“Restorative Materials: The Path to Beautiful Dentistry” – 6.5 CE Credits

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(Dental Hygienists, Dental Assistants & Administrative Personnel of registered dentists for this course are invited to attend as long as space permits. See tuition charge on registration form.)

Course Description
This lecture will review the confusing array of current restorative materials and the rationale for selection and clinical use of the most appropriate material in varying clinical situations. The confusion between marketing and evidence based dentistry will be made clear. The application of color in dentistry, principles of smile design and clinical restoration of cosmetic cases for the general dentist will be described and illustrated.

Course Objectives
The participant will learn:
1. Selection of adhesive systems and microfill, hybrid and nanofill composites.
2. Direct pulp capping with calcium hydroxide or alternative agents.
3. Light curing techniques and products.
4. Glass ionomers, resin modified glass ionomers, and compomers as liners, luting agents and restoratives/Xerostomia.
5. Bleaching.
6. Esthetic alternatives such as indirect composite, porcelain inlays/onlays/crowns and their clinical techniques.
7. Diagnosis, treatment planning and treatment of “smile design” patients.

About the Speaker
Born and raised in California, Dr. Wakefield attended the UCLA School of Dentistry. During his career in the U.S. Army Dental Corps, he completed a two-year Advanced General Dentistry Residency at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Other military assignments have included Fort Polk, Louisiana; Baumholder, West Germany; Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas; Fort Greely, Alaska; Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas; Fort Benning, Columbus, Georgia; and Fort Hood, Killeen, Texas. In addition, he also served a two year tour as an Exchange Officer with the British Army, Royal Army Dental Corps, London, England. He is a Diplomate of both the Federal Services Board of General Dentistry and the American Board of General Dentistry. He has served as an Examiner on both the Federal Services Board of General Dentistry and the American Board of General Dentistry. Having been awarded a Mastership in the Academy of General Dentistry, he is also a Fellow in the American and International Colleges of Dentists and holds the Surgeon General’s “A” designator. He has served as a Consultant to the Commission on Dental Accreditation, American Dental Association. Formerly director of the one-year Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) Residency at Fort Benning and the two-year AEGD program at Fort Hood, he also served as the Director of the Advanced Education in General Dentistry Residency Program and Director of the Division of Operative Dentistry at the College of Dental Medicine, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, form 1993 to 1995. In addition to being an Adjunct Professor of Comprehensive Dentistry at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Army Postgraduate Dental School, he is currently a Tenured Professor in the Department of General Dentistry and Director of the Advanced Education in General Dentistry Residency Program at Texas A&M Baylor College of Dentistry, Dallas, Texas.