

“The Changing Face of Dental Hygiene Practice: *Expert clinician, skilled motivator and preventive specialist”*

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Course Outline:

MODULE 1: Changing Trends in Clinical Practice

I. Historic trends and changing roles in Dental Hygiene

- a. What healthcare changes can cause a shift in our profession or roles?
- b. Skills self-assessment survey (*see attached survey - Handout A*)
- c. *Mid-level Providers and Dental Therapists* defined
- d. **Creating your “E-Portfolio”**
 - i. Qualifications: resume, licensure, professional references
 - ii. Practice contributions:
 1. increased production, use of new products/procedures
 2. Thank you notes from patients
 3. Employer annual review/positive comments
 4. List of technologies you have mastered
 - iii. Professional Development
 1. Continuing education programs you attended
 2. Professional membership
 3. Association offices held/volunteer opportunities
 - iv. Community Services
 - v. Presentations/Publications: to dental programs, K-12 schools, professional journals

II. Role of Technology: Screening and Electronic recording

- a. **Oral Cancer** Screening Devices
 - i. Velscope®
 1. <http://www.velscope.com/education/training-videos/>
- b. Periodontal assessment, probing and treatment planning
 - i. Screening probes and application in practice
 - ii. Voice Works™ - www.floridaprobe.com
- c. **AAP** Periodontal Screening Risk Assessment
 - i. Risk Factors: Smoking, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Pregnancy
 - ii. Periodontal Disease: www.AAP.org or www.collagenex.com

- d. **CRA: Caries Risk Assessments (CAMBRA, CDA Foundation and ADA CRA)**
 - i. Source for risk assessment downloads:
Dental Caries: www.ada.org or www.cda.org
 - ii. **CAMBRA (*Caries Management by Risk Assessment*)**
 - iii. Comparing 2 case studies utilizing CAMBRA to guide treatment decisions
 - iv. Developing Treatment Protocol: (***CAMBRA/Guidelines, source: CDA Journal Oct 2010, Vol.38***)
New issues – Oct, Nov 2011 CDA Journal – Implementing CAMBRA in Practice

III. Minimally-invasive - Caries examination

- a. International Caries Detection and Assessment System (**ICDAS**)
 - i. Assessment of disease activity using visual examination procedures
 - ii. Reference: *Evolution of Caries Diagnosis by Andrea Ferreira Zandona, DDS, MSD, PhD Dimensions in Dental Hygiene Journal, September 2011 Issue*

****Addendum Charts B & C on ICDAS and use of diagnostic technologies***
- b. **Caries Detection Technology systems:**
 - i. Diagnodent™ by KaVo®
 - ii. CariVu™ by DEXIS
 - iii. Spectra™ by Air Techniques®
 - iv. SoprolIFE™ by ACTEON North America
 - v. CarieScan™ by DentistryIQ®
 - vi. Canary System™ by Quantum Dental Technologies

IV. Fluoride & Calcium/Phosphate innovations * See Addendum Chart D

- a. Understanding the differences in various product chemistry/efficacy
- b. Chart reviews the mechanism of action, bioavailability/solubility and product technologies
 - i. ACP
 - ii. CPP-ACP
 - iii. Novamin
 - iv. TCP

V. Expanding Instrumentation Skills

- a. Ergonomic considerations for operator positioning and instrument choices
- b. Patient Care Set-ups:
 - i. Diagnostic assessment of patient
 - ii. Clinical symptoms, pain management and “active vs. re-care” protocol
 - iii. Selecting appropriate instruments: power-driven, hand scaling, air polishing?
 - iv. Design advancements and application
 - v. Maintaining Implants (next section)

VI. Implant Maintenance & Instrumentation:

a. General information

- i. Success rate of implants when placed = 90-94% - however longevity in remaining healthy, stable and functioning is 61%.
- ii. Early intervention when complications arise is key!
- iii. Periodontal infections around implants after placement occur more than 50% of the cases
- iv. Peri-implant mucositis (similar to gingivitis) occurs in approximately 80% of patients with implants and in 50% of all implant sites.

b. 5 - Step Assessment

(Accord to Wingrove S. *Periodontal implant therapy for the Dental Hygienist*, 2013)

1. **Visual examination** of gingiva: keratinized or non-keratinized?
 2. **Probing**: light pressure to avoid penetrating perimucosal seal (epithelial attachment)
 - Baseline depths established after healed implant
 - Probing is safely acceptable in 3months post-surgical on mandible and 6 months on maxilla. 6 months after regenerative osseous grafts. Rx consultation with dental surgeon who placed implant(s).
 - PPD, BOP and Radiographs must be conducted at every visit by hygienist
 3. **Cement or Calculus**: evaluate presence by using specialized floss wrapped in a “shoe-shine” effect to examine fraying and remove with safe instruments
 - Cement left causing infection will exhibit soft tissue swelling, soreness, bleeding or exudate on probing.
 4. **Mobility or Pain**: test for movement with two blunted instrument handles and compare with radiographic survey to ascertain source
 - Presence of pain requires dentist’s evaluation of possible occlusal trauma, infection or poor osseous integration
 5. **Bone level**: proper focus of implant threads are critical to inspect any changes around the implant from visit to visit
 - Radiographs can reveal bone remodeling, biological width invasion and bone loss due to cement left beneath prosthesis.
- c. **Radiographic interval Rx**: Take one at surgical placement; cover screw stage, prosthesis placement, six-month and then once yearly thereafter.
- d. **Diseases**:
- i. **Peri-implant mucositis** – reversible with mechanical and chemotherapeutic intervention
 - ii. **Peri-implantitis** – changes in osseous levels and infection present requires surgeon referral

e. Instrumentation on Implant sites

i. Probes

1. Plastics and color-coded
2. Safe tip diameter for comfort and calibration of pressure

ii. Scalers

1. Titanium vs titanium coated scalers
2. Know the “hardness scale” of the implant / abutment to determine safe selection of scalers when using titanium coated scalers
3. Plastics, Resins and Resin-reinforced Graphite scalers
4. Ultrasonic inserts with safe tip sleeves (*contraindicated for use up to six months after newly restored implant site*)

- iii. EMS / Hu-Friedy® Air Flow™ uses glycine powder and recommending “subgingival” debridement with careful placement of tips and low setting

f. Polishing with least abrasive agents – fine grit or implant approved pastes

i. **Selective** polishing:

1. 2PRO™ for the ease in using the soft tip for better adaptation on abutments, interproximal sites and along crown margins to reduce plaque

g. Patient-centered biofilm management at home

- i. Power brushes, air flosser, implant safe materials for threading floss, rubber tip
- ii. Chemotherapeutics: antibiotic local or systemic delivery based on presence of infection or localized inflammatory condition
- iii. Enamelon™ Preventive Treatment Gel is stabilized 970ppm of SnF₂ / ACP
Safe gel to apply once nightly/ no rinse. Very low abrasive rating and inclusion of a patented Ultramulsion™ is unique in creating substantivity and improves gingival health

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MODULE 2: Effective Whitening Strategies for the Next Decade

Dental Hygienist role in guiding esthetic improvements in the practice

- a. Demographics and professional guidance for success in safe bleaching
 - i. Patient choices for success
 - ii. Predicting best options based on type of stains and shade origin
- b. Challenges in **OTC** versus “**in-office**” or “**take-home**” choices
 - i. Patient compliance
- c. Preventing and/or treating sensitivity
- d. Enamel microabrasion techniques (when necessary)
- e. Practice building and marketing for new patients

MODULE 3: MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING: A Positive Approach in Guiding Patients to Change!

Excellent Reference Textbooks on use of Motivational Interviewing in Dental Practice:

- ***“Motivational Interviewing in Health Care” – Helping patients change behavior.***

Authors: Stephen Rollnick, William R. Miller, and Christopher C. Butler: 2008 Guilford Press, NY. www.guilford.com

- ***Motivational Interviewing in Dentistry: “Helping People Become Healthier”***

Author: Lynn D Carlisle DDS; and Forward by Wm R. Miller PhD. www.spiritofcaring.com

- ***Health Behavior Change in the Dental Practice.*** Authors: Ramsier & Suran.

I. **Goal:** Convey just enough of the essential method of MI to make it accessible, learnable, useful and effective in healthcare practice

II. **Define “Motivational Interviewing”**

III. Rationale

- A. Shift of “treating acute illness” to “managing chronic illness”
- B. How MI guides practitioner in helping patients change behavior/poor lifestyles

IV. Origin?

- A. Principles of Carl Rogers but introduced in 1983
- B. Chronic illness trials tested MI in 1990's – for patient behavior changes
- C. Activate the patient's “internal motivation” to adhere to change/treatment

D. Spirit of MI:

- i. Collaborative
- ii. Evocative
- iii. Honor patient autonomy

E. Built on 4 Guiding Principles: “RULE”

- i. Resist Righting Reflex
- ii. Understand
- iii. Listen
- iv. Empower

V. How it fits into dental/healthcare practice?

A. Communication styles

- i. Following
- ii. Directing
- iii. Guiding

B. Why MI Guiding works?

C. 3 CORE - Communication skills

- i. Asking
- ii. Listening
- iii. Informing

D. Practicing skillful guiding

- i. Ask
- ii. Inform
- iii. Listen

E. Understanding AMBIVALENCE:

What do you listen for during patient dialog?

VI. Listening for Change Talk – to BEHAVIOR CHANGE

- Cues that imply the following degree of change stages: listen for “*wish*”, “*want*”, “*like to*” ...

A. Acronym for “change talk” is D.A.R.N.

- i. Desire
- ii. Ability
- iii. Reasons
- iv. Need

B. Final 2 stages: (DARN)

- i. Commitment
- ii. Take Steps
 1. Take gentle small steps and don't force the change!

VII. Asking effective questions

- A. Open **vs.** Closed-ended questions
- B. Don't apply “**TAG**” questions to good open-ended questions

General Notes: