

# ALL TOGETHER NOW: The Oral-Systemic Connection



*Despite abundant evidence of the life-threatening risks associated with oral inflammation, not much has changed in oral inflammation management procedures over the last 70 years.*

The American Academy of Periodontology has clarified its paradigm for dentistry's role in the Oral-Systemic Link: removing calculus is no longer the gold standard in the management of inflammation. Rather, optimal systemic health begins by implementing new, innovative and evidence-based protocols. These protocols require the dental professional to take an *active* role in the balance of the oral microflora, the management of inflammation and integrate screening techniques in the dental office.

This course offers supportive insight into the systemic health conditions related to active periodontal infections. It offers dental professionals a clear understanding of how their daily work can impact the overall health of patients with these conditions—both *positively and negatively*. Participants are provided with clear and actionable steps that result in a more ethical, productive and mindful periodontal therapy program for the dental practice.

Katrina Sanders, RDH, M.Ed presents this compelling, thought provoking course on the microbiology of bodily systems as they encounter bacterial invasion from diseases of the periodontium in a format that is motivating, meaningful, and based in research and industry-standard protocols. The course also includes a brief overview of current and newly approved techniques for the management of oral inflammation, including point of service HbA1c testing, discussion of the role of tethered oral tissues in systemic disease and the importance of nutrition in the management of oral inflammation.

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Identify the microbiological and bacterial markers involved in microflora imbalances contributing to periodontal disease process
- Analyze the biological processes responsible for the connection between oral and systemic diseases
- Explore abstracts for current and newly suspected diseases related to active periodontal disease
- Discuss evidence-based guidelines for the implementation of adjunctive services and their CDT codes to aide in the management of oral inflammation

## SUGGESTED AUDIENCE:

Dentist and Team

## SUGGESTED FORMATS:

Partial Day; Lecture, Workshop, Keynote

