Carrier-Based Obturation: Separating Fact from Fallacy

Date: April 18, 2020 – Saturday
Time: 8:00am – noon
Location: 5855 E. Still Circle
Dental Simulation Clinic
Audience: Dentist
Format: Lecture/Participation
CE Credit: 4 credits
Tuition: $250

Register online at ce.atsu.edu

Course Description: Employing a gutta percha coated instrument for root canal obturation has been an accepted technique for over 30 years, but its popularity is not universal within the ranks of dental professionals. There is still widely held skepticism regarding the material’s efficacy and appropriateness in certain clinical scenarios. Misinformation, misapplication, and miscalculation of the material’s capabilities have all served to perpetuate an undeserved reputation. This course will address all concerns about the didactic science and research of carrier-based obturation, as well as the correct protocols for successful clinical placement. Following a lecture component, participants will practice using size verifiers, gutta core ovens and gutta core obturators on gutta core prepared blocks.

Learning Objectives:
At the conclusion of this presentation, participants will be able to:
1. Discuss and critique the existing literature base as to the validity of the results and conclusions presented.
2. Explain the correct protocols for canal preparation and carrier size selection.
3. Describe the diagnosis and placement of the materials in anatomically challenging scenarios such as bifurcated, elongated and overly broad canal spaces.

Meet the Speaker:
Stephen P. Niemczyk received his DMD degree from the University Of Pennsylvania School Of Dental Medicine in 1982 and his postgraduate Endodontic certificate in 1984. Since 1995, Dr. Niemczyk has been the Director of Endodontic Microsurgery at Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia and was named Assistant Post Graduate Director in 2018. Dr. Niemczyk has lectured extensively in the U.S. and internationally, and authored numerous papers and book chapters. He is a member of the Scientific Advisory Board for the Journal of Endodontics and the Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Medicine and Pathology. Dr. Niemczyk is a Diplomate of the American Board of Endodontics, and maintains a full time practice limited to Endodontics in Drexel Hill, PA.

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General Information

Registration:
All registrations are completed online at ce.atsu.edu and processed in the order in which they are received. Registrations cannot be processed without full credit card payment. Early registration is encouraged as space is limited.

Course Location:
This course is being held on the campus of A.T. Still University at 5855 E. Still Circle in the Simulation Clinic located on the second floor. Ample free parking is available adjacent to the building.

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

Continuing Education Credit:
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Contact Information:
Please contact the ASDOH Continuing Dental Education office at asdohce@atsu.edu for all questions related to continuing dental education courses.

Directions to Campus:
From the West: US 60, exit S. Higley Rd., left on E. Baseline, left on S. Sunview, right on E. Still Circle
From the East: US 60, exit S. Power Rd., right on E. Baseline, right on S. Sunview, right on E. Still Circle

Conflict of Interest Declaration:
Dr. Niemczyk’s honorarium is provided by Dentsply Sirona.