Autogenous Gingival Grafting: The KIWI™ Method Minimally Invasive Non-palatal Approach

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KIWI™ method Hands-On Workshop is what you need to take if you want happier patients, improved outcomes, reduced patient pain, less postoperative bleeding and complications, and less treatment costs.

After taking this KIWI™ method workshop you will be able to:

1. Immediately incorporate clinical decision-making into your practice that is both evidence-based and real-world practical
2. Increase clinical awareness and understand critical factors regarding treatment for gingival recession defects on natural teeth.
3. Know the core concepts and practical tips for minimally invasive non-palatal autogenous gingival grafting
4. Understand predictable and effective surgical methodologies which can minimize risks and maximize outcomes

About This Workshop

The KIWI™ method Hands-On Workshop is a fresh new approach to hands-on learning. It’s a real, live experience – not another cadaver, pig jaw, or artificial model workshop. Using the precision surgical instruments preferred by periodontists and the scalpel blades and sutures utilized during live surgery, you will learn and practice on fresh Kiwi fruit! Developed by Dr. Merijohn, this special training concept is so realistic, it has been used in training post-doctoral periodontal residents in precision gingival grafting technique.

This 3-1/2 hour intensive workshop is packed with great information:

- Learn the latest in autogenous gingival grafting: what’s practical, predictable, and minimally invasive.
- Take away knowledge and skills that are straightforward, innovative, and time-tested.

Why You Need to Take This Workshop

Gingival recession is on the rise. With the ever-increasing patient-driven esthetic dentistry, the enormous popularity of orthodontics, the explosion in cosmetic restorations, and increasingly assertive patient self-care oral hygiene and dental bleaching, the need is escalating for gingival recession early detection, wellness/prevention, and treatment.

The facts are clear: Autogenous gingival grafting remains the gold standard for establishing protective gingival tissue and preventing further recession. Autogenous tissue grafting benefits also include:

- No risk of disease transmission from human cadaver skin
- No cadaver skin “yuck factor” objections from patients
- No expensive donor tissue materials to buy

However, conventional palatal tissue harvesting is fraught with problems:

- Patients fear having tissue peeled off the roof of their mouth
- Protracted pain at the palatal harvest site
- Difficulty chewing and talking
- Excessive postoperative bleeding and complications

KIWI™ method opens the door to you for minimally invasive recipient site preparation and non-palatal autogenous tissue harvesting that lessens post-op bleeding and improves outcomes. Detailed step-by-step methodologies will be presented for both root coverage and non-root coverage procedures.

KIWI™ method Hands-On Workshops are limited attendance. Save your seat and Register Now!
Faculty: George K. Merijohn, DDS

Dr. Merijohn operated his private periodontal practice in downtown San Francisco for 28 years. He is an Associate Professor for post-graduate periodontics at the University of California San Francisco and the University of Washington.

Dr. Merijohn is an appointed Special Expert of the California Dental Board and serves as a consultant to dental schools and to the legal profession.

He serves on the Editorial Board of the Journal of Evidence-based Dental Practice and is the founder and director of the Meadowood Dental Study Club in Napa Valley California.

Dr. Merijohn is also the director of Perio Access® Publishing and KIWImethod Training™.

His articles on gingival recession clinical decision-making, risk assessment, and evidence-based decision-making are published in peer-reviewed journals and he has authored chapters in the textbook, Decision-Making in Periodontology.

He was recruited by the American Dental Association to serve on the Organization Committee for its ground-breaking annual Evidence-Based Dentistry Champions training program for dentists, for which he has served as a lecturer and moderator.

An active lecturer in dentistry, Dr. Merijohn is an invited speaker at major national and international meetings including the Annual Scientific Sessions of the American Dental Association and the American Academy of Periodontology, most recently in 2013.

Dr. Merijohn received his dental degree with high honors from the University of Illinois and his certificate in periodontics in 1981 from the University of Washington.