“Diagnosing and Treating the Worn Dentition” and “Restorative Options for Today’s Practice” – 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- Morning
One of the problems for restorative dentists is that when teeth wear, they move. Understanding this concept, being able to recognize the different types of wear, and knowing the treatment options are instrumental in obtaining the desired results. This half day lecture will discuss not only the etiologies and distinguishing characteristics of tooth wear, but will present a systematic approach to diagnosis and restoration illustrated with clinical cases. Multidisciplinary coordination and laboratory communication are key elements to successful treatment and will also be discussed.

Course Objectives- Morning
At the conclusion of the seminar, the participant should be able to:
1. Identify tooth wear.
2. Etiologies of tooth wear.
3. Distinguishing characteristics of tooth wear.
4. When and how to treat tooth wear.
5. What are the treatment options for worn dentition.
6. Clinical cases to illustrate the treatment of tooth wear.

Course Description- Afternoon
As restorative materials continue to evolve it has become more difficult for dentists to keep up with the latest advances. With increasingly higher patient expectations it is incumbent upon today’s restorative dentists to have a working knowledge of these materials in order to make the best clinical decisions. This half day lecture will discuss the factors affecting material selection as well as the characteristics of restorative materials that allow them to satisfy both the aesthetic and functional goals of the patient as conservatively as possible. Clinical cases will be used to illustrate the use of these materials in different restorative situations.

Course Objectives- Afternoon
At the conclusion of the seminar, the participant should be able to:
1. Factors affecting material selection.
2. Characteristics of an ideal restorative material.
3. Feldspathic and pressed ceramics.
4. Cad-cam technology and zirconia restorations.
5. Combining function and aesthetic with lithium disilicate ceramics.
6. Anterior and posterior all ceramic bridges.

About the Speaker
Thomas E. Dudney, DMD is a 1977 graduate of University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Dentistry. He has served as the Clinical Director for the Aesthetic Advantage hands-on programs taught by Dr. Larry Rosenthal at New York University and the Eastman Dental Clinic in London as well as the Clinical Director for the California Center for Advanced Dental Studies (CCADS) programs taught in the US, Canada, and the UK. He presently is serving as the
Clinical Director for the new Pacific Aesthetic Continuum (PAC) programs. In addition to teaching and lecturing, Dr. Dudney has authored several articles on Aesthetic Dentistry. He is a member of the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry, Alabama Dental Association, Academy of General Dentistry, Birmingham District Dental Society, the American Society for Dental Aesthetics, American Dental Association, the Catapult Group, and a Diplomat of the American Board of Aesthetic Dentistry. He maintains a private practice with emphasis on aesthetic and restorative dentistry in Birmingham, Alabama.