

DHAS Conference

Saturday, April 5th

SK Polytechnic - Wascana Parkway

LECTURE PRESENTATIONS

Improving the Maintenance Recall Visit Protocol - 8:30 to 9:45 am

Everyone says and does something different during the typical maintenance visit. There is a preferred amount of information to collect, appropriate decisions to make and specific messages to deliver to patients.

This improved, effective protocol will be simple to implement after this presentation. Break out of the rut and energize your patients and yourself.



DR. TIM DONLEY



X-ray Quality Assurance and Safety Code 30 - 10 to 10:45 am

Learn more about Health Canada's update to Safety Code 30 and its implications for X-ray Quality Assurance requirements in Saskatchewan.

KERRY BABCOCK



Care Begins with a Conversation: Understanding and Meeting Patient Expectations - 10:45 am to 12 pm

Embracing person-centered care (PCC) delivers positive health outcomes and is valued by patients. PCC's involves clinicians considering each person's unique needs and concerns and crafting customized interventions beyond treatments to address social, mental, emotional, and spiritual aspects. The mission of this session, involves investing in communication and listening skills to understand the individuals' strengths, weaknesses, preferences, and values and to develop deeper connections between providers and clients to ensure a higher level of the continuum of care, elevating health, and wellness.

ANNA LOUISE TOLAN



Breakthrough Solutions for a Minimally Invasive Treatment of Dental Caries 1:30 to 3:00 pm

This evidence-based presentation will explore how a minimally invasive treatment protocol for dental caries—combining innovative in-office solutions with patient-centered home-care strategies—can empower your dental team to drive practice growth by enhancing patient satisfaction, loyalty, and referrals. A key highlight of this session is the introduction of a groundbreaking enzymatic technology that utilizes natural papaya-derived compounds to selectively target and soften carious dentin without affecting healthy tooth structure.



MARTHA SZCZEPULSKI



Periodontal Disease Management – The Surgical Side 3:15 to 4:30 pm



DR. MO JAVID

Periodontal disease affects about 50% of the adult population and is the leading cause of tooth loss in the elderly. Prevention and management of periodontal disease involve regular dental hygiene. However, in advanced cases, surgery may be necessary to manage the disease process. In this lecture, we will explore the surgical aspects of periodontal disease and examine how traditional flap surgery, in combination with bone grafts and soft tissue grafts, can be used to manage challenging cases. The focus will be on case presentations, connecting the scientific literature with clinical practice.

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HANDS - ON PRESENTATIONS

Local Anesthetic Review 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

This course does not qualify for RDHs who have a conditional license and require local anesthetic to practice within Saskatchewan. Nor does it serve as an official LA Refresher.

Step-by-step guidance will be provided on local anesthesia techniques, helping dental hygienists refine their injection skills, overcome challenges, and enhance patient comfort. We will review medical, safety and infection prevention and control considerations, armamentarium assembly and techniques for injections. You will learn strategies to manage client pain using non-injectable and maxillary and mandibular injections. Landmarks will be reviewed using mannequins and safety needles.



DEAN LEVEVRE



DEIDRA ANDERSON DOLL

Radiographic Techniques 1:30 to 3:30 pm

Do you struggle taking quality radiographs? Are you aware of the Radiation Health and Safety Regulations required when using radiation in dentistry? In this hands-on course, you will review criteria for acceptable periapical and bitewing radiographs. You will develop your skill at exposing and processing high quality dental images using digital imaging techniques. We will discuss strategies you can use for those to get the best diagnostic image using different techniques. We will also discuss quality assurance measures you are required to complete to comply with Radiation Health and Safety.

UNRAVELING BIOFILM: Dental Hygiene's Greatest Challenge



10 to 12 and 1:30 to 3:30

Biofilm is an active pathogenic, living microbial environment with a protective matrix that makes it difficult to locate and remove. In periodontal disease the formation of dysbiotic biofilm, an overgrowth of pathogenic microbes leads to host tissue destruction, the formation of periodontal pockets and bone loss. Most current evidenced papers state that biofilm removal is best achieved through minimally invasive air-polishing devices with erythritol powders.

This course will review the evidenced-based approach to air polishing devices as a minimally invasive adjunct to scaling and root planing. While providing a hands-on demonstration to experience using various powders, and supra and sub-gingival handpieces.

TERRI ARCHIBALD



CARYNNE DEAN



Ultrasonic Hands-On 1:30 to 3:30 pm

Clear up the confusion. Ultrasonic use for debridement is common but few use it properly. Much of what we were taught about this technology is no longer true.

Attendees will expand their knowledge, improve technique and restore enthusiasm by developing a chairside ultrasonic routine that results in maximum debridement and patient comfort. You will learn a step-by-step approach of what to use, where to use it and how to use it to your advantage.

DR. TIM DONLEY

