USC Ruth Ragland 27th Dental Hygiene Symposium

Lecture Course
USC Davidson Executive Conference Center
Saturday, March 9, 2013
Online registration at www.uscdentalce.org

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7 Hours of Continuing Education

Registration Fees:
Before February 1, 2013: $195
After February 1, 2013: $255

Fees include continental breakfast, and refreshments during breaks

Refunds are granted only if a written cancellation notification is received at least 14 days before the course. 50% of the tuition minus processing fee will be refunded if cancellation occurs within 7 days before this course. No refund is granted afterwards. A $75 fee is withheld for processing. For additional registrations, xerox this form and send.

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Morning Lecture

Autoimmune Diseases: Systemic and Oral Health Considerations

Approximately 2% of the population suffers from autoimmune disease and most of these individuals are women. The diseases themselves, as well as the medication management, can adversely affect the oral cavity and significantly impact quality of life. This course will highlight common autoimmune diseases, oral and systemic disease manifestations, and appropriate dental hygiene interventions.

Upon completion the participant will be able to:

• Describe the pathophysiology of immune system dysfunction.
• Identify common signs and symptoms of various autoimmune diseases.
• Discuss the classes of drugs that are frequently used to treat autoimmune diseases.
• Identify oral manifestations of common autoimmune diseases.
• Recognize the adverse oral and systemic complications associated with medications used to treat autoimmune diseases.
• Discuss the effects of chronic steroid use on the human body.
• Identify important practice management considerations when planning dental hygiene care for patients with autoimmune disease.
• Deliver dental hygiene services safely and effectively for patients with autoimmune disease.

Afternoon Lecture

Stats, Facts, Myths and Downright Lies

What defines the recall interval? Does everyone need to floss? Dental hygienists depend upon scientific evidence to help guide their decision-making throughout the dental hygiene process of care. This course will help support best practices by exploring the science behind common beliefs, perceptions and myths that define dental hygiene practice. Participants will critique the evidence that supports or refutes current practices, and evaluate the impact of evidence on guiding professional judgment and behavior. Challenges that clinicians face with using an evidence-based practice philosophy will be discussed, including how to identify tricks with statistics and how to differentiate fact from fiction. Clinicians will leave this course with a better understanding of how to use information to support treatment recommendations for better patient care.

Upon completion the participant will be able to:

• Discern fact from fiction in scientific presentations and literature.
• Identify strategies to determine the extent to which information presented at conferences and through published literature is true or false.
• Reflect upon the value of dental hygiene publications and continuing education programs.
• Utilize information in health practice settings to provide current, factual health education and treatment to clients.

Testimonials

“The flow was perfect, and the food was great. The speakers were very informative and easy to follow. Great course!”
- Lindsey Garrett, Manhattan Beach, California

“All of the speakers were excellent!”
- Dr. Peter Ceccotti, Sherman Oaks, California

“Excellent combination of speakers. Varied topics. I will take and use this information in daily practice.”

“How enlightening and educational. USC appears to be on the cutting edge of research.”

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