Laser is changing the way dentistry is viewed and practiced. Join us as we explore the value of laser assisted hygiene and its relationship to tissue healing as well as discuss the patient’s perception and expectations of lasers. In this comprehensive, hands-on clinical workshop participants will learn the adjunctive use of laser as a component of periodontal therapy and as a tool for risk management. Working with simulation exercises, detailed instrumentation photography and video, this course will allow practitioners to build clinical skills, confidence, and an understanding of periodontal treatment protocols using soft tissue dental lasers.

This course includes lecture and hands-on components and is in compliance with Arizona Administrative Code R4-11-601-II. Participants will be eligible to use soft tissue lasers in Arizona clinical practice upon course completion.

Program Objectives:

- Discuss the science of laser wavelengths and their absorption characteristics.
- Discuss the adjunctive use of laser in periodontal therapy and recall risk management.
- Apply clinical techniques and methods associated with laser disinfection and laser sulcular debridement.
- Identify the variables of laser energy protocols as they apply to the treatment of gingivitis, chronic, and aggressive periodontitis.
- Interpret tissue interaction when exposed to “warm” and “hot” laser settings and describe techniques to obtain optimum clinical results.
- Describe the specifics of initiated and bare fiber tip applications.
- Determine clinical decisions and laser treatment protocols.

Meet the Instructor:

Janet Press, RDH, has practiced in general and periodontal dentistry since 1975. Ms. Press received her soft tissue laser training through the Academy of Laser Dentistry (ALD) in 1995 and holds an ALD Fellowship. As a faculty member at the Las Vegas Institute for Advanced Dental Studies, Janet was Codirector of the Dynamic Team and Laser Certification programs. Internationally recognized as an expert in the field of dental hygiene laser education, she provides laser training in the academic environment as well as the private sector. Janet has been named a “Distinguished Dental Professional” by Dentsply International, is a member of the American Dental Hygienists’ Association, the American Academy of Oral Systemic Health, the Academy of Laser Dentistry, and is the owner of 21st Century Dentistry, LLC specializing in dental team communication and clinical education.
General Information

Registration: All registrations are completed online and processed in the order in which they are received and as space permits. Registrations will not be processed without full payment. Space is limited, early registration is encouraged.

Course Location: This course is being held at the office of Dr. Christopher Chin, Casas Adobes Dentistry, 7477 N. Oracle Road, Tucson, AZ 85704

Day of Course: Sign in begins 30 minutes prior to course start time.

Continuing Education Credit: Continuing education credits are awarded on an hour-for-hour basis. Attendees will receive 7 credit hours of continuing dental education.

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