54th Annual Dental Assistants’ Seminar: It Starts with Us!
Friday-Saturday, August 9-10, 2019
Continuing Education & Conference Center • U of MN St. Paul Campus

Friday, August 9, 2019

8:00 Final registration and assembly. Continental breakfast.
8:25 Welcome

8:30 Photographing Patient’s Malocclusion Shannon Pace Brinker, CDA, CDD
- Shoot basic photographs for quick diagnosis
- Achieve clinical angles required for clinical documentation
- Upload, manipulate and store images

10:00 Refreshment break

10:15 Improving Your Impression Techniques: Alginates, PVS and Digital Scanning Shannon Pace Brinker, CDA, CDD
- Create accurate alginate impressions
- Complete successful PVS impressions every time
- Achieve optimal digital scans

11:45 Luncheon

12:30 Provisionals for Every Area of the Mouth Shannon Pace Brinker, CDA, CDD
- Selection of matrix and provisional material
- Enhance chairside technique
- Finish or polish for clinical success
- Cement effectively

2:00 Refreshment break

2:15 Products Every Dental Assistant Needs Shannon Pace Brinker, CDA, CDD
- Select products to fit clinical goals
- Consider the costs and benefits of new products
- Make a case for new products, with an eye toward improved efficiency

3:45 Adjourn
Saturday, August 10, 2019

8:00  Final registration and assembly. Continental breakfast.

8:25  Welcome

8:30  Calm and Connected: Providing Dental Care to Children with ADHD  
      Wendy Looman, PhD, APRN, CPNP-PC
      Understand the complexities of children with ADHD
      Apply a developmentally appropriate approach to the care of children with ADHD
      Have meaningful conversations with children and parents/caregivers when ADHD-related behaviors impact oral health and the care appointment

10:00 Refreshment break

10:15 Fresh Approaches to Diabetes, Cardiovascular Disease and Dental Care  
      Nelson Rhodus, DMD, MPH
      Discuss common prescriptions and their impact on oral health
      Analyze links between cardiovascular disease, diabetes and gum disease
      Host meaningful discussions with patients regarding how simple, everyday changes can positively influence oral and overall health

11:45 Luncheon

12:30 Preventing Disability: Developing Your Life-long, Body-saving Daily Routine  
      Kelli Blankenship, MSDH, RDH
      Identify the source of chronic pain and disability among dental professionals
      Think about your body as you approach all aspects of your work
      Create a simple, daily exercise routine that prevents disability—while increasing strength and flexibility

2:00 Refreshment break

2:15 Having Difficult Conversations with Patients  
      Jennifer Liberty Clark, MS and Hillary Gokey, MA
      Use your head and your heart to communicate
      Face difficult conversations with confidence
      Respect your patients’ values, thoughts and feelings
      Examine your own “scripts” and recognize when they taint your views

3:45 Adjourn
Meet Our Experts

**Kelli Blankenship**, MSDH, RDH, is a Teaching Specialist and Clinical Educator in the Department of Primary Dental Care at the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry. Her extensive training and dental hygiene work focus on preventive dentistry, orthodontics, and craniofacial cleft palate. She holds a Master’s Degree in Dental Hygiene Education and Bachelor’s Degrees in Dental Hygiene and Kinesiology and Exercise Science from the University of Minnesota. Her work with world-class athletes has afforded her vast knowledge and resources in physical training, strength and flexibility conditioning, as well as muscle recovery.

**Shannon Pace Brinker**, CDA, CDD, is international speaker and published author. She has been a practicing dental assistant for over 25 years and works with Dr. Robert Korman in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Ms. Pace Brinker has taught over 2,000 classes on dental assisting technique and over 60,000 dental assistants over the last six years alone. She has taught both lectures and hands-on programs at the Nash Institute, Dawson Academy and Spear Education. Ms. Pace Brinker has written over 300 articles related to clinical application and has a current column in Dental Product Reports for the team evaluation of dental products and materials. She has her own publication for dental assistants called "Side by Side" and also started one of the first online platforms designated for dental assistants called the Academy of Chairside Assisting.

**Jennifer Liberty Clark**, MS, is the co-founder of R.U.N., a counseling and psychology-based consulting firm that partners with corporate and community clients to enhance people skills in the workplace. With more than 20 years serving as an instructor in higher education and presenting across a broad range of business sectors, she focuses her work on aiding her clients in building long-term, meaningful rapport with customers and patients. As an instructor with the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system, her higher education instruction centers around the complex field of psychology. With an eye toward current trends in business-related psychology and counseling outcomes, Jennifer served as a consultant for Dale Carnegie Training. She received her psychology degrees from St. Cloud State University and the University of Wisconsin.

**Hillary Gokey**, MA, is the co-founder of R.U.N., a counseling and psychology-based consulting firm that partners with corporate and community clients to enhance people skills in the workplace. Over two decades, Hilary has empowered organizations and individuals to refine communications, engage in meaningful change related to generational challenges, and develop pathways to motivate and praise clients, patients, and employees. Her collegiate-level instruction focuses on leadership, career development, and stress management. With degrees from SUNY and Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, Hillary inspires change as a podcaster, college instructor, guest presenter, coach, and counselor.
Wendy Looman, PhD, APRN, CPNP-PC is a Professor with the University of Minnesota School of Nursing. Dr. Looman received her Masters and Doctoral degrees in nursing from the University of Michigan. She completed her Bachelor of Science degree at Grand Valley State University. Dr. Looman’s research is focused on care coordination for children with special health care needs, telehealth, complex chronic conditions, family management, school-based nursing, and multidisciplinary management of craniofacial conditions. She serves as the Chair of the Child Family Health Cooperative, has led multiple grant projects, and is a widely published author.

Nelson Rhodus, DMD, MPH, is a Distinguished Professor and Director of the Division of Oral Medicine, Oral Diagnosis and Radiology in the Department of Diagnostic and Surgical Sciences at the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry. Dr. Rhodus completed graduate work at the University of Minnesota, Oral Roberts University, Harvard, and the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral Medicine, and Director of the Oral Medicine and Xerostomia Clinics. He is an attending member of the Hospital Staff of Fairview-University Medical Center and the Minnesota Cancer Center, and a consultant to the Veteran’s Hospital and Hennepin Co. Medical Center.

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