

Webinar

The Dental Hygiene Process of Care - Periodontal Care: Diagnosis and Treatment Strategies

Course Description

This presentation will delve into the critical aspects of periodontal diagnosis and treatment, focusing on practical applications in clinical settings. Participants will explore comprehensive assessment techniques before scaling. The presentation will cover pre-treatment strategies and address the timing and techniques for polishing before scaling and best practices for post-scaling care. In addition, methods for case acceptance of fluoride treatments address common issues related to tooth sensitivity. Participants will leave with a deeper understanding of effective periodontal care and treatment options to enhance patient outcomes.

Learning Objectives

- List and describe the common periodontal classification categories according to the 2017 AAP Guidelines.
- Describe the classification criteria for health, gingivitis and periodontitis.
- Identify how to establish an accurate treatment plan for patients.
- Discuss patient management strategies to stabilize periodontal health.
- Demonstrate proper use of Prophy Appointment tools, specifically Fit & Uni Grip, to effectively prepare for scaling and ensure patient comfort.
- Explain the rationale behind pre-scaling polishing and post-scaling care, including techniques for managing exposed dentin and applying sealants for protection.
- Develop strategies for effectively communicating the benefits of fluoride treatments to patients, enhancing case acceptance, and addressing common concerns related to tooth sensitivity.

Featured Speaker



Tulsi Patel

Professor Tulsi Patel, RDH, MHA, is an Associate Professor and Director of Health Promotion. She joined UThHealth School of Dentistry in 2016 after practicing and instructing in dental hygiene in Oregon. Her previous educational work was completed at Pacific University, where she taught clinical dental hygiene, local anesthesia, and restorative clinics. She also supervised students at off-site rotations, working with expanded functions to deliver oral care to underserved populations. She holds a master's in healthcare administration (MHA) from Pacific University, where she helped develop a quality assurance program to be used with axiUm in their dental hygiene clinic. Her capstone project focused on developing a wellness center that addressed integrated care and healthcare reform.

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Program Details

Date & Time

Date: December 8th, 2025

Time: 8:00 PM - 9:15 PM EST

Registration Deadline: *December 8th, 2025, 7:00 PM EST*

Location

Live Zoom Webinar

Tuition & CE Credits

Tuition: Complimentary

CE Credits: 1

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Method: Lecture

Registration & Contact

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