

The Myths and Realities of the Link Between Oral Disease & Systemic Conditions and the Effects on Clinical Outcomes

Presented by Dr. Jim Grisdale

Thursday, 8:30–11:30 am | 3 CDE | Lecture
Suitable for the entire team

This course will explore and explain in detail the interrelationships between systemic disorders and oral health. Emphasis will be placed on the oral microbiome, symbiosis and dysbiosis and the effect on healing from non-surgical to surgical treatments. The bi-directional link will be made between periodontal disease and systemic conditions from understanding the pathways of inflammation, the host response and the impact on clinical practice outcomes. Risk assessment will be addressed in the context of the oral/systemic connection.

Learning Outcomes

At the end of the program, participants will have learned:

- current knowledge and understanding of the pathogenesis and mechanisms of periodontal disease.
- the impact of periodontal disease on systemic conditions.
- the influence of systemic disorders on periodontal health.
- the importance of understanding the oral/systemic link and how it can affect treatment outcomes.
- to look to future trends for causal effect relationships between oral and systemic diseases.

Contemporary Esthetic and Functional Gingival Grafting for Teeth and Implants

Presented by Dr. Jim Grisdale

Thursday, 1:00–4:00 pm | 3 CDE | Lecture
Suitable for the entire team

This course covers the key factors which determine successful soft tissue grafting outcomes. The etiology, classification, indications and techniques to establish predictable esthetic results, restore a functional attachment and eliminate hypersensitivity will be discussed. Free gingival grafts to the most contemporary connective tissue graft techniques including the use of autogenous and alternative tissue for the most predictable results will be covered in detail.

Learning Outcomes

At the end of the program, participants will have learned:

- to correctly diagnose and treatment plan mucogingival problems for teeth and implants.
- to understand the differences and limitations between free gingival grafts and connective tissue grafts.
- to know the indications and contraindications for free gingival grafts and connective tissue grafts.
- to become familiar with the surgical protocols, techniques and instrumentation for successful mucogingival surgery.
- to provide appropriate post operative instructions to patients to avoid complications.



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Dr. Grisdale lectures extensively in the United States, Canada, and has lectured in Southeast Asia and Europe. He is a mentor for Periodontics and Implant Study Clubs. Dr. Grisdale has published in treatment for dentin sensitivity, implants, bone regeneration and soft tissue periodontal adhesives. He is an active participant in clinical research and the study of contemporary periodontal products. He is a member of several professional societies.