studies (ASADS), the Executive Board of the Gulf Coast High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA), and co-chairs the Rescue Committee of the Alabama Opioid Overdose and Addiction Council.

PMDP and Opioids

Lecture

Saturday Afternoon 3:00-4:00

Course Description

This presentation will highlight key data trends on opioids and other drugs of abuse and explore the role of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) in addressing the opioid epidemic. It will cover the function and structure of the PDMP, as well as dive into current PDMP enhancements, such as My Rx report, overdose risk scores, ERvive clinical alerts, etc., designed to support health care providers in making more informed clinical decisions by offering real-time, integrated access to patient prescription histories, identifying potential misuse or abuse, and improving care coordination.

Course Objectives

- Understand current trends on opioids and other drugs of abuse.
- Describe how PDMPs contribute to the public health efforts in combating opioid misuse and overdose.
- Demonstrate how to access and properly query the PDMP.
- Demonstrate how to access and interpret PDMP reports to identify patterns of potential misuse, diversion, or doctor shopping.
- Evaluate patient prescription histories and PDMP enhancements to support safe prescribing decisions.

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