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8:30am - 4:00pm

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Location

Rizzo Banquet Hall
1941 Albion Rd
Etobicoke, ON
M9W 6P4

AGD Subject
Code 370
(6 lecture hours)

6 Category 2
RCDSO hours

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Attendance

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Malocclusions in children and obstructive sleep disordered breathing: Connecting the dots.

COURSE OUTLINE

As it is known today, Sleep and Breathing Disorders may be associated to deviations in the Craniofacial Growth and Development. In this lecture, Dr. Ramirez will present insights of Craniofacial Growth and Development to intercept developing malocclusions in children at a very early age. He will also put in context how developing a correct structure of the mouth and proper oral functions give the basis for producing a better airway. Dr. Ramirez lecture will give you the basis to understand how a deviation in craniofacial growth may impact the airway in children, as well as to envision the importance of a myofunctional approach when intercepting a developing malocclusion at an early age, which may be associated with a sleep and breathing disorder.

Objectives:

- To recognise the association between craniofacial structural and functional disturbances with sleep and breathing disorders.
- To comprehend the differences between Obstructive Sleep Disordered Breathing (oSDB) and Pediatric Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA).
- To expound the consequences of mouth breathing, as a chronic problem, on the patient's general health



Dr. Ramirez obtained his DDS degree from the Javeriana University in Colombia. He completed a Pediatric Dentistry Diploma in Mexico, and trained in Orthodontics in Brazil. He completed a Master of Dental Sciences and a PhD in Oral Biology in Australia. He also holds a Master degree focusing in Craniofacial Pain and Sleep Apnea from Tufts University, USA. Dr. Ramirez has been an academic in USA and Canada. He is a fellow of the Royal College of Dentist of Canada and has his practice in Aurora, Ontario. Dr. Ramirez is the author of the books "Early Treatment of Malocclusions: Prevention and Interception in Primary Dentition" and his most recent one "Pediatric Airway-Focused Myofunctional Orthodontics". He investigates on Craniofacial Growth and Development, the Patho-Physiology of Functional Disorders in the Cranio-Cervico-Mandibular system and how the craniofacial structures are modified by functional appliances. Dr. Ramirez' philosophy is advocated to preventing before treating.