The USC Geriatric Dentistry Symposium: In Sickness and In Health - Providing Dental Care for Geriatric Patients Across the Functional Spectrum

Lecture Course
USC School of Dentistry
Friday - Saturday, October 30 - 31, 2009
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Online registration at www.uscdentalce.org

Upcoming Events

- FUNDAMENTALS OF IMPLANT SURGERY AND RESTORATION (COURSE A)
  - Part I: Friday - Sunday, September 11 - 13, 2009
  - Part II: Saturday - Sunday, October 10 - 11, 2009
  - Part III: Saturday - Sunday, November 7 - 8, 2009

- ESTHETIC PERIODONTAL SURGERY FOR THE GENERAL PRACTITIONER
  - Module I - Sacramento: Saturday, September 19, 2009
  - Module I - Los Angeles: Friday, October 23, 2009
  - Module II - Los Angeles: Saturday - Sunday, October 24 - 25, 2009

- TEAM DRIVEN DIAGNOSIS, TREATMENT PLANNING AND ACCEPTANCE, FOR A SUCCESSFUL ESTHETIC PRACTICE
  - Friday - Saturday, September 25 - 26, 2009

- USC INTERNATIONAL RESTORATIVE SYMPOSIUM
  - Friday - Saturday, October 9 - 10, 2009

- SUPRA-GINGIVAL DENTISTRY: EASY, PREDICTABLE PORCELAIN VENEER, ONLAYS AND FULL CROWNS WORKSHOP
  - Friday - Saturday, October 16 - 17, 2009

- PAIN MEDICATIONS UPDATE FOR DENTISTS TREATING CHRONIC PAIN AND TMD
  - Friday - Saturday, October 16 - 17, 2009

- EMERGING DISEASES, INFECTION CONTROL AND CALIFORNIA DENTAL PRACTICE ACT
  - Saturday, October 17, 2009

- MASTERING BONE GRAFTING FOR ESTHETIC IMPLANT SITE DEVELOPMENT
  - Module I - Lecture & Hands-On: Saturday, October 31, 2009
  - Module II - Cadaver Workshop: Sunday, November 1, 2009

- GROWTH & Prosperity in your dental practice: Key to Success
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Registration Fees
Before October 1, 2009
- Dentist: $395
- Auxiliary: $215
After October 1, 2009
- Dentist: $425
- Auxiliary: $245

Fees include course material, 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 the course. No refund is granted afterwards. A $60 fee is withheld for processing. For additional registrations, xerox this form and send.

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Supported by the Special Care Dentistry Association
Topics to be covered:

- Approaches in managing the complex older adult with multiple medical issues
- Wellness and its effect and role in aging
- Informed consent, advance directives, elder abuse and other legal issues
- Prosthetic treatment challenges
- Prevention strategies for difficult intraoral environments and extra-oral circumstances
- Management of the challenging demented patients
- Treating the elderly in your private practice and nursing home settings
- Practice management issues related to older adult patients

Upon completion participants should:

- Appreciate the complexity and functionality of older adults
- Understand how to assess the multiple medical, psychosocial and behavioral factors that influence the oral health treatment plan of older adult patients
- Understand the issues related to informed consent, advance directives and elder abuse
- Realize the prosthetic treatment challenges presented by the elderly
- Describe prevention strategies based on level of patient need and functionality
- Understand how to assess demented patients and manage their dental needs
- Learn the unique aspects of caring for adults in nursing home settings
- Recognize how to incorporate the elderly into a variety of practice settings

Synopsis

The proportion of people aged 65 years and older is expanding exponentially. Unlike previous generations, these older adults are finding their way to dental offices in increasing numbers. In caring for them we often speak as though older adults were a homogeneous group; however, such an assumption is far from accurate. Characteristic of this population is a wide variety of functional issues, social support systems, residential arrangements and variable financial means. The oral health conditions likely to be associated with the boomer or “new” elderly are apt to be complicated by a lifetime of wear and tear on the dentition and less confounded by medical, social and economic circumstances that impede their life function, a finding more typical of elderly in their 9th or 10th decade of life. The “new” elderly expect to maintain their dentition and continue to receive regular oral health care after they retire as they did through their work-based dental insurance programs. In contrast, the “oldest” elderly are more likely to frequent the dentist with the support of a family member when there is a problem with a denture or difficulty eating; and it is this 85 years and older generation that is the fastest growing segment of the U.S. population.

Recognizing the diverse nature of the elderly, this symposium will approach the older adult from a functional perspective and, where relevant, will compare, contrast and demonstrate issues across the continuum of aging individuals including practice approaches for various functional groups.