Eliminating the Myths and Mystery in Occlusion & Bruxism for the General Dentist

This full two-day course uses evidenced based science to help eliminate the myths that prevent us from confidently and comfortably helping patients in the untold way we are able. We will examine the theories of occlusion and restorative therapy and critically evaluate the reality of occlusion’s role in joint therapy and pain control.

This is the only occlusion course you will ever need to take – and will provide the basic information to diagnose and effectively treat joint dysfunction and many orofacial pain conditions. Our goal is to determine how this disorder occurred, and why it remains persistent. This allows us then to treat more efficiently and readily within the scope of our general dental practices. The various potentially confusing occlusal therapeutic concepts will be explored in detail. Diagnostically driven therapy including splint therapy and supportive therapy will be explored as well as the dentist’s role in headache therapy.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course participants will be able to:

- Objectively evaluate occlusal schemes and consider how force vectors may influence the health of the component parts of the cervico-cranio-mandibular system.
- Design an appliance for either night time or day time wear that is appropriate for their unique patient to alter parafunctional force vectors.
- Analyze occlusion after restorative procedures decreasing the likelihood of increasing patient’s awareness of his or her own occlusions.
- Explain how bruxism can negatively affect joint function or cause orofacial pain and design appliances to control those forces.
- Distinguish between true joint dysfunction and pain, and extracapsular pain patterns.
- Explain to patients who are over concerned about their occlusion how to deal with their concerns.

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Two-Day Lecture
8:00 am - 4:00 pm each day
$799 (dentists)

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