“Oral Systemic Connection in Daily Dental Practice: What Are You Telling Your Patients?”

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Course Description
From the New England Journal of Medicine to Ladies Home Journal, the last 15 years have seen an explosion of published information related to the interactions between oral and systemic health. These interactions involve inflammation of periodontal and peri-implant tissues. Our patients are reading and hearing this information, and they want to know how it relates to their own health. Dental offices are on the front line in the question-answering game. So what do we tell these patients? When our patient asks us, “I read that my gum disease could be bad for my baby (or my diabetes, or my heart); is that true?”, we need to be able to answer the question based on the evidence. This lecture is designed to have a clinically relevant discussion about the interrelationships between periodontal/peri-implant inflammation and commonly encountered systemic conditions such as immune compromise, osteoporosis, diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, and pregnancy. The purpose of the lecture is to translate knowledge gleaned from medical and dental research into the everyday world of clinical dental practice.

Course Objectives
1. Discuss the emerging concepts of periodontal diseases as they relate to other inflammatory diseases
2. Understand the influences of systemic conditions such as immune compromise, diabetes and osteoporosis on periodontal health
3. Know how inflammatory periodontal diseases may impact cardiovascular health, the clinical course of diabetes, and pregnancy outcomes

Biography

Dr. Brian Mealey is a Professor and the Graduate Program Director in the Department of Periodontics at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. He served 21 years in the United States Air Force, where he was the Chair of the Department of Periodontics and the Program Director of the Air Force Periodontics Residency at Wilford Hall Medical Center in San Antonio. Dr. Mealey is a Diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology, and is currently a Director of the American Board of Periodontology. He is co-editor and author of two textbooks, and he has published over 100 articles, abstracts and textbook chapters in the scientific literature, with an emphasis on inter-relationships between oral and systemic health. Dr. Mealey maintains an active clinical practice in periodontics and implant dentistry. He is largely regarded as the conscience of periodontal medicine for the contemporary periodontist. This all day session continues on the tradition set by our past president, Dr. Dean Politis, in securing a day of shared learning with our restorative colleagues and/or hygienists. Please plan on attending with your restorative colleagues and/or hygienists.

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