

Medical Protocols for Periodontal Therapy



It's an exciting time to be a dental health professional as dentistry and dental hygiene are both growing as medical specialties. As our understanding of the many links between mouth and body has increased, our roles have expanded to awareness of and focus on the whole health of our patients.

Traditionally, the dental health care practitioners have not approached dental disease in the same way that medical doctors approach systemic disease. There is much to be gained by adopting certain medical strategies, such as performing risk assessment, seeking the root cause, employing laboratory testing, and utilizing wound care protocols into our routine dental care. We must unravel the complex interactions between host susceptibility, immune response, genetic associations, behavioral components, and disease control.

As knowledge of the oral-systemic connections has become widely understood and accepted, the next step is to integrate that knowledge into practice clinical protocols. It's time to elevate our identities as healthcare practitioners in this new age of integrated medicine and dentistry.

See dental practice through a new lens
- that of an oral wellness specialist.

Suggested Audience: Dentist, Hygienist, and Team
Suggested Format: Full or Partial Day Workshops



Course Objectives

- Discover four tenants of medical management of periodontal disease: risk assessment, root cause, laboratory testing, and wound care
- Illuminate the significance and challenges of oral biofilm
- Explore leading edge practices to integrate medical protocols into dental routines efficiently and effectively.

"Kathryn does a great job of incorporating information that is accurate and useful in your everyday life. You will not be disappointed with Kathryn at the front of the room!" –Ryan D. Rutar, RDH BSDH, MA, President-Elect, Nebraska Dental Hygienist's Association Institute

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