



THE HAWAII DENTAL ASSOCIATION
CONVENTION 2025

PROGRAM BOOKLET

January 30-31, 2025
Hawaii Convention Center
Honolulu, Hawaii





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**121st Annual Convention and Exhibition of the Hawaii Dental Association
January 30-31, 2025
Hawaii Convention Center**

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**Welcome to the Hawaii Dental Association
Convention 2025.**

**Join us at Oahu's most beautiful convention facility. Enjoy
the spacious environment filled with native Hawaiian
plants, flowers and art.**

**Continuing dental education sessions will be held by
internationally recognized speakers to provide you with
the most current scientific and technological information
pertaining to dentistry today.**

**A complete dental product and services exhibition will
present over 100 companies. Exhibitors are ready to share
with you new information, products and equipment.
Complete details about the speakers, meeting schedule,
and registration are included in this kit.**

Mahalo,

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**Jeffrey Sonson, DDS, Chair
Continuing Education Program**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jaclyn Lum". The script is fluid and cursive.

**Jaclyn Lum, DDS, Chair
HDA Convention**



Code of Conduct

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Attendees are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner, to communicate with respect and consideration for others, to adhere to rules and regulations of HDAC and HCC, and to refrain from harmful conduct.

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By attending HDAC 2025, you agree to abide by this Code. We intend for the policies and provisions to be compliant and construed in accordance with applicable law. Please promptly report any concerns about inappropriate conduct, or for assistance, to HDA staff.

Mahalo for making HDAC 2025 an enjoyable experience for all!

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Hawaii Dental Association Convention At A Glance

Registration Information

Online registration is now open! Please go to:

<http://www.hawaiidentalassociation.net/continuing-education/hda-convention>

No refunds will be issued after December 31st, 2024.

For those whose schedules are tentative, you may wish to wait to register until your plans are confirmed as registration will remain open until the convention. This will ensure that your plans align with your attendance.

On-Site Registration

Thursday, January 30, 2025: 7:00 am – 4:00 pm

Friday, January 31, 2025: 7:00 am – 2:00 pm

Exhibit Hall Hours

7am - 5pm

Event Location

The Hawaii Dental Association Convention & Exhibition 2025 will be held at:

The Hawaii Convention Center

1801 Kalakaua Ave, Honolulu, HI 96815

Parking at HCC is \$15 per entry. No validation. (Fee subject to change at HCC's discretion.)

Life

Members

As a benefit for our wonderful HDA Life Members, all of our valued Retired Life members may register for The Hawaii Dental Convention 2025 absolutely free.

Our hard working Active Life members will be able to register for the Hawaii Dental Convention at a discounted class rate of \$75. ADA number needed; No code necessary.





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You're invited to
The Hawaii Dental Association

Membership Pauhana!

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The Hawaii Convention Center

Thursday, January 30th, 2025

4:15pm - 6:15pm

**We welcome all current HDA
Members!**

Space is limited and you must

RSVP online here:

<http://www.hawaiidentalassociation.net/continuing-education/hda-convention>

*Thank you once again to our
sponsor!*



NEW SEMINAR

Shaping a Safe Future:

Optimizing Care with Patient Education and Team Training



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This seminar focuses on essential risk management strategies, empowering dentists with the skills and resources to address key factors that optimize patient outcomes and mitigate potential liabilities. Through evaluation of actual TDIC cases, this seminar explores the importance of establishing protocols to enhance patient safety. It also covers best practices for obtaining current and past health histories, insights on essential staff roles and training, and steps for responding to office emergencies.

Date: January 31, 2025
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (HST)
Location: In person at Hawaii Convention Center

After completion of this course, you will be able to:

- Understand the significance of establishing and adhering to protocols and the importance of staff training for medical emergencies.
- Recognize your role in providing patient education to achieve optimal levels of care and patient compliance.
- Incorporate controls and procedures to reduce the potential for errors in documentation and increase patient safety.

Upon course completion, earn 3.0 units ADA CERP C.E. and a 5% Professional Liability premium discount.*

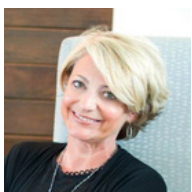
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Cynthia Brattesani, DDS

Dr. Brattesani earned her degree in 1989 from the University of California, San Francisco, School of Dentistry. She has served as president of the San Francisco Dental Society, as a council chair of the ADA and as a member of several committees, task forces and delegations. In 1994, she served as a Woman's Spokesperson for the ADA. In 2015, she was honored with the prestigious UCSF Alumni 150th Anniversary Award. This recognition was granted to only 150 alumni throughout the healthcare campus at UCSF. During this COVID pandemic, CDA media selected Dr. Brattesani to represent dentistry on TV and radio and was quoted in several newspaper articles. She has also been inducted in the Class of 2022 Top 100 World Doctor-to-Doctor—a preeminent peer to peer global organization.

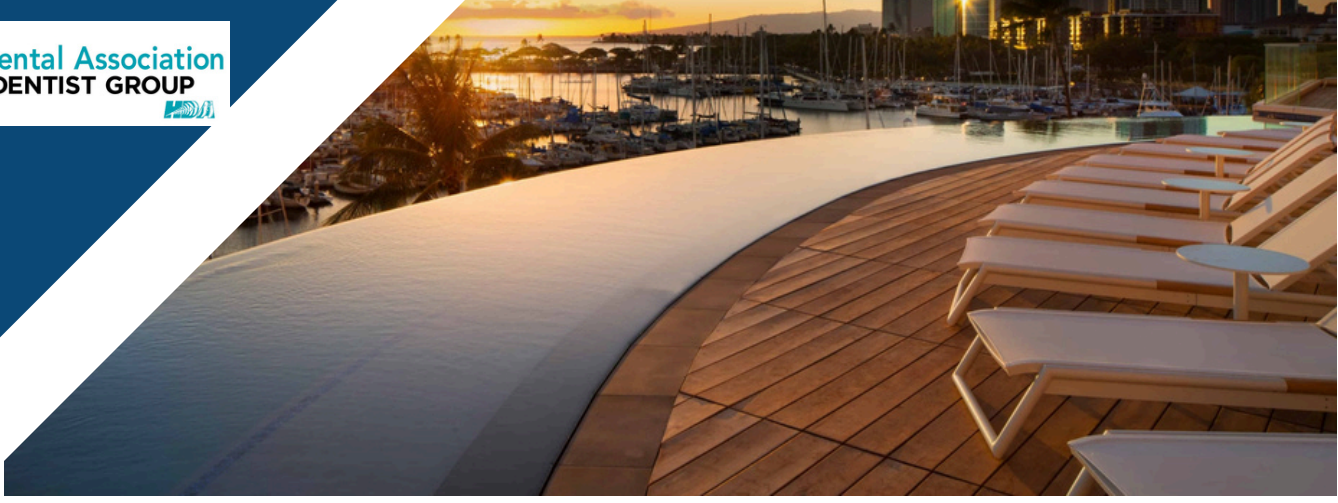
At an early stage of her career, she became a fellow of the American College of Dentists, the International College of Dentists and the Pierre Fauchard Academy. Dr. Brattesani lectures internationally on technology in the dental office focusing on improving the patient positive experience. She also lectures to dental students at the UCSF and UOP Schools of Dentistry on the challenges and benefits of the dental profession. She maintains a busy general private practice in San Francisco.



Art Curley, Esq.

Mr. Curley is a senior trial attorney in California. After graduating from the University of California, Berkeley with honors in 1970, he obtained his J.D. in 1974 from the UC College of Law, San Francisco. He is currently an Assistant Professor of Dental Jurisprudence at the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry in San Francisco and an Adjunct Faculty Professor at the University of California, San Francisco. As a trial attorney, he has been defending doctors for over 49 years and has presented risk management courses throughout the United States and Canada. He is an associate of the American Board of Trial Advocates. Mr. Curley has published several articles on risk management and authored chapters in numerous text books on oral surgery, endodontics and periodontics.

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THE HAWAII DENTAL ASSOCIATION YOUNG DENTIST GROUP MIXER

The Prince Waikiki - Hinana Bar

100 Holomoana St, Honolulu, HI 96815

Friday, January 31, 2025

5:30pm - 8:30pm

RSVP to brittne@hawaiidentalassociation.net

no later than Jan 17th, 2025

Join us!

We welcome all current
HDA Young Dentist members
and Hawaii Dental Residents.

*Meet your colleagues,
get engaged and
have a great time!*

This event is sponsored by:

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- THE HAWAII DENTAL ASSOCIATION -

Wellness Area

Join us on Jan 30th and Jan 31st at the 2025 HDA Convention as our vendors share how dental professionals can incorporate wellness into your career!


















- **PT Hawaii**
- **StretchLab Hawaii**
- **Lei Po'o Making Station**
8am - 12pm
- **Holt Fitness Station**
9am - 1pm



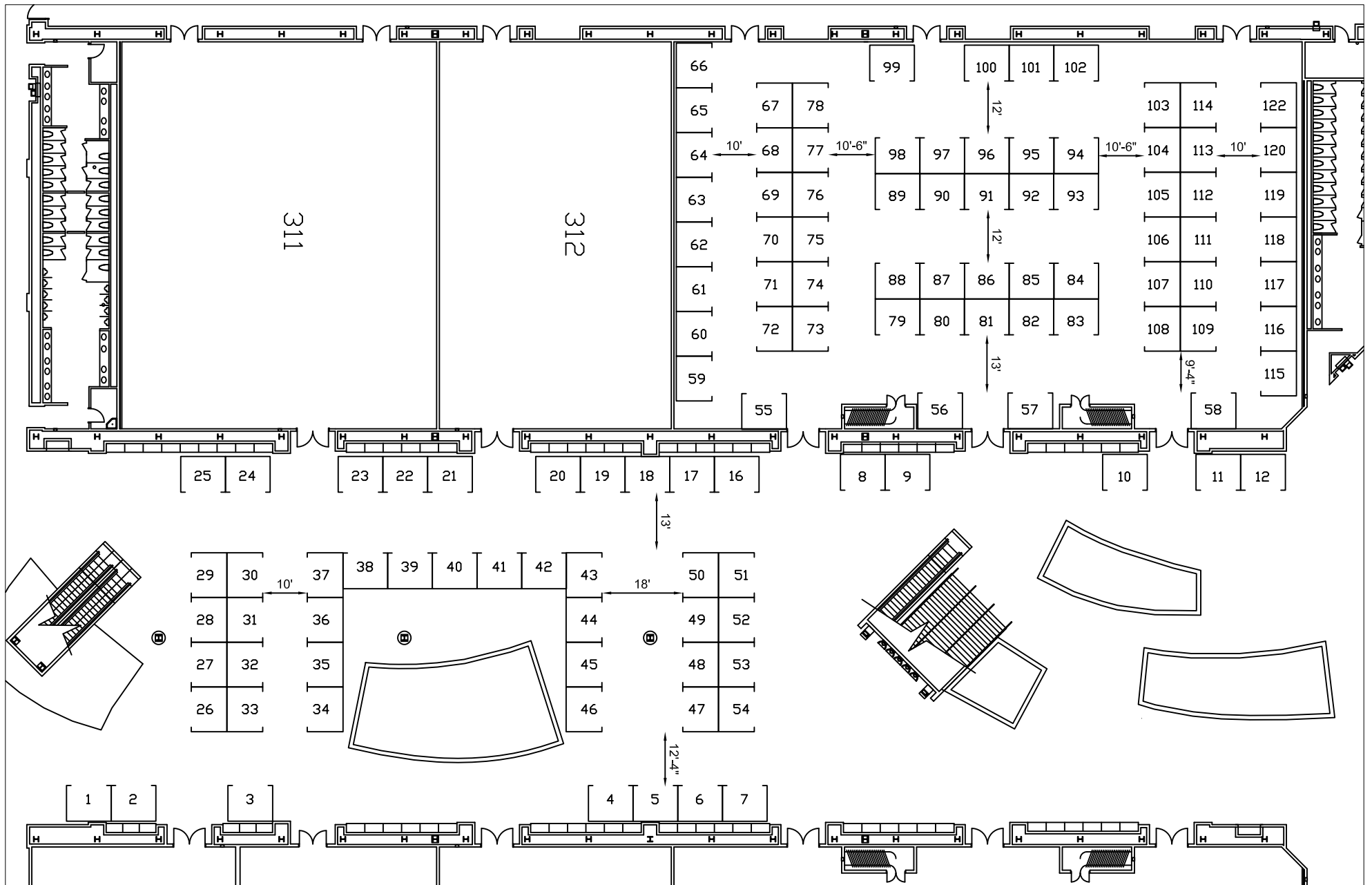
“Being yourself is one of the most powerful elements of good health”

FLOOR PLAN LEVEL 3 Meeting Rooms

 **Complimentary Wi-Fi Area**
Connect to: Hawaii Free Wi-Fi

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|  | Business center |
|  | 808 Café |
|  | Escalator (2nd FL parking) |
|  | Escalator (3rd & 4th FL) |
|  | Elevator |
|  | Restroom (Men) |
|  | Restroom (Women) |
|  | ATM |
|  | Water fountain |
|  | Bottle filler |
|  | Defibrillator |
|  | First aid |
|  | Art display |
|  | Smoking area |
|  | LCD board |
|  | Entrance |
|  | Wi-Fi area |





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Thursday, January 30, 2025



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Thursday Jan 30th AM Lectures

Dental Ethics in Practice, Technology, AI Issues and Defenses

Thursday, January 30, 7:30am - 11:00am

Mr. Arthur Curley

This course is mandated for all dentists and every hygienist in the State of Hawaii, and is based on the ADA Principle of ethics and code of professional conduct. The speaker will review on topics that include patient autonomy, beneficence, justice and veracity principles. In the era of computer, digital dentistry and AI, particularly in group practices, dentists should maintain ethical principles that are the standard of care in Hawaii.

Course attendees will learn to:

- Recognize the scope of current ethical issues in a dental practice.
- Avoid or prevent clinical ethical problems in practice in the era of computers and AI.
- Educate associates and staff on how to resolve clinical and AI ethical issues or problems if they occur.

Taking a Team Approach for the New Patient Experience

Thursday, January 30, 8:00am - 11:30am

Ms. Debbie Castagna

New patients are precious...and so is everyone on your team. Does everyone on your team understand just how vital they are to the new patient experience? Patients look to them for care, reassurance, confidence, and skill. Debbie will dive into this important topic providing important tools and perspective allowing them to be true advocates for your patient's great health and experience in your practice.

Course attendees will learn to:

- Set the tone for a great new patient experience.
- Use verbal skills which demonstrate your advocacy for the patient.
- Improve efficiency by learning a systematic flow for the examination, thus improving case acceptance.



Posture, Pain, & Productivity in Modern Dentistry

Thursday, January 30, 8:00am - 11:30am

Mr. Timothy Caruso

Posture is a key ingredient in the dental profession. Good and bad posture can positively and negatively impact the bottom line. Over time, stress can lead to a reduction in productivity and the body's ability to heal itself. Lost work time and diminished work life are serious threats to personal and professional achievement. Tuning into proper posture can limit the amount of stress one feels during the course of the treatment day and thus contribute to the positive experience of the practitioner and the patient. Additionally, a strong, healthy worker is a productive worker and that productivity is reflected positively in the bottom line. This program presents a hands-on approach to solving the problems that dental professionals face in the workplace everyday...posture, productivity, career satisfaction and the bottom line.

The negative impact that work-related musculoskeletal disorders can have on productivity will be discussed. Instrumentation, posture, equipment selection, operatory design, strength and flexibility will also be reviewed. This workshop is designed to provide practitioners with an introductory working knowledge of the ergonomic risks in and out of their work environment while developing more efficient work performance strategies. Developing ongoing daily awareness is a major preventative approach for avoiding the potential career ending, life-altering musculoskeletal disorder. What's your bottom line? If you are someone who carries the weight of your clinic on your back, we need to talk! There will be an opportunity to discuss individual concerns following the presentation.

Course attendees will learn to:

- Understand the science of ergonomics and its potential impact on the practice of dentistry.
- Review the anatomy and physiology of the musculoskeletal system for the upper quarter, lower quarter, and the spine.
- Discuss the impact of posture, strength, and flexibility on dental practice, the patient and the dental practitioner.
- Identify musculoskeletal signs and symptoms related to dental practice
- Identify impediments to productivity, the negative impact on quality patient care and the bottom line.

- Identify proper working postures, activities and techniques in order to create preventative strategies, which can counteract the ill-effects of work-related musculoskeletal disorders
- Identify alternative approaches for efficient, effective delivery of care and a healthier lifestyle which can assist dental professionals to practice productively without pain.

“Hurts so...Swell!” Management of Dental Pain and Appropriate Opioid Prescribing Practices

Thursday, January 30, 8:30am - 12:00 pm

Dr. Tom Viola

Management of acute odontogenic pain is accomplished through a clinical approach that successfully incorporates both opioid and non-opioid analgesics. It is critical for dental clinicians to not only employ appropriate prescribing practices when utilizing opioid and non-opioid analgesics to treat pain but to also apply best practices when assessing pain control and educating patients on opioid-associated risks and opioid safety.

This program will provide an overview of techniques for effectively assessing and managing dental pain, appropriately prescribing analgesics, educating patients on adverse effects and proper handling of opioid medications, as well as strategies for identifying managing and treating patients at risk for substance use disorder.

Course attendees will learn to:

- Describe the pharmacology and mechanism of action of opioid and non-opioid analgesics.
- Explain the intended role of opioid and non-opioid analgesics in the management of acute dental pain, as well as situations that may preclude their use, based on a patient's underlying medical conditions.
- Discuss appropriate prescribing practices for opioid analgesics to utilize in everyday clinical situations.
- Describe techniques useful in developing individualized pain management plans as well as strategies useful in identifying managing and treating patients at risk for substance use disorder.

Maximizing Clinical Outcomes for your Patient Population – Providing State of this Art Care...with Sound Diagnosis, Prevention Strategies and Restorative Treatment

Thursday, January 30, 8:30am - 12:00pm

Dr. Marc Geissberger

This fast paced, informative session will introduce the participants to several new philosophies, materials and techniques in preventive and restorative dentistry designed to simplify clinical practice and yield predictable clinical outcomes and problem free restorations. Various clinical tips and techniques will be introduced designed to eliminate common problems associated with routine clinical procedures. The will include: diagnosing and managing caries, periodontal disease and occlusion, creating perfect Class II restorations, mastering flawless crown and bridge impressions, enhancing esthetics in anterior direct bonding cases and proper adhesion and curing protocols. Additionally, this course will cover the latest development in all porcelains, cements, impression materials and CAD/CAM technology and elucidate their influences on the modern practice of dentistry.

Course attendees will learn to:

- Enhance their disease management strategies.
- Understand the steps involved in creating the perfect Class II composite restoration.
- Master appropriate bonding and curing protocols.
- Predict techniques designed to capture flawless impressions the first time they are attempted.
- Review appropriate layering techniques to enhance esthetics of anterior bonding cases.
- Gain knowledge of modern ceramic materials and understand limitations and strengths of each type of material.
- Develop a better understanding of the indications and contraindications of each material.
- Improve their understanding of the plethora of modern cements and which clinical situations are indicated for their use.
- Navigate the technological advances in CAD/CAM Dentistry and figure out which systems may be most appropriate for their practices.

Thursday Jan 30th PM Lectures

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Successful Management of Today's Dental Practice

Thursday, January 30, 12:30pm - 4:00pm

Ms. Debbie Castagna

As a coach, I've learned most dentists are comfortable chairside but what causes some to lose sleep is due to the challenges of running a successful practice. Today's dentist business owner must make peace with the fact that it's also the time away from the chair that contributes to success. Overhead, staffing and hiring issues and HR management are just a few of the things requiring consistent focus. Come to this seminar for a better night's sleep!

Course attendees will learn:

- The basics of creating an annual business plan.
- To elevate team performance with proper communication.
- To take the "drama" out of tough team situations.

Surviving Back & Neck Pain in Modern Dentistry: A User's guide for the Rest of your Career!

Thursday, January 30, 12:30pm – 4:00pm

Mr. Timothy Caruso

Is your career hazardous to your physical & mental health? Perhaps killing you slowly? Dentistry has come a long way in the last 150 years. The evolution of anesthesia, dental techniques, materials, equipment, and approaches has evolved yet daily discomfort continues to be tolerated day in and day out by many dental practitioners. Pain appears to be an accepted part of the dental profession, and it seems to be worsening. The patients are pain free but how about the dental staff?

Is it possible for the modern day dental professional to counteract the ill-effects of their work on their bodies? Can injecting a dose of regular exercise and dynamic sitting into the operatory facilitate improved work flow with less pain? Is there a conservative approach to consider for pain relief prior to signing up for surgery? Perhaps Mechanical Diagnosis & Therapy is the answer for you.

Are you someone who has a nagging pain in your neck or your back that no longer goes away? There is some numbness and tingling in your foot or your dominant hand is a bit clumsier than it used to be. Your sleep is disturbed and you wake up with a headache. Advil and Motrin no longer "take care of it". What are you going to do? Before going to the orthopedic/neurosurgeon for surgical intervention; before chronic becomes part of your vocabulary; before filing that disability claim, come and give this a listen!

Course attendees will learn to:

- Discuss the incidence and prevalence of cervical/lumbar pain in the dental profession.
- Discuss pain generators in the cervical/lumbar regions.
- Discuss the unique musculoskeletal needs of the dental profession and the effects of prolonged static loading.

- Discuss conservative treatment options for cervical/lumbar pain.
- Discuss Mechanical Diagnosis & Therapy(McKenzie Method) to treatment of referred/radicular back & neck pain as an alternative to or screening prior to surgical intervention.
- Discuss chair side preventative postures, exercises & strategies
- Know when to seek medical care.

“Waiting to Exhale?” The Rise of Cannabis, Cannabinoids and Terpenes: Medical and Dental Considerations

Thursday, January 30, 1:00pm - 4:30pm

Dr. Thomas Viola

The DEA considers cannabis illegal to possess with no accepted medical use, yet, almost every state has enacted legislation aimed at legalizing or decriminalizing cannabis for medical or recreational use. Despite this rise in social and legal acceptance, public health concerns regarding the use of cannabis remain, especially among dental professionals since the major routes of administration of cannabis involve the oral cavity. This program will introduce dental professionals to the pharmacology of cannabis, including its various dosage forms, routes of administration, and adverse reactions. Special emphasis will be placed on the effects of cannabis use on oral health and dental treatment, as well as the proposed use of cannabis in dentistry for the management of patient anxiety and odontogenic pain.

Course attendees will learn to:

- Discuss the history and various types of cannabis, as well as its current legal status and proposed uses in dentistry.
- Describe the pharmacology of cannabis, including its mechanism of action, routes of administration and available formulations.
- Explain the clinical considerations of cannabis use, including adverse reactions, drug interactions and contraindications.
- Explore the dental considerations of cannabis, including potential treatment modifications, and strategies for patient care planning.

Wellness – Better Health, Better Care: Promoting Physical Health for the Dental Practitioner, their Team and Patients

Thursday, January 30, 1:00pm - 4:30pm

Dr. Marc Geissberger

Wellness is an active process of becoming aware of and making choices toward a more successful existence. Establishing a wellness program for yourself and your practice can have lasting, profound results. A healthy, fit and engaged dental team brimming with energy and enthusiasm can provide great care for their patients and act as role models for healthy behavior. This program will examine the health and wellness trends of Americans and explore possible corrective strategies designed to enhance the well-being of all. Particular emphasis will be placed on a step-by-step approach to set, modify, monitor and achieve reasonable changes to one's current level of overall wellness and physical activity. Additionally, all participants will learn ways to promote wellness and physical health of all they encounter on a daily basis.

Course attendees will learn to:

- Build and retain a thriving team.
- Assess their own personal wellness.
- Expand their understanding of the link between systemic health and oral health.
- Develop personal strategies to modify current behaviors towards a healthier existence.
- Understand the key components of living well.
- Learn how to motivate others to initiate changes designed to create wellness.
- Develop strategies to promote systemic health by emphasizing know links to oral health.



Friday Jan 31st AM Lectures

Better Composite Restorations

Friday, January 31, 8:00am - 11:30am

Dr. David Clark

Until now our composite went “in” the tooth. Now we can go “around” the tooth. Today, injection molding of composites with modern preparations, super-anatomic clear matrices, and heated multi-viscosity composite can solve so many problems without resorting to crowns. In this fast moving and entertaining lecture Dr. Clark will demonstrate the art and science of monolithic injection molded composite dentistry.

Course attendees will learn:

- About the 6 keys to world class contacts 100% of the time in a Class II.
- How to injection mold to treat black triangles, peg laterals, fractured teeth and diastemas.
- How to safely warm composite, and why.
- About deep margin management.
- About ultra glossy stain proof anterior restorations.

Digital Impressions 101 for General Dentists - The Critical Foundation of Precision Dentistry

Friday, January 31, 8:00am - 11:30am

Dr. Jonathan Ng

This lecture will provide a comprehensive overview of digital impression techniques and technologies relevant for the General Dentist and Specialist alike. Participants will gain an understanding of the clinical benefits, workflows, and best practices for implementing digital impressions into their practice. The goal is to equip clinicians with the knowledge and confidence to embrace digital impressions for enhanced patient care and practice efficiency. Whether novice or seasoned, from simple cases to complex full mouth applications, learn tips and tricks of the newest and latest digital impression equipment and techniques.

Course attendees will learn to:

- Identify the advantages and disadvantages of digital impressions compared to traditional methods.
- Describe the different types of intraoral scanners and their applications in various dental procedures.
- Implement best practices for capturing accurate and clinically successful digital impressions and everything that stems from its use.

Integrating Assisted Intelligence (Ai) and Teamwork for Improved Diagnostics and Treatment Planning

Friday, January 31, 8:00am - 11:30am

Ms. Sadie Stewart

An exciting course designed for the entire dental team eager to harness the power of Ai and digital technologies in their practice. This course explores how Ai can revolutionize dental diagnostics and treatment planning when effectively combined with collaborative team approaches. Throughout the course, participants will delve into the latest Ai tools and applications, including diagnostic imaging analysis, predictive analytics, and personalized treatment planning. Emphasis will be placed on how these technologies can enhance diagnostic accuracy, streamline treatment workflows, and improve patient outcomes. Throughout the course, participants will delve into the latest Ai tools and applications, including diagnostic imaging analysis, predictive analytics, and personalized treatment planning. Emphasis will be placed on how these technologies can enhance diagnostic accuracy, streamline treatment workflows, and improve patient outcomes.

Course attendees will learn to:

- Gain a thorough understanding of how Ai enhances diagnostic accuracy and treatment planning in dentistry.
- Explore collaborative team dynamics to improve patient care by enhancing communication and coordination using Ai.
- Develop insights into the integration of Ai technologies into your clinical workflows and patient care strategies.
- Recognize and address ethical considerations and regulatory requirements associated with Ai in dental practice.
- Discuss integration strategies and how to incorporate Ai tools into existing dental practices and workflows.

Minimally Invasive Exodontia

Friday, January 31, 8:30am - 12:00pm

Dr. John Alonge

The concept of minimally invasive exodontia is based on preserving alveolar bone. Efficient and less traumatic exodontia should be part of a predictable routine for the general dentist and specialist. This lecture will help you learn how to perform routine extractions using state of the art minimally invasive atraumatic techniques and armamentarium. This should enhance your confidence and proficiency for yourself and your dental team.

Course attendees will learn to:

- Understand the differences between traditional exodontia and minimally invasive exodontia techniques.
- Understand the steps to perform minimally invasive exodontia.
- Understand the armamentarium necessary to perform minimally invasive exodontia.

Pain-Free Endo: Canal Location and Navigation

Friday, January 31, 8:30am - 12:00pm

Dr. Marcus Johnson

This evidenced based course reviews the biology of local anesthetics necessary to predictably achieve profound anesthesia for the “hot tooth”. This presentation takes a deep dive into understanding efficient access into the pulp chamber and locating the orifice of the root canal system using anatomical landmarks in calcified canals, especially identifying MB2. A systematic method for minimally engaging the canal system is presented. A shaping protocol to navigate highly curved canals will be reviewed. Participants will learn about innovative technology; controlled-memory metallurgy and increased fracture resistance.

Course attendees will learn:

About the biological objectives of achieving profound pulpal anesthesia in the hot tooth.

- How to locate canals in calcified cases, find MB2 & gain patency.

About thermomechanical processing and Electrical Discharge Machining for the manufacturing of rotary files and why this manufacturing is superior to milled NiTi files.

- How to adapt instrumentation protocols from orifice to apex with the HyFlex CM and EDM rotary files.



Friday Jan 31st PM Lectures

The Great Tooth Killer

Friday, January 31, 12:30pm - 4:00pm

Dr. David Clark

Currently the diagnosis and treatment of cracked and fractured teeth is largely symptom based and is therefore often a sad, end stage diagnosis. The fracturing process is one of dentistry's last great mysteries and is poorly understood throughout the generalist and specialist dental community. In this engaging and entertaining lecture, you will learn to understand and diagnose pathologic cracks utilizing magnification and other modalities, and treat long before symptoms arise or the tooth becomes unsalvageable. Dr. Clark will teach routine identification of early cracks and teach the Clark Class II saucer shaped nonretentive preparation and Fissurotomy Class I that are a significant departure from the G.V. Black preparations that are a leading cause of cracked teeth. He will share his published approach to diagnosis based on 16X magnification, step by step predictable treatment, endodontic and periodontal implications, and when to extract.

Course attendees will:

- Have confidence identifying early tooth fracturing based on high level magnification.
- Learn why new Class II cavity preparations and other modalities are crucial to prevent eventual tooth fracture.
- Receive a blueprint for diagnosis and treatment of complete and incomplete fractures.
- Understand the Fissurotomy, Calla Lilly and Overlay preparations for Class I restoration.



Digital Dentistry Revolution – Today's Top Trends Transforming Clinical Practice for the General Dentist

Friday, January 31, 12:30pm - 4:00pm

Dr. Jonathan Ng

This lecture will explore the latest advancements in digital dentistry and their impact on the general dentist's clinical practice. Attendees will gain insights into cutting-edge technologies and techniques that are revolutionizing patient care, improving accuracy, and enhancing efficiency in daily workflows. The goal is to provide a forward-looking perspective on how digital dentistry is shaping the future of the profession. From planning to delivery, see workflows, technologies like 3D printing and enhance your knowledge of the latest trends that will not only improve what you do, but transform your practice.

Course attendees will learn to:

- Recognize emerging trends in digital dentistry, including artificial intelligence, 3D printing and beyond.
- Evaluate the potential benefits and challenges of integrating these technologies into their own practices.
- Develop strategies for staying informed about and adapting to the evolving landscape of digital dentistry.

Next-Gen Innovations for Dental Teams: Elevating Patient Care with Advanced Technologies

Friday, January 31, 12:30pm - 4:00pm

Ms. Sadie Stewart

In this exciting lecture, we'll journey through the most recent technological advancements that are transforming the way dental teams operate. Designed for hygienists, dental assistants, and front office team members, this session will highlight progressive tools and innovative practices that enhance patient care and streamline dental procedures. By the end of this lecture, attendees will have a comprehensive understanding of the latest technological breakthroughs in the dental field. They will leave equipped with practical knowledge and skills to incorporate these innovations into their practice, ultimately providing enhanced care and improved outcomes for their patients.

Course attendees will learn about:

- Digital Imaging: Discover the latest advantages of digital imaging technologies, such as intraoral scanners, clinical photography, digital X-rays & CBCT. Participants will gain insights into how these tools enhance diagnostic accuracy, tips for reducing radiation exposure, and improve treatment plan communication with patients.
- Laser Dentistry in Periodontal Treatments: Understand the revolutionary role of lasers in periodontal therapy. This section will cover different types of lasers, their applications in non- surgical periodontal treatments, and the benefits of using laser technology, including increased precision, reduced discomfort, and faster healing times.
- Integration of Ai: Explore how assisted intelligence and automation are reshaping dental practices. This section will focus on Ai-driven diagnostic tools to enhance patient care. Learn how these technologies can optimize practice efficiency and diagnostic capabilities while personalizing patient care.

Practical Concepts and Applications for Office Oral Surgery

Friday, January 31, 1:00pm - 4:30pm

Dr. John Alonge

This presentation is designed to share with the general dentist practical guidelines on patient management, modern armamentarium, exodontia techniques and tips plus much more.

Course attendees will learn useful tips on:

- Pertinent Medical Management Issues
- Anxiety and Pain Control
- Dentoalveolar Surgery introducing atraumatic technique concepts and armamentarium
- Socket preservation grafting
- Complications
- Third Molar surgery techniques
- Understanding and management of Infections
- Biopsy Techniques
- Medical Emergencies

Cracked Teeth Update

Friday, January 31, 1:00pm - 4:30pm

Dr. Marcus Johnson

This presentation delves into the updated nomenclature of cracked teeth, which also breaks way into thoughts on new technologies. Don't miss this enlightening lecture, which tackles the phenomenon of cracked teeth literature, management and protocols.

Course attendees will learn to:

- Define the various classifications of cracked teeth and relative prognosis.
- Identify the best ways to diagnose cracked teeth using clinical and imaging modalities.
- Evaluate the classic and contemporary literature on cracked teeth management and protocols.



HAWAII DENTAL ASSOCIATION SPEAKERS



Dr. John L. Alonge

Dr. John L. Alonge is an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon from Erie, Pennsylvania. He is a retired Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and the National Dental Board of Anesthesiology. Dr. Alonge is a Magna cum Laude graduate of the University of Maryland, where he received his dental degree as well as a master's degree in anatomy in 1983. He was elected to Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society and Omicron Kappa Upsilon national dental honor society. He served in the U.S. Air Force Dental Corps until 1994 having completed his dental internship and specialty training. He served as Oral Surgery Training Officer for the Advanced Education in General Dentistry Residency Program for four years before entering private practice. Dr. Alonge has extensive experience in all subspecialty areas such as dento-alveolar surgery, dental implants, corrective jaw, facial and trauma surgery. Dr. Alonge has lectured nationally and internationally and was a member of the Examination Committee for the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. He was inducted into the American College of Dentists and the International College of Dentists. He served as a clinical instructor for the LECOM School of Dental Medicine Erie Outreach Clinic until his retirement in 2021



Mr. Timothy J. Caruso

Timothy J. Caruso has been a practicing Physical Therapist for over 35 years, focusing his expertise in the area of manual therapy, orthopedics & ergonomics. Tim has worked extensively with dental profession since 1988 in the areas of ergonomics, injury prevention, productivity, exercise & wellness. He is a member of the American Dental Association Dental Wellness Advisory Committee & FDI Health and Safety in the Dental Workplace Task Team.



Ms. Debbie Castagna

Debbie Castagna is the owner of Castagna Coaching. She is one of the dental industry's most experienced and accomplished management consultants, speakers and authors. Her goal is straightforward--to provide significant and tangible results for the dentists and team members she works with.

Debbie has appeared in Dentistry Today's list of Leaders in Consulting every year since 2005, and speaks at dental meetings across the US and the international stage. She also co-authored the popular training resources, The Doctor as CEO and The Ultimate Staff.



Dr. David J. Clark

Dr. Clark is director of Bioclear Learning Centers International. He founded the Academy of Microscope Enhanced Dentistry, creates curriculum for dental schools, and has lectured in twenty-seven countries. He developed the Bioclear Matrix System for placement of biologically appropriate, esthetically pleasing direct composite restorations for facilitating Injection Molding of the Clark Class I and Class II preparations, diastema closure and black triangle elimination combined with papilla regeneration. He is actively collaborating with schools to move beyond the tragically outdated GV Black cavity preparations. The Clark Class I and Clark Class II preparations and injection molded restorations (non-retentive, compression based and infinity edge margins) have been confirmed in multiple studies. He owns several patents.

He and Dr. John Khademi are acknowledged as fathers of Minimally Invasive Endodontics, which at first was rejected by most North American endodontists but is now being embraced by the mainstream. He published the first classification system for dentin and enamel cracks based on sixteen power magnification. He has conducted studies on cracked teeth. He has designed numerous instruments, burs, wedges, matrices, separators, and equipment and has written chapters for both esthetic dentistry and endodontic textbooks. Dr. Clark is a 1986 graduate of the University of Washington School of Dentistry



Mr. Arthur W. Curley

Mr. Curley is a senior trial attorney in the California healthcare defense firm of Bradley, Curley, Barrabee & Kowalski, PC. After graduating from the University of California, Berkeley with honors in 1970, he obtained his J.D. in 1974 from the UC Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco. He is currently an Assistant Professor of Dental Jurisprudence at the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry in San Francisco and an Adjunct Faculty Professor at the University of California, San Francisco. As a trial attorney, he has been defending doctors for over 46 years and has presented risk management courses throughout the United States and Canada. He is an associate of the American Board of Trial Advocates. Mr. Curley has published several articles on risk management and authored chapters in numerous text books on oral surgery, endodontics and periodontics.



Dr. Marcus Johnson

Dr. Marcus Johnson, wanted to be a dentist since age 11.

A Rutgers University alum and graduate of New York University Dental School, he advanced his knowledge and training receiving his Certificate of Endodontics from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio while earning his Master's Degree of Science in Dentistry.

Dr. Marcus Johnson is a Diplomat of the American Board of Endodontics. He is the Chief of Endodontics for One Brooklyn Hospitals, which comprises three Level one trauma centers in metro Brooklyn and owns and operates a private office and education center, City Endodontics in midtown Manhattan. He values organized dentistry and is active at the local, state and national levels. Currently he is President for the New York State Association of Endodontists, and the host of the AAE podcast Endovoices.



Dr. Marc Geissberger

Dr. Marc Geissberger taught at University of the Pacific for 30 years and served as department chair of Integrated Reconstructive Dental Sciences for 15 years. He ran Pacific's prestigious complex and esthetic rehabilitation program. He is a fellow of the American Dental Education Association's leadership institute, researcher, as well as a published author in the areas of dental materials, contemporary fixed prosthodontics, esthetic dentistry. He has lectured nationally and internationally in the areas of adhesive dentistry, cosmetic dentistry, photography, ceramic, fixed prosthodontics and treatment planning. Dr. Geissberger serves as a consultant for many dental materials companies and helps guide product development. During his 30 years in academia he has maintained a private practice geared toward restorative dentistry with his brother and fellow Pacific alum Dr. Jeffrey Geissberger. He believes his continual involvement in providing patient care as well as a role in academia has given him a unique balance that allows him to blend the best of both worlds.

A member of the Catapult Group, Dr. Geissberger has been awarded fellowship in the International College of Dentists, American College of Dentists, and the Pierre Fauchard Academy. He has won several teaching awards and has presented over 450 lectures and hands-on workshops to colleagues in the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, China, Peru, Denmark, and Taiwan. He has co-authored and published numerous scientific papers and a textbook entitled *Esthetic Dentistry in Clinical Practice* for Wiley-Blackwell which is currently available in 4 languages (English, Spanish, Polish and Turkish). Dr. Geissberger earned a Masters in Educational Psychology in 1994 and has been a Certified Personal Trainer (CPT) with the National Academy of Sports Medicine since 2008. He completed his Fitness Nutrition Specialty (FNS) training in 2011.



Dr. Jonathan A. Ng

Dr. Ng is a Certified Specialist in Prosthodontics. He is currently an Assistant Clinical Professor at the UBC Department of Dentistry and is also on staff as a clinical Prosthodontist at the BC Cancer Agency in Vancouver delivering multifaceted prosthodontic care and oral and facial rehabilitation to medically complex patients.

Dr. Ng's private practice is on West Broadway in Vancouver, Canada. He focuses his private practice on esthetic and functional reconstruction ranging from the single tooth situation to complex prosthodontics. His practice includes the surgical placement and restoration of dental implants. He has a passion for the area of digital dentistry such as digital impressions and the digital workflow and has been invited to speak both nationally and internationally on these topics. He has published articles on the subject area.

Dr. Ng has been involved in international aid missions with a strong desire to help those in underdeveloped countries. When not practicing dentistry, he enjoys photography, playing the guitar and snowboarding.



Ms. Sadie Stewart

Sadie Stewart has been an integral part of our local dental community since 2010, leaving an indelible mark on the field through her unwavering commitment to advancing dental practices. Her extensive expertise has consistently contributed to elevating local practices by streamlining operational efficiency, enhancing patient care, and incorporating cutting-edge dental technologies.

In her role as a certified dental technology instructor, Sadie leverages her deep knowledge and hands-on experience to educate and train dental professionals, ensuring they stay abreast of the latest advancements in the field. Her dual role as the Territory Sales Manager for DEXIS Imaging Hawaii allows her to bridge the gap between innovative dental imaging solutions and the practitioners who benefit from them, fostering improved diagnostic accuracy and patient outcomes.

Moreover, Sadie is the visionary behind Office Swell LLC, a dental consulting firm based in Honolulu. Through Office Swell, she offers invaluable guidance to local dental practices, focusing on optimizing practice management and operational strategies. Her passion extends particularly to mentoring emerging dentists, providing them with the tools and insights needed to navigate and excel in the competitive landscape of dental practice.

Sadie's multifaceted contributions—ranging from hands-on training and technology management to strategic consulting and mentorship—underscore her dedication to the continuous improvement of dental care and the professional growth of her peers. Her work not only enhances the efficiency of dental practices but also significantly impacts the quality of care patients receive, solidifying her role as a pivotal figure in our dental community.



Dr. Tom Viola

With over 30 years' experience as a board-certified pharmacist, clinical educator, professional speaker and published author, Tom Viola, R.P h., C.C.P. has earned his national and international reputation as the go-to specialist for making pharmacology practical and useful for all members of the dental team. As the founder of Pharmacology Declassified, Tom provides valuable insight on the complex interplay between pharmacology and physiology so that clinicians may be knowledgeable about not only the dental considerations of medications used to treat systemic illness but also the systemic considerations of medications used to provide dental treatment. As an educator, Tom is a member of the faculty of over 10 dental professional degree programs and has received several awards for outstanding teacher of the year. As an author, Tom is well known for his contributions to several professional journals, has served as a contributor, chapter author and peer reviewer for several pharmacology textbooks and currently serves as a consultant to the American Dental Association's Council on Scientific Affairs. As a speaker, Tom has presented over 1000 informative, humorous and engaging continuing education seminars and webinars to dental professionals internationally since 2001. Meeting planners and attendees agree that Tom is their choice to educate within this dental specialty.



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