Anna Pattison, RDH, MS
Anna received her BS degree in Dental Hygiene from USC and her MS in Dental Hygiene from Columbia University. She was an Associate Professor at USC for over forty years, has served as Chair of the Department of Dental Hygiene and is an internationally recognized speaker on Advanced Periodontal Instrumentation. She is co-author of Periodontal Instrumentation and has contributed to the last seven editions of Glickman’s and Carranza’s Clinical Periodontology. She is the former Editor-in-Chief of Dimensions of Dental Hygiene and is currently the Co-Director of the Pattison Institute. In 2005, she received the Pfizer-ADHA Excellence in Dental Hygiene Award, the USC School of Dentistry Alumnus of the Year Award and in 2006 she received the California Society of Periodontists Award. In 2010 she was inducted into the USC School of Dentistry Hall of Fame.

Topic: Innovations in periodontal and implant instrumentation

Michelle Strange, RDH, BHS, MSDH
Michelle has been a clinician in dentistry since 2000 and currently is a practicing hygienist, surgical assistant, speaker, volunteer, educator, lead clinical educator for TePe Oral Health Care, Inc., and podcast co-host for “A Tale of Two Hygienists”. She has a Master’s in Dental Hygiene education, a belief in lifelong learning, and a passion for helping patients be successful at-home with a patient-centered approach.

Topic: Reducing failures: At-home maintenance as the cornerstone of implant therapy

Jodi Deming, RDH
Jodi started practice as a dental hygienist in 1988. As a clinical research associate Jodi was involved with biofilm growth and therapeutic product development evaluating the effect on dental biofilms. Jodi has worked 28 years mastering non-surgical periodontal therapy techniques and procedures. She currently works in both periodontic and prosthodontic practices. Jodi is a national and international educator, clinician, and lecturer; recognized for her expertise in endoscopic, hand and ultrasonic instrumentation. She has presented over a 150 lectures and workshops on advanced integration of these technologies.

Topic: The quest for optimal patient care and viable solutions for implant maintenance

Kian Kar, DDS, MS
Dr. Kar is Clinical Director of the Advanced Periodontology Program at USC and a full-time faculty member teaching post-doctoral and pre-doctoral dental students in Clinical Periodontology and Implant Dentistry. Dr. Kar is recipient of the Mellon Mentorship Award from USC and recipient of the American Academy of Periodontology. Dr. Kar has served as guest editor for the Journal of CDA. He is Board Certified of the American Board of Periodontology and an active member of the Academy of Osseointegration, American Dental Association, California Dental Association, Orange County Dental Society, and California Society of Periodontists. He maintains a part-time practice limited to Periodontics and Dental Implant Surgery in Mission Viejo, CA and USC Faculty Practice.

Alfonso Gil, DDS, MS
Dr. Gil received his DDS degree with Distinction at the University of the Basque Country in Spain. He received two Scholarships, one by the University of the Basque Country and another one by Pracclin Dental Company, to complete his postgraduate training. Dr. Gil completed his residency in the Advanced Periodontology Program in the USC and in the Implant Center in UCLA. He is now enrolled in a 4-year program in the Department of Fixed Prosthodontics in the University of Zurich. He is an active member of the following academies: AAP, AO, WSP, SEPA, and EAO where he has presented multiple research posters.

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Dr. Caramês received his DMD and MS degree from the University of Lisbon School of Dental Medicine. He completed a postgraduate program in implant dentistry at the Institute of Health science of the North-Portugal before he started his residency in Periodontology and Master of Science in Craniofacial Biology at the University of Southern California. He is an active member of the Academy of Osseointegration, American Academy of Periodontology and Osteology Foundation.

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Hands-On Workshop: Improve your quality of non-surgical periodontal therapy and implant maintenance

Topic: Contemporary risk assessment and periodontal therapy

Program Schedule

7:30 am  Registration & Breakfast
8:00 am  Welcome
8:00 am  Innovations in periodontal and implant instrumentation
Anna Pattison
9:30 am  Reducing failures: At-home maintenance as the cornerstone of implant therapy
Michelle Strange
10:15 am Coffee Break
10:45 am  The quest for optimal patient care and viable solutions for implant maintenance
Jodi Deming
12:00 pm Lunch Break
1:15 pm Contemporary risk assessment and periodontal therapy
Kian Kar, Alfonso Gil, Goncalo Caramês, Peiman Mehriar
3:15 pm Meeting Adjourns
3:30 - 5:30 pm Optional Hands-On Workshop: Improve your quality of non-surgical periodontal therapy and implant maintenance
Jodi Deming

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