

To Smile or not To Smile: Why Truly Understanding Smile Design Principles is so Important to You and Your Patient

Course Description:

Today patients seeking aesthetic procedures and smile makeovers are more knowledgeable than ever of the possibilities that exist and therefore present with higher expectations. In order for restorative dentists to meet these higher expectations they must not only be able to combine art and science, but also possess thorough understanding of smile design principles in order to achieve the desired results. This half day lecture will discuss individually and in detail these principles and illustrate their use with clinical cases. Also included in the presentation will be the importance of composite mock-ups, provisional restorations, laboratory communication, and multidisciplinary team work.

Learning Objectives:

- Why incisal edge position is so important and how to determine it.
- Visualization, preparation, and communication with composite mock-ups.
- The role of provisional restorations in both patient and laboratory communication.
- How to evaluate provisionals aesthetically, functionally and phonetically to insure clinical success.
- Gingival recontouring with diode lasers.
- Treatment options for gummy smiles.
- How to prevent or eliminate dark triangles.
- The importance of the relationship between the teeth, gingival scaffold, and lips.
- Understanding the role of the smile in facial aesthetics and a youthful appearance.
- Utilizing a multidisciplinary team approach when treatment planning complex cases .