



NEW ASPECTS OF DENTISTRY-2010
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This full day program includes many of the new concepts in restorative dentistry compared to the long proven products and techniques. The morning session is a comparison of porcelain-fused-to metal restorations and the several competing types of all-ceramic crowns and fixed prostheses. The afternoon session is a fast paced, multi-topic discussion and comparison of the many techniques and materials used in fixed prosthodontics.

Morning Session—Comparative Clinical Uses and Techniques for PFM and All-Ceramic Restorations

Porcelain-fused-to-metal (PFM) restorations have served the profession with relatively acceptable esthetics and minimal breakage in service for over 50 years. Currently, zirconia and aluminous supported all-ceramic crowns, lithium disilicate crowns, and all-zirconia crowns are advertised to compete with and/or replace PFM restorations. This course demonstrates and compares the treatment plans and techniques for PFM and the various all-ceramic

restorations. Both clinical observations and research conclusions will show the important differences between these two successful categories of restorations. Suggestions will be made concerning optimum locations for use of each type of restoration, how to treat patients demanding no metal in their mouths, and the best materials and devices for use with each technique. Practical frequently occurring challenges will be addressed.

Afternoon Session---Fixed Prosthodontics-State-of-the-Art-2010

Fixed prosthodontics comprises about one-third of the annual revenue of a typical general dentist. It is imperative that GPs can produce this area of dentistry fast, easily, and at a high quality. This presentation is directed toward predictability in all three of those characteristics in a practical, interesting manner. The following and other topics will be included:

- Criteria for crowns vs. direct restorations in view of new superior direct restorative materials
- Ridge preservation for optimum pontic anatomy
- Building-up teeth rapidly and well
- The best posts and cores compared
- Are pins still necessary?
- New tooth preparations
- Air vs. electric handpieces for fixed prosthodontics
- A brief clinical comparison of PFM and all-ceramic crowns
- Conventional and digital impressions. Which is best?
- Interocclusal records
- The best cements for specific situations
- Repair of ceramic restorations
- Many everyday dilemmas and solutions

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ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Gordon J. Christensen is Founder and Director of Practical Clinical Courses (PCC) in Utah, and Senior Academic Advisor of the Scottsdale Center for Dentistry (SCD) in Arizona. Both groups are international continuing education organizations providing courses and videos for all dental professionals.

Dr. Christensen has presented over 45,000 hours of continuing education throughout the world and has published many articles and books.

Gordon and Dr. Rella Christensen are co-founders of the non-profit Gordon J. Christensen CLINICIANS REPORT (previously CRA), which Rella directed for many years. Since 1976, they have conducted research in all areas of dentistry and published the findings to the profession in the well-known CRA Newsletter now called CLINICIANS REPORT.

Gordon's degrees include: DDS, University of Southern California; MSD, University of Washington; PhD, University of Denver; an Honorary Doctor of Science from Utah State University, and an honorary Doctor of Dental Education and Research from Utah Valley University.

Early in his career, Gordon helped initiate the University of Kentucky and University of Colorado Dental Schools and taught at the University of Washington.

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