AIRWAY MANAGEMENT: Treating the Hot Air + Tongue Ties in Airway Therapy

Current data notes 90% of adults are breathing incorrectly, contributing to over 60% of adults constantly falling short of the appropriate amount of sleep. Additionally, it is estimated that upwards of 90% of individuals with sleep apnea are currently undiagnosed.

For perhaps the first time in history, society is actively inquiring about how to maintain personal health and wellness prior to falling ill. These unique pivots are now creating a call to action across dentistry, elevating patient expectations and curating new conversations within the dental practice. While discussing preventive dentistry or attempting to treat asymptomatic disease previously brought patients to questioning the 'hot air' in treatment planning, it is widely recognized that society has become a captive audience in understanding preventive modalities.

As the daughter of a woman lost to undiagnosed airway complications, Katrina M Sanders curates an approach aimed to assist dental providers in identifying appropriate airway profiles while addressing the all-too-common 'tongue tie' oftentimes experienced when attempting to communicate with patients about airway obstructive disorders. Don't leave critical airway conversations up in the air; breathe easier with clear patient identifiers and medical history evaluation strategies aimed to create a lasting therapeutic care plan aimed to manage airway and subsequent sleep complications.

Learning Objectives:

- Identify ideal airway management patient profiles as candidates for advanced airway procedures
- Review medical history, lifestyle and clinical identifiers linked to airway disorders
- Learn about common medical conditions affiliated with airway obstructive disorders, poor sleep habits and mouth breathing
- Discuss trends in airway and sleep therapy management for the dental professional

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE:

Clinical Team Members.
Excellent for: Dental Hygienists

SUGGESTED FORMATS:

Partial Day: Lecture.

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