Contemporary Applications of Porcelain Veneers: A New Paradigm for the 21st Century

- Do Porcelain Veneers Weaken Teeth?
- When Should Veneers Be Avoided?
- Can Teeth Benefit From Whitening Before They Are Veneered?
- Can Veneers Strengthen Teeth That Are Worn, Chipped Or Eroded?
- Are Pressed Ceramic Veneers Better Than Feldspathic Porcelain?
- Are Crowns Stronger Than Veneers?
- Should Endodontically Treated Teeth Be Veneered?

USC School of Dentistry
Part I - Lecture: Friday, July 17, 2009 - 9:00am - 5:00pm
Part II - Laboratory simulation exercise: Saturday - Sunday, July 18 - 19, 2009 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
As patients get older, “thinning”, “chipping” and “discoloration” are common problems. These changes are often the result of diets high in acidic content and/or functional and parafunctional wear. When the loss of enamel is not treated early the affected teeth become functionally compromised and consequently unattractive. Increased awareness among the aging population coupled with the desire of the public to maintain youthful appearance, and recent media attention to porcelain veneers have generated a “boom” in the area of esthetic dentistry to the extent that patients are demanding them. Advances in material science, and knowledge in the field of biomimetics have produced evidence that supports restoration of these weakened teeth to improve their function and enhance esthetics. The lecture part of this course will familiarize the participants with the most contemporary “evidence based” clinical knowledge regarding bonded porcelain restorations. The primary objective of the lecture is to propose a treatment philosophy that respects the vitality and biomechanical properties of the natural teeth while improving the patient’s smile. It will be demonstrated that once the biomechanical considerations are understood and respected, the “Natural Beauty” of the smile merely becomes a “toy product”.

Topics to be covered:
- Diagnosis and treatment planning with emphasis on bonded restorations
- Smile analysis and design
- Case presentation to patients using power point and photography
- Preparation design using reduction guides and mock ups
- Immediate dentin sealing
- Provisional techniques and fabrications
- Impressions
- Cementation philosophy and techniques
- Porcelain selection and surface preparation
- Shade taking using photography
- Lab communication using power point and photography
- Choosing different materials and matching
- Bonded restorations’ role in the restoration of the vertical dimension of occlusion
- Replacement of failing veneers
- Veneers and periodontally involved teeth
- Smile make-overs in the presence of facial asymmetries
- And more...

In order for participants to be able to fully implement the topics learned in the lectures, it is highly recommended to bring staff members. Tuition will allow one staff member to accompany the participant. Part I is a prerequisite for Part II.

Registration Form

Registration Fees (Please Check Boxes)
- Contemporary Applications of Porcelain Veneers: A New Paradigm for the 21st Century (Part I - Lecture)
  - Friday, July 17, 2009
  - Before June 1, 2009: Dentist $295; Auxiliary $175
  - After June 1, 2009: Dentist $340; Auxiliary $225
- Price includes one staff member, course material, continental breakfast, and refreshments during breaks.

- Contemporary Applications of Porcelain Veneers: A New Paradigm for the 21st Century (Part I & II)
  - Friday - Sunday, July 17 - 19, 2009
  - Before June 1, 2009: Dentist $1,995
  - After June 1, 2009: Dentist $2,295

Price includes one staff member, course material, continental breakfast, lunch and refreshments during breaks.

Refunds are granted only if a written cancellation notification is received at least 21 days before the course. 50% of the tuition minus processing fee will be refunded if cancellation occurs within 14 days before this course. No refund is granted afterwards. A $60 fee is withheld for processing. For additional registrations, xerox this form and send.

Abdi Sameni, DDS (Course Director)
Dr. Abdi Sameni is a Clinical Associate Professor of Dentistry and a 1991 graduate of USC School of Dentistry. He has been a member of the USC clinical faculty since 1998. He currently serves as senior faculty for the "esthetic selective" which emphasizes a "biomimetic approach" to restorative and esthetic care. He was the original director of the USC Advanced Esthetic Dentistry Continuum for the portion relating to indirect porcelain veneers. He currently is the course director for an intensive "lecture" and "hands-on" course relating to indirect bonded porcelain restoration and he is the chairman and developer of the "USC International Restorative Dental Symposium" for USC School of Dentistry.

Dr. Sameni lectures nationally and internationally on topics related to interdisciplinary dentistry, digital photography and its applications for dentistry, and various aspects of biomimetic and esthetic dentistry. Dr. Sameni is Past-President of the USC Dental Alumni Association, president of the USC Century Club and a member of the Board of Counselors for the USC School of Dentistry. He maintains a private practice in West Los Angeles, where he emphasizes comprehensive restorative dentistry, including implant reconstruction and esthetic dentistry.

Topics to be covered:
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- 21st Century (Part I & II) - Hands-On Workshop
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