

Management and Prevention of Gingival Recession: The Interactive Seminar

Lecture Format: 3.0 - 3.5 hours

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Description

Gingival recession is highly common worldwide with the prevalence and severity increasing with age. In the United States alone, 58% of adults 30 years and older on average have gingival recession on 22% of their teeth.

An unfavorable consequence of gingival recession is the exposure of root surfaces to potentially cariogenic supragingival microbiota. Root caries is a debilitating disease afflicting more than 55% of older adults. Exposed cosmetic restoration margins and exposed sensitive roots are now an unfortunate everyday occurrence in practice as is gingival recession following orthodontic tooth movement.

Knowing what to do about gingival recession can be difficult, but not after this unique interactive seminar!

You will be introduced to and guided in the use of the innovative Gingival Recession Checklist, an evidence-based chairside guide that can facilitate the development of interventions by helping you focus on triage, evaluation, and patient communication regarding modifiable conditions that increase the risk for gingival recession.

Take this seminar and increase the scope of your practice services to include the management and prevention of gingival recession. Course workbook included.

You Will Learn

- The key factors that increase susceptibility to gingival recession
- A systematic approach for developing targeted and personalized action plans for the prevention and management of gingival recession in your practice
- Practical clinical decision-making criteria for when and how to monitor gingival recession and when a patient is a candidate for surgical evaluation or referral to a periodontist

Who Should Attend: This seminar is for general dentists, dental specialists, dental hygienists, and staff

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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 is also the director of Perio Access® Publishing and KIWImethod® Hands-On Workshops.

An active lecturer in dentistry, Dr. Merijohn is an invited speaker at major U.S. and international meetings. His articles on mucogingival clinical decision-making and risk assessment are published in peer-reviewed journals and he has authored chapters in the textbook, Decision-Making in Periodontology. Dr. Merijohn 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 received his dental degree with high honors from the University of Illinois and his certificate in periodontics in 1981 from the University of Washington.