

THE ORAL-SYSTEMIC MYTH: Bridging the Medical & Dental Professions



Despite abundant evidence of the life-altering and potentially life-threatening risks associated with oral disease, the dental prophylaxis is still the most common CDT code used across the United States, 91% of Americans have tooth decay and 75% of dental patients report NEVER receiving an oral cancer screening during their routine dental visit.

Dental caries remains the #1 chronic childhood disease, periodontal disease has become increasingly common in nearly 1 in 2 adults and tragically, every hour one American loses their life to the ramifications of oral cancer. Is it possible, then, that the Oral-Systemic Link is, in fact, a myth?

Periodontal hygienist Katrina Sanders, RDH, M.Ed presents this compelling and thought-provoking course confronting the missing opportunities for the dental profession to elevate their standards. Learn why the medical profession is ready to invite dentistry to take a seat at the table in discussing comprehensive patient care and understand the role the dental profession can play in rising to excellence. The Oral-Systemic Link: Fact or myth? The choice is OURS.

Special Note: This course can also be co-presented alongside Dr. Elizabeth Sanders, a renowned podiatric surgeon. Her expertise in foot health and diabetes-related complications will provide a comprehensive perspective, enriching the content with specialized insights into how diabetes affects both oral and systemic health.

Learning Objectives:

- Evaluate aspects of the medical model as they relate to integrative patient care
- Identify the challenges regarding the management of the oral-systemic link by dental providers
- Discuss implementation strategies of oral disease as they relate to the oral-systemic link
- Understand co-therapeutic strategies in comprehensive patient care

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE:

Clinical Team Members & Dental Specialties.

Excellent for: Dental Hygienists

SUGGESTED FORMATS:

Partial Day Lecture | Full Day Workshop
Available as a Co-Presentation



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