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SWEET TOOTH OBSESSION & ITS IMPACT ON ORAL AND SYSTEMIC HEALTH!

SESSION OVERVIEW: USING DIET TO PREVENT ORAL AND SYSTEMIC DISEASES

Overconsumption of sugar is almost inevitable, since sugar has been added to everything from breads and cereals to fruit juices and energy drinks. This program takes a careful look at the literature correlating excessive sugar consumption to obesity, diabetes, cardiovascular and liver diseases. Sugary beverages, which are the greatest culprit of this growing “sugar obsession”, are implicated in increased risk for dental caries and tooth erosion. Learn about the options for sugar alternatives, and how to break sugar obsessions.

Learning Outcomes:

1. Identify hidden sugars and healthy alternatives
2. Recognize the role of fructose in the development of chronic diseases
3. Assess strategies to prevent oral and systemic diseases with technologies and dietary choices

THINK OUTSIDE THE MOUTH – TREATMENT PLANNING FOR NONSURGICAL TREATMENT

SESSION OVERVIEW: VALUE OF EARLY DIAGNOSIS & NONSURGICAL TREATMENT ON OVERALL HEALTH

Discover what lies outside traditional quadrant scaling and root planning for the most optimal non-surgical clinical results. This course provides an update on oral and systemic health interactions and will challenge you to consider risk factors “outside the mouth”, customize treatment plans to reduce disease risk, and improve overall wellness. This course equips clinicians to identify patients with active disease, enroll them into nonsurgical treatment, and features the role of salivary diagnostics and Guided Biofilm Therapy to manage pathogenic biofilms.

Learning Outcomes:

1. Identify the role of oral pathogens and periodontal disease in the promotion of chronic diseases
2. Recognize the roll of risk management for disease prevention and disease remission
3. Assess technologies to optimize diagnosis and improve therapeutic outcomes

CREATING THE ULTIMATE DOCTOR-PATIENT HYGIENE EXAM

SESSION OVERVIEW: CONTINUITY & COLLABORATION BETWEEN DENTISTS AND HYGIENISTS

Learn how to prevent the "I'll give you a call..." response from patients following treatment recommendations in the dental hygiene appointment. Capitalize on a magical 5 to 7-minute doctor’s exam, using continuity between the dental hygienist and dentist, without running everyone's schedules behind. Strategic screenings provide the pathway for comprehensive diagnosis and treatment enrollment and can save smiles and save lives. Learn the art of prioritization, and the value of a "triangle of communication" between the dentist, dental hygienist and the patient.

Learning Outcomes:

1. Recognize the obstacles and opportunities that lead to ultimate exam experiences
2. Identify how to prioritize appointments with strategic screenings
3. Capitalize on strong communication strategies to create desire & enroll patients into optimal treatment