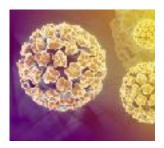
Hot Stuff: The Fire Within



Extensive research has confirmed the devastating effects of periodontal disease on systemic health. Dental practitioners are in a unique position to restore patient health through comprehensive periodontal care.

Periodontal disease contributes to many catastrophic systemic illnesses, such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease, Alzheimer's disease, and rheumatoid arthritis. Dental professionals can impact patient wellness by utilizing a medical model of care in the diagnosis and treatment of periodontal disease. Elevate the professional identity of your practice while increasing personal and professional satisfaction in your team! Create a wellness-centered practice with an informed team that inspires confidence in patients, improving both the overall quality of patient care and practice financial health.

In this comprehensive, fast-paced course, explore the science behind the oralsystemic connection and survey systemic diseases associated with periodontal disease. Identify how to integrate diagnostic testing into the practice, implement adjunctive therapies, and compare home hygiene options. In addition, examine medical conditions, such as diabetes and cancer, that affect dental treatment, and learn how to manage medically compromised patients.

> **Suggested Audience**: Dentist, Hygienist, and Team **Suggested Format:** Full or Partial Day; or Two-Day Workshops



Course Objectives

- Comprehend the role of keystone bacteria and inflammation in periodontal disease and its effect on systemic health
- Illuminate the significance and challenges of oral biofilm
- Discover how medical wound care protocols can be utilized in the treatment of periodontal disease
- Recognize systemic health problems within the dental maintenance appointment
- Explore leading-edge techniques and technologies to enhance periodontal treatment
- Learn the screening tools used to determine the extent of periodontal infection and genetic risk
- Elevate communication skills to educate and engage patients in their health choices and treatment considerations
- Hone communication techniques for sharing screening information and coordinating treatment recommendations with physicians
- Specify nutritional supplements and diet recommendations to address periodontal inflammation and support the immune system.

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