

ADVANCING ACTION!

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7:15AM – 8:15 AM Breakfast and Registration

Location: Prefunction Space and Conference Room

8:15AM – 8:30 AM Welcome and Housekeeping

Location: Conference Room

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM Oral Health: State of the State

Location: Conference Room

Panel: Rhonda Stokley, DDS

Lecture Hours: 1.0 CDE

AGD Subject Code: 130 Electives

Course Description

Dr. Rhonda Stokley, State Public Health Dental Director, will discuss accomplishments, challenges, and goals of the Oral Health Improvement Program (OHIP) at the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). She will also provide updates on the dental landscape in Texas and the rest of the country.

Learning Objectives:

Upon completion of this presentation, the attendees will be able to:

- Describe DSHS OHIP's priorities and how they promote oral health in Texas.
- Construct a list of ways to support DSHS OHIP priorities in your own practice or other place of work.
- Assess the oral health of Texans based on surveillance data provided.
- Describe how national organizations and/or other states are improving oral health.

Conference Schedule

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM Implementation of Teledentistry to Expand Access to Care in Texas

Location: Conference Room

Speaker: Heather Dent, DDS

Lecture Hours: 1.0 CDE

AGD Subject Code: 130 Electives

Course Description

The speaker will provide an overview of the TSBDE rule §108.16: Teledentistry. During this session, the attendees will learn steps to implement teledentistry into a dental practice to increase access to care. The speaker will share strategies to increase patient compliance and satisfaction through teledentistry.

Learning Objectives:

Upon completion of this presentation, the attendees will be able to:

- Describe the Texas teledentistry rule and how it can benefit patients in Texas.
- Discuss how synchronous and asynchronous teledental visits can improve patient outcomes.
- Apply workflows to assist in ensuring successful teledentistry visits.

10:30 AM – 11:30AM Break with Exhibitors

Location: Prefunction Space and Conference Room

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM Dementia and the Dental Impact

Location: Conference Room

Speaker: Anne O. Rice, RDH, BS, FAAOSH, CDP

Lecture Hours: 1.0 CDE

AGD Subject Code: 750 Special Patient Care

Course Description

Alzheimer's Disease is the 6th leading cause of death and considered a public health emergency. While the underlying cause remains a subject of debate, the importance of connections, modifiable risk factors, and lifestyle interventions is undeniable. Initiating brain care early takes perseverance and discipline, but the long-term benefits are profound. Oral medicine specialists are healthcare providers, and we must recognize how our skills not only transform patients' lives but may also serve as a crucial defense against one of the most tragic diseases in our history.

Learning Objectives:

Upon completion of this presentation, the attendees will be able to:

- Recognize the scope of bacteria, yeast, and viruses in development of Alzheimer's disease.
- Construct better brain health with treatments for sleep disruptors like apnea.
- Determine how current dental assessments can be utilized to reduce dementia risks.

Conference Schedule

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM Lunch with TxOHC Annual Meeting

Location: Prefunction Space and Conference Room

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM Making a Difference in the Life of Patients with Special Needs

Location: Conference Room

Speaker: Tonya K. Fuqua, DDS

Lecture Hours: 1.0 CDE

AGD Subject Code: 750 Special Patient Care

Course Description

Plan to review most common developmental/behavior issues and what to expect when treating these patients in a dental setting. Providing oral health tips to have the most successful dental visit for children and adults.

Learning Objectives:

Upon completion of this presentation, the attendees will be able to:

- Identify different types of developmental/behavior issues and their cause
- Review the symptoms associated with patients that have special health care needs
- Provide an oral health evaluation with a management approach to prevent dental disease
- Applying behavior guidance and resources to address the unique oral health needs for this patient population

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM Inclusive Dental Building a Team and Practice for Neurodiversity

Location: Conference Room

Speaker: Courtney Thompson, PhD, MEd

Lecture Hours: 1.0 CDE

AGD Subject Code: 750 Special Patient Care

Course Description

Providers and their team often have questions and concerns regarding how to care for patients with special needs. Common barriers include lack of training and knowledge on behavioral health and mental/physical disabilities. Dr. Thompson provides insight for dentists and their staff on how to treat patients with disabilities. This course offers alternatives for creating a sensory friendly dental practice and team. Members of the practice are able to build confidence and empower each other on how best to collaborate and treat patients with special needs.

Learning Objectives:

Upon completion of this presentation, the attendees will be able to:

- Describe what neurodiversity consists of and what it means.
- Identify barriers to oral health for patients who are neurodiverse/IDD.
- Assess and address areas of concerns in offices with staff and collaborate on team approach.

Conference Schedule

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM Break with Exhibitors

Location: Prefunction Space and Conference Room

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM Dental Schools in Texas: Education, Research and Service

Location: Conference Room

Panel: Ana Neumann, DDS, MPH, PhD; Salma Elwazeer, BDS, MDS, MPH, FRSPH; Juanita Lozano-Pineda, DDS, MPH; Peggy Timothé, DDS, MPH

Lecture Hours: 1.0 CDE

AGD Subject Code: 130 Electives

Course Description

A moderated discussion with panelists: Dr. Anna Newman from UT Houston, Dr. Peggy Timothé from TAMU, Dr. Juanita Lozano-Pineda from UT San Antonio, and Dr. Salma Elwazeer from Texas Tech.

Representatives from four universities, UT Health-Houston, UT Health-San Antonio, Texas A&M University, and Texas Tech University Schools of Dentistry, will discuss their current programs related to education, research, and service activities impacting communities in Texas. The panel will discuss innovative programs designed to enhance workforce issues in dental, dental hygiene, and residents in each school. The session will also consider novel education initiatives for students to promote disease prevention, oral health promotion, and access to care for individuals and communities. The presenters will provide details on community service-learning, interprofessional education, and how determinants of health are addressed at the policy and patient levels. Furthermore, the presenters from the dental schools will describe how their institution's missions focus on oral health equity to reduce disparities.

Learning Objectives:

Upon completion of this presentation, the attendees will be able to:

- Discuss innovative programs enhancing workforce issues in the dental schools of Texas.
- Describe the novel initiatives implemented in Texas dental schools that enhance the oral health of Texas residents.
- Summarize the programs that address determinants of health that are implemented across the four dental schools of Texas.

7:15 AM – 5:00 PM Poster Presentations

Location: Prefunction Space

CDE Hours: 0.5

AGD Subject Code: 144 Table clinics