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8:30am - 4:00pm

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Location

Rizzo Banquet Hall
1941 Albion Rd
Etobicoke, ON
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AGD Subject
Code 180
(6 lecture hours)

6 Category 2
RCDSO hours

Meals included
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Attendance

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Occlusal Medicine: Why haven't you been taught this stuff?

COURSE OUTLINE

Current North American dental education has lost focus when it comes to teaching how our patients function and what goes wrong leading to dysfunction. Latrogenic consequences, missed diagnoses and early failure of dental therapies are the result. This entertaining, fast paced lecture will outline the latest evidenced-based knowledge as taught by The Vienna School of Interdisciplinary Dentistry (www.viesid.com). Based on the teachings of Professor Dr. Rudolph Slavicek who was the long-time Dean of the University of Vienna, you will be introduced to concepts that are critical in making a complete diagnosis and developing a successful treatment plan.

Learning Objectives:

- Introduction to functional dentistry, occlusal medicine: the local and systemic interrelationships
- 10 critical questions you must ask before beginning any dental treatment
- Current concepts of occlusion: ignore this and you can expect negative outcomes
- The clinical examination: 10 steps to understanding your patient's function and dysfunction
- Why you need to palpate muscles and what that tells you
- Accurate study casts, facebows, mountings and other instrumentation: Why should you spend the time? (Hint it will ultimately save you time)
- Expert tips and tricks to better diagnose your patient's current occlusion and function
- Centric relation? Is that still a thing? Why a Reference Position is essential!
- What is a therapeutic position (ThP)?
- Night Guards: when why and how?
- Splints: they are therapies!
- Occlusal schemes - mimicking nature with sequential guidance
- Hinge axis and why it's critical to proper treatment
- Jaw tracking/condylography and what it can tell us
- When do we need panoramic films, MRI, CBCT and cephalometrics?
- Case examples from clinical practice that will illustrate the topics covered



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