

EXPERIENCE THE

Gulf Coast Dental Conference



July 9-12, 2026

Hilton Sandestin Beach Resort

Miramar Beach, FL

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Education
75+ CE Hrs



Networking
2,000+
Attendees



Exhibit Show
85+ Exhibits



Family Fun
Events

PRE-REGISTRATION
Register before April 28

Register before April 28 and SAVE!
ALDA and ADA members get **great discounts**.

REGISTRATION
Register before June 10

Register between April 28 and June 10 for standard registration pricing.

FINAL REGISTRATION
Register after June 10

On-site registration pricing is active after June 10.

ON-SITE REGISTRATION AND HELP DESK HOURS

Thursday July 9 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday July 10 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Saturday July 11 8:00 am - 11:00 am

Registration Code	Category	Fees before April 28	Fees before June 10	Fee after June 10
A	ADA Member Dentist**	469	499	579
A1	Military Dentist/Federal Dentist	469	499	579
AA	ALDA Member Dentist*	469	499	579
B	ADA Non-Member Dentist	1099	1299	1399
C	Retired ADA Member**	239	279	299
D	Student ASDA Member	0	0	0
DH	Dental Hygienist	239	279	299
F	Dental Assistant	239	279	299
G	Office Staff	239	279	299
E	Lab Technician	239	279	299
I	Dentist Spouse	0	0	0
J	Non-Dentist Guest with paid attendee	99	119	139
K	Youth (ages 4-10)	0	0	0
L	Child (ages 0-3)	0	0	0

Do you have questions or need registration assistance? Call our registration provider Eleventh & Gather at (678) 341-3009

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

Start Time	End Time	Speaker	Course Title	Event ID	Fee
3:00 pm	4:30 pm		ADA Delegation Business Meeting		
3:30 pm	5:30 pm		GCDC Council Meeting		
5:30 pm	8:00 pm		Exhibit Show Registration/Booth Setup		

THURSDAY, JULY 9

Start Time	End Time	Speaker	Course Title	Event ID	Fee
6:30 am	8:00 am		Family Fun Run	RUN	\$25/30/35
8:00 am	4:00 pm		Registration Bag Pick-up/Help Desk Open		
8:00 am	5:00 pm		Exhibit Show		
9:00 am	12:00 pm	Dr. Grace Yum	Work-Life Balance: Is it Really Possible?	GY1	Free
9:00 am	12:00 pm	Dr. Michael Morgan	Intelligent Simplification of Direct Composites: Techniques for Efficiency, Esthetics and Profitability: Part 1	MM1	Free
9:00 am	12:00 pm	Kelly Tanner, RDH	The Ultimate Dental Hygiene Master Class: Part 1 Including Infection Control	KT1	Free
9:00 am	12:00 pm	Dr. Alan Atlas	Save the Tooth: Evidence-Based Restorative Strategies to Prevent Failure of Endodontically Treated Teeth	AA1	Free
12:00 pm			ALDA Past President's Luncheon	BOC	
12:00 pm	1:00 pm		Networking Summer Picnic	NSP	\$20/25/30
1:30 pm	4:30 pm	Dr. Grace Yum	How to Create a Business that Runs Without You, but FOR YOU AND the Power of Community	GY2	Free
1:30 pm	4:30 pm	Dr. Michael Morgan	Intelligent Simplification of Direct Composites: Techniques for Efficiency, Esthetics and Profitability: Hands-On Workshop	MM2	\$169/199/229
1:30 pm	4:30 pm	Kelly Tanner, RDH	The Ultimate Dental Hygiene Master Class: Part 2 Including Infection Control	KT2	Free
1:30 pm	4:30 pm	Dr. Len Tau	Supercharge Your Case Acceptance	LT1	Free
1:30 pm	4:30 pm	Dr. Alan Atlas	Save the Tooth: Evidence-Based Restorative Strategies to Prevent Failure of Endodontically Treated Teeth Hands-on Session	AA2	\$169/199/229
1:30 pm	4:30 pm	Dr. Rama Kiran Chavali	Infection Control, Ethics and Prescribing Controlled Substances	RC1	Free
4:30 pm	6:00 pm		Exhibit Show Fiesta	ESF	Free

FRIDAY, JULY 10

Start Time	End Time	Speaker	Course Title	Event ID	Fee
7:00 am	8:00 am		ACD/ICD Breakfast	ACDICD	\$25
8:00 am	4:00 pm		Registration Bag Pick-up/Help Desk Open		
8:00 am	5:00 pm		Exhibit Show Open		
9:00 am	12:00 pm	Dr. Tom Viola	Hit Me with Your Best Shots: Mastering the Science and Safety of Dental Local Anesthetic Agents	TV1	Free

*Free classes and events are at no cost but require pre-registration

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, JULY 10 (continued)

9:00 am	12:00 pm	Dr. Josh Austin	Smile Design and Ortho/ Restorative in a Clear Aligner World: Mastering Smile Architect	JA1	Free
9:00 am	12:00 pm	Dr. Jacob Dent	Becoming a Special Needs Warrior: Equipping Yourself to Treat Patients with Special Needs	JD1	Free
9:00 am	12:00 pm	Mike Buckner	Simplify, Automate, and Thrive: AI Tools for the Modern Dental Office Manager	MB1	Free
12:00 pm	1:30 pm		UAB School of Dentistry Alumni Luncheon	ALU	\$55
1:30 pm	4:30 pm	Dr. Tom Viola	Non-Opioid and Opioid Approaches for Safe and Effective Dental Pain Management	TV2	Free
1:30 pm	4:30 pm	Dr. Josh Austin	The True Value of Digital Dentistry: A Four Step Revolution for Your Practice	JA2	Free
1:30 pm	4:30 pm	Dr. Jacob Dent	Nothing Personal, But I Hate You. A Practical Approach to Treating Patients with Anxiety in the Dental Office	JD2	Free
5:00 pm	7:00 pm		Family Fun Activity: Annual Mini Golf	AMG	\$15
7:00 pm	9:30 pm		Casino Night	WIN	Free

SATURDAY, JULY 11

Start Time	End Time	Speaker	Course Title	Event ID	Fee
7:30 am	9:00 am		ADA Delegation Breakfast		
8:00 am	11:00 am		Registration Bag Pick-up/Help Desk Open		
8:00 am	9:00 am		ProAssurance Dental Loss Prevention Seminar	PRO	Free
9:00 am	11:00 am	Michael Humber	Basic Life Support	BLS	\$119/159/189
9:00 am	12:00 pm	Dr. Josh Austin	Expedited Excellence: Increase Your Efficiency and Predictability with Direct Restorations: Hands-On Workshop	JA3	\$169/199/229
9:00 am	12:00 pm	Dr. Kelly Tanner Dr. Tom Viola	"Quit Dreaming: Start Teaming"	QDS	Free
9:00 am	12:00 pm	Dr. Ashley Clark	Oral Cancer: A Focus on Prevention	AC1	Free
9:00 am	12:00 pm	Dr. Len Tau	Be Seen, Be Trusted, Be Chosen: Mastering Online Visibility for Practice Growth	LT2	Free
10:30 am	12:00 pm		ALDPAC Board of Directors Business Meeting and Luncheon		
1:00 pm	2:00 pm		Alabama Medicaid Update	MED	Free
1:00 pm	5:00 pm	Michael Humber	Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)	ALS	\$169/199/229
1:30 pm	4:30 pm	Dr. Ashley Clark	Common Oral Pathology	AC2	Free
1:30 pm	4:30 pm		ADHP Instructor Certification Register with the Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama		See Registration Instructions
2:00 pm	4:00 pm		ALDA Annual Session: House of Delegates/General Assembly		
6:30 pm	9:45 pm		ALDA President's Celebration (Adults)	PB1	\$48/58/68
6:30 pm	9:45 pm		ALDA President's Celebration (Youth 4-10)	PB2	\$28/34/39
6:30 pm	9:45 pm		ALDA President's Celebration (Child 3 and under)	PB3	Free
9:40 pm			Fireworks Show on the Beach		

SUNDAY, JULY 12

Start Time	End Time	Speaker	Course Title	Event ID	Fee
9:00 am	10:00 am		Town Hall: Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama Open to all Licensees	ETH	Free

*Free classes and events are at no cost but require pre-registration

2026 EXHIBIT SHOW SCHEDULE

Wednesday	July 8	5:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Registration and Booth Setup
Thursday	July 9	8:00 am – 5:00 pm 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Exhibit Show Exhibit Show Fiesta
Friday	July 10	8:00 am – 5:00 pm Noon – 1:00 pm	Exhibit Show Networking Summer Picnic

EXHIBIT SHOW

Thursday and Friday July 9 - 10

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Save Your Orders!

Visit the 2026 Exhibit Show to source some of the most innovative technology, products and services available to the dental industry. More than 100 commercial exhibits will be open Thursday and Friday. Save your orders so you can take advantage of the exhibitors' promotions and meeting specials. Remember to support the exhibitors who support our Conference.

Door prize drawings will be held both days for dentists and auxiliary personnel during break times and during the party and luncheon. Enjoy complimentary keg beer, popcorn and lemonade each day at the Exhibit Show!

MEGA SHOPPER DRAWING FOR ATTENDEES WHO HAVE MADE PURCHASES OF \$2,500 OR MORE!

Friday, July 10

Attendees who make Exhibit Show purchases of \$2,500 or more will be entered into our "Mega Shopper" drawing! Just tear off the bottom of the form provided by the Exhibitor when you make your purchase!

Free 2027 GCDC Registration to Dentists spending \$8,000 or more!

All dentists who spend a total of at least \$8,000 with our Exhibitors during the show will receive free GCDC registration in 2027. Simply email your receipt to exhibits@aldaonline.org and receive a voucher for free 2027 registration!



EXHIBIT SHOW FIESTA
FOOD. DRINK. LIVE MUSIC

JULY 9
4:30 - 6:00 PM
EVENT CODE: ESF
FREE*
*NAME BADGE REQUIRED/ WHILE SUPPLIES LAST



EXHIBIT SHOW NETWORKING
Summer Picnic

THURSDAY, JULY 9
NOON - 1:00 PM
EVENT CODE: NSP FEE: \$20/25/30

JOIN US FOR A NETWORKING PICNIC LUNCH FOR EXHIBITORS AND CONFERENCE ATTENDEES



CASINO NIGHT

FRIDAY, JULY 10
7 UNTIL 9:30 PM

Grab a quick dinner, then join us for a thrilling evening filled with winning vibes, high stakes (just for fun!), prizes and great company!

Family-friendly and free to all registered attendees.
Complimentary beer, wine, soft drinks and dessert included while supplies last.



ANNUAL MINI GOLF TOURNAMENT

JULY 10, 2026 5 PM - 7 PM
SANDESTIN DUNES PUTTING COURSE

Let the good times roll at our annual mini golf tournament. Whether you're a golf pro or just looking to have a good time with family and friends, this is the perfect family-fun event. Prizes for all ages and skill levels!

EVENT CODE: AMG
Fee: \$15 per player



UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY ALUMNI LUNCHEON

Speaker: Greg Williams, Head Coach Emeritus of Auburn Equestrian Friday, July 10 | 12:00 - 1:30 pm • Event Code: ALU | Fee: \$55

Williams graduated from Auburn University with a bachelor's degree in animal sciences in 1986. His career in the horse industry began at a young age as he showed horses and competed in rodeos. His mother also competed, passing on her passion for horses to Williams.

The Paragould, Ark., native orchestrated the building of the Auburn University Equestrian Center since the university's club program debuted in 1996 and helped to change the club program to Auburn's 21st varsity sport.

Fireworks Spectacular

SATURDAY, JULY 11 at 9:40 PM
GET A FRONT-ROW SEAT AT THE
PRESIDENT'S BEACH PARTY
OR WATCH FROM THE BEACH DECK

**PRESIDENT'S
BEACH PARTY**
celebrating
America's
**250TH
ANNIVERSARY**

SATURDAY, JULY 11

6:30 PM COCKTAILS AND MUSIC 7:00 PM DINNER

ADULTS: EVENT CODE: PB1 \$48/\$58/\$68
YOUTH: EVENT CODE: PB2 \$28/\$34/\$39 (AGES 4-10)
CHILD: EVENT CODE: FREE (AGES 0-3)

DRESS IN YOUR PATRIOTIC BEST FOR A FUN NIGHT ON THE
BEACH DECK HONORING ALDA PRESIDENT JENNIFER DOOBROW
AND HER HUSBAND, TODD.

ENJOY A BUFFET DINNER, INCLUDING YOUR ALL-AMERICAN
FAVORITES, DANCING, FIREWORKS...AND A FEW SURPRISES!

**ALDA 157TH ANNUAL
SESSION ACTIVITIES**
Pre-Conference Zoom Meetings

Monday June 8 | 6:30 pm
Board of Trustees

Friday June 12 | 10:00 am
First House of Delegates

Wednesday June 24 | 6:30 pm
Reference Committee Hearing

**ONSITE GOVERNANCE
MEETING**
Saturday July 11 | 2:00 pm
House of Delegates/General Assembly/
Election of Officers

**ALDA MEMBER
RECOGNITION CEREMONY**
Saturday, July 11 | 2:00 pm
Join your colleagues for the Member Recognition
Ceremony and General Assembly during the House of
Delegates meeting. Guest seating will be available for the
ceremony.

**FAMILY
FUN RUN**

Saturday, July 11
6:30 am - 8:00 am
Event Code: RUN
Fee: \$25/30/35

GRACE YUM, DDS



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WORK-LIFE BALANCE: IS IT REALLY POSSIBLE?

COURSE #	GY1
TIME	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
FEES	Free
CE HOURS	3

Being a mommy dentist comes with unique challenges—juggling patient care, business ownership (if you own one), and family responsibilities can feel overwhelming. In this engaging lecture, we'll explore tried and true strategies to create work-life balance while maintaining a thriving practice. Through mindset shifts, time management techniques, and delegation strategies, you'll learn how to redefine success on your own terms. Balance isn't about doing it all, and failing or having things slip through the cracks, it's about defining your priorities!

HOW TO CREATE A BUSINESS THAT RUNS WITHOUT YOU, BUT FOR YOU AND THE POWER OF COMMUNITY

COURSE #	GY2
TIME	1:30 pm - 4:30 pm
FEES	Free
CE HOURS	3

Dr. Yum will discuss how to create a dental practice that can operate without the owner dentist and still maintain profitability. She will share her methods on what you can implement in your practice in order to have a hands-off approach and more flexibility in your life. The ultimate goal is to teach you how to apply business techniques in order to have a business that you can have a successful transition out of when you are ready.

MICHAEL MORGAN, DDS



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INTELLIGENT SIMPLIFICATION OF DIRECT COMPOSITES: TECHNIQUES FOR EFFICIENCY, ESTHETICS AND PROFITABILITY

COURSE #	MM1
TIME	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
FEES	Free
CE HOURS	3

Part 1: Lecture Part 2: Hands-On Workshop

Direct resin has become one of the restorative materials of choice in both general and high-end esthetic practices. The explosion of demand by patients for esthetic dental services has led to an array of new dental products and treatments. A new generation of composite resins can be utilized with a simplified protocol to create amazing anterior and posterior restorations that rival the beauty and strength of porcelain. This presentation will provide clinicians with an arsenal of practical techniques to predictably restore anterior and posterior direct composites with efficiency, predictability and esthetics. Subjects discussed will include a wide range of direct resin uses, including predictable shade selection, simplified preparations, natural layering, multiple contact predictability and efficient finishing and polishing. Procedures reviewed will also include preventing post-operative sensitivity, flowable resin use, mixed media cases, indirect restoration blockout, provisionalization, mockups, repairs/renewals,

COURSE #	MM2
TIME	1:30 pm - 4:30 pm
FEES	\$169/199/229* (must also attend morning lecture)
CE HOURS	3 hours

KELLY TANNER, PHD, RDH



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THE ULTIMATE DENTAL HYGIENE MASTER CLASS: INCLUDING INFECTION CONTROL

COURSE #	KT1
TIME	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
FEES	Free
CE HOURS	3

Parts 1 and 2

This comprehensive and immersive course is designed specifically for dental hygienists seeking to improve their self-leadership, expand their knowledge, enhance their skills, and stay ahead in the ever-evolving field of dental hygiene. This course will cover a wide range of essential topics, including infection control, ensuring you have a well-rounded and advanced understanding of dental hygiene principles and up-to-date practices. Through engaging discussion, hands-on experience, and demonstration of cutting-edge technology, this course will empower you with the expertise and confidence to take your care to the next level.

COURSE #	KT2
TIME	1:30 pm - 4:30 pm
FEES	Free
CE HOURS	3

ALAN ATLAS, DDS



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SAVE THE TOOTH: EVIDENCE-BASED RESTORATIVE STRATEGIES TO PREVENT FAILURE OF ENDODONTICALLY TREATED TEETH

COURSE #	AA1
TIME	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
FEES	Free
CE HOURS	3

Part 1: Lecture Part 2: Hands-On Workshop

Scientific evidence consistently shows that inadequate coronal restorations are a leading cause of failure in endodontically treated teeth. This course will critically examine current restorative protocols used in private practice, with evidence-based recommendations for improving long-term outcomes.

COURSE #	AA2
TIME	1:30 pm - 4:30 pm
FEES	\$169/199/229* (must also attend morning lecture)
CE HOURS	3

Participants will learn practical workflow modifications designed to enhance clinical success, including step-by-step techniques for a novel post and core system and essential preparation strategies. High-definition video captured through a dental microscope will illustrate each phase of treatment. Additionally, the course will introduce streamlined digital workflows for integrating endodontic therapy with chairside scanning and milling—bridging updated evidence-based protocols with modern CAD/CAM efficiency.

LEN TAU, DMD



SUPERCHARGE YOUR CASE ACCEPTANCE USING SOFTWARE

COURSE #	LTI
TIME	1:30 pm - 4:30 pm
FEES	Free
CE HOURS	3

Case acceptance is one of the most important things that separates high-earning doctors from low-earning ones. If you cannot articulate why patients should allow you to treat them, success will be limited. In this course, Dr. Tau reviews how technology helped him achieve an 85% case acceptance and how it can help you do the same! Learn high-value content that you can implement in your business the very next day!

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RAMA KIRAN CHAVALI, BDS, MS



INFECTION CONTROL, ETHICS AND PRESCRIBING CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

COURSE #	RCI
TIME	1:30 pm - 4:30 pm
FEES	Free
CE HOURS	3

This concise yet intensive three-hour continuing education activity is designed to equip healthcare professionals with essential knowledge and best practices for three critical areas of clinical practice: infection control, healthcare ethics and controlled substance prescribing. Participants will gain a clear understanding of current state and federal laws, regulations, and evidence-based guidelines, enabling them to enhance patient care and safety while maintaining legal and ethical compliance in their practice settings. The course integrates the fundamental principles of each topic to address complex, real-world scenarios in patient management and safety.

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FRIDAY, JULY 10

TOM VIOLA, R. PH., CCP, CDE, CPMP



(WHY DON'T YOU) HIT ME WITH YOUR BEST SHOTS! MASTERING THE SCIENCE AND SAFETY OF DENTAL LOCAL ANESTHETIC AGENTS

COURSE #	TVI
TIME	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
FEES	Free
CE HOURS	3

Local anesthesia is foundational to pain control in dentistry, but its effective and safe use requires more than just technical skill, it demands a deep understanding of pharmacology, patient-specific considerations, and evolving clinical protocols. This course provides an in-depth review of local anesthetics used in dental practice, including mechanism of action, dosage guidelines, pharmacokinetics, contraindications, and potential complications. Special attention is given to patient-specific modifications, drug interactions, management of adverse reactions, and current best practices. Ideal for both dentists and dental hygienists, this course bridges science, pharmacology and therapeutics to enhance patient safety, comfort, and outcomes.

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C'MON BABY MAKE IT HURT SO...SWELL?! NON-OPIOID AND OPIOID APPROACHES FOR SAFE AND EFFECTIVE DENTAL PAIN MANAGEMENT

COURSE #	TV2
TIME	1:30 am - 4:30 pm
FEES	Free
CE HOURS	3

Pain management is a critical component of dental care, yet it requires a careful balance between efficacy, patient safety, and responsible prescribing. This course explores the pharmacology, indications, and clinical considerations of both non-opioid and opioid analgesics used in the treatment of acute dental pain. Dentists and dental hygienists will learn to compare analgesic options, tailor pain management plans to individual patient needs, and navigate regulatory, ethical, and public health concerns surrounding opioid use. Emphasis is placed on evidence-based prescribing, patient communication, and strategies to minimize the risk of misuse or

dependency.

JOSHUA AUSTIN, DDS, MAGD



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SMILE DESIGN AND ORTHO/ RESTORATIVE IN A CLEAR ALIGNER WORLD: MASTERING SMILE ARCHITECT

COURSE #	JA1
TIME	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
FEES	Free
CE HOURS	3

How can clinicians streamline ortho-restorative planning while helping patients clearly see predictable outcomes and the value of treatment? Cosmetic dentistry without pre-restorative orthodontics often forces compromises. Digital tools such as Invisalign Smile Architect combine orthodontic and restorative planning in one platform, enabling clinicians to anticipate needs, design predictable outcomes, and communicate clearly with patients. In this course, Dr. Joshua Austin shows how Smile Architect enhances efficiency, accuracy, and case acceptance. Attendees will learn strategies for leveraging digital workflows

to simplify planning, ensure restorative readiness, and build patient trust. With his trademark humor and real-world insight, Josh makes the complex approachable and equips clinicians with steps they can apply immediately. Whether the goal is greater case acceptance, stronger restorative predictability, or maximizing digital investments, this course delivers strategies to work smarter while inspiring patients to say “yes.”

THE TRUE VALUE OF DIGITAL DENTISTRY: A FOUR STEP REVOLUTION FOR YOUR PRACTICE

COURSE #	JA2
TIME	1:30 pm - 4:30 pm
FEES	Free
CE HOURS	3

Dentists buy an intraoral scanner and expect it to change their practice, but it doesn't because they aren't using it in the best ways. This course will demonstrate how you can get the best ROI on an intraoral scanner and actually change your practice! As clinicians, we often look at digital scanners as a replacement for impression material. While this is a fantastic attribute of digital scanners, this is a short-sighted view. How can we maximize the return on investment of our digital scanning? The answers are astoundingly simple and help us realize the true value and power of digital technology-communication. In this course, participants will learn how innovations

and enhancements in intraoral scanning contribute to improved practice workflows and an enhanced patient experience. Discover how these devices can close the gap of patient communication by allowing you to easily share digital images and provide a better understanding of dental procedures to your patients. You'll also realize the true power of digital for your practice and how it can help you work smarter, not harder. Join us and take your dental practice to the next level!

JACOB DENT, DDS



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BECOMING A SPECIAL NEEDS WARRIOR: EQUIPPING YOURSELF TO TREAT PATIENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

COURSE #	JD1
TIME	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
FEES	Free
CE HOURS	3

It doesn't matter your experience or training; everyone has questions and fears when it comes to treating patients with special needs. Dr. Dent breaks down these common barriers for dental providers by equipping you with the knowledge and how-to in a fun and practical way that will build your confidence and empower you to be a special needs warrior in your practice.

NOTHING PERSONAL, BUT I HATE YOU - A PRACTICAL APPROACH TO TREATING PATIENTS WITH ANXIETY IN THE DENTAL OFFICE

COURSE #	JD2
TIME	1:30 am - 4:30 pm
FEES	Free
CE HOURS	3

Dental anxiety remains one of the most common barriers to effective oral healthcare, affecting both patients and practitioners. This course provides a practical approach to recognizing, understanding, and managing anxiety in the dental setting. Participants will learn how anxiety affects mental, systemic, and oral health.

MIKE BUCKNER



SIMPLIFY, AUTOMATE, AND THRIVE: AI TOOLS FOR THE MODERN DENTAL OFFICE MANAGER

COURSE #	MB1
TIME	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
FEES	Free
CE HOURS	3

In today's fast-paced dental industry, office managers juggle countless responsibilities—from scheduling and insurance verification to treatment coordination and team management. Artificial Intelligence (AI) is transforming the way dental practices operate, helping to reduce administrative burdens, improve accuracy, and enhance overall efficiency. This course will explore how AI-driven solutions can streamline key office workflows, eliminate redundancies, and free up valuable time for staff to focus on patient care. Attendees will gain practical insights into how AI can support insurance verification, optimize daily operations, and contribute to a

more productive and profitable practice.

MIKE HUMBER



BASIC LIFE SUPPORT

COURSE #	BLS
TIME	9:00 am - 11:00 am
FEES	\$119/159/189
CE HOURS	2

This Basic Life Support (BLS) course is designed to help a first responder provide basic support for anyone experiencing cardiac arrest, respiratory distress, or an airway obstruction. Simulation along with testing will be provided.

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ADVANCED CARDIAC LIFE SUPPORT

COURSE #	ALS
TIME	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
FEES	\$169/199/229
CE HOURS	4

This Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) course is designed for dentists who may need to treat cardiac arrest in the office setting. The course will cover CPR, basic airway management, algorithm review for ACLS and stroke along with simulation exercise and testing.

JOSHUA AUSTIN, DDS, MAGD



EXPEDITED EXCELLENCE: INCREASE YOUR EFFICIENCY & PREDICTABILITY WITH DIRECT RESTORATIONS

COURSE #	JA3
TIME	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
FEES	\$169/199/229*
CE HOURS	3

Hands-On Workshop

Your practice costs grow year by year. However, reimbursement rates stay flat. In order to remain as profitable, we face only one option...to increase our efficiency. Working smarter and faster is the only way. This course will help clinicians stay fast and efficient at the most common restorative procedures. As editorial director with Dental Economics magazine, Dr. Austin has authored the column *Pearls For Your Practice* for several years. During that time, he has worked with most of the new direct adhesive products that have hit the market. In this course, he will discuss direct restoration procedures for the posterior. You will learn how to increase your efficiency and results using unique techniques with posterior restorations. Attendees will participate in all steps of different posterior restorations using bulk-fill composite with correct curing light procedures and several different techniques.

KELLY TANNER, PHD, RDH



TOM VIOLA, R. PH., CCP, CDE, CPMP



QUIT DREAMING: START TEAMING

COURSE #	QDS
TIME	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
FEES	Free
CE HOURS	3

Sharpen awareness, address blind spots, focus on patient protection, and elevate team confidence.

When a patient walks through your door, they trust you to see the whole picture—not just their smile, but their overall health, history, and unique needs. That trust extends to every member of your team. In both routine care and higher-risk situations, what sets skilled professionals apart isn't only their knowledge—it's the ability to apply that knowledge together, with precision, confidence, and unity. In this high-impact course, Drs. Kelly Tanner and Tom Viola combine clinical expertise, regulatory insight, OSHA compliance, and infection control best practices to help your team deliver care that is safe, personalized, and consistently excellent. You'll learn how to sharpen awareness so risks are recognized before they escalate, address blind spots in protocols, documentation, and communication, focus on patient protection by embedding safety and compliance into everyday habits, and elevate confidence so every team member is prepared to act decisively and collaboratively. This program is about more than checklists and policies— it's about creating a shared confidence across your team. This isn't about adding more work—it's about refining what you already do, aligning it with the highest standards, and ensuring that when a patient walks in, your team is truly ready for anything.

LEN TAU, DMD



BE SEEN, BE TRUSTED, BE CHOSEN: MASTERING ONLINE VISIBILITY FOR PRACTICE GROWTH

COURSE #	LT2
TIME	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
FEES	Free
CE HOURS	3

Your online reputation is no longer optional – it’s the engine that drives practice growth. In a world where patients Google everything, online visibility and trust determine who gets the appointment and who gets overlooked. What people say about you online can instantly elevate your credibility or push potential patients straight to another dentist. Many practices mistakenly believe that collecting reviews alone will boost their rankings. That’s completely false. Reviews are only one piece of the puzzle. Google rewards practices that demonstrate both credibility and visibility – and in this course, you’ll learn the ranking factors that

determine how you appear online so you can evaluate and improve your presence.

We’ll also tackle negative reviews head-on. You’ll learn what to say, what not to say, and how to turn even harsh criticism into opportunities to showcase professionalism and integrity.

This course is your blueprint for mastering online visibility, strengthening credibility, and converting reputation into real, measurable patient growth.

ASHLEY CLARK, DDS



ORAL CANCER: A FOCUS ON PREVENTION

COURSE #	AC1
TIME	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
FEES	Free
CE HOURS	3

This course will provide oral health care providers with information regarding oral cancer. Potentially malignant conditions, particularly leukoplakia, will be discussed. Prevention of the disease is primarily the job of oral health care professionals; therefore, a focus will be made on preventing oral squamous cell carcinoma.

COMMON ORAL PATHOLOGY

COURSE #	AC2
TIME	1:30 pm - 4:30 pm
FEES	Free
CE HOURS	3

This course is designed to inform the participant about various oral pathologic lesions of the oral cavity. The oral health care professional should be able to identify common lesions and understand how to manage patients with such conditions.

SATURDAY JULY 11

PROASSURANCE LOSS PREVENTION SEMINAR

COURSE #	PRO
TIME	8:00 am - 9:00 am
FEES	No fee
CE HOURS	1 hour

Risk management strategies and best practices will be explored to assist the clinician in developing appropriate safeguards. ProAssurance policyholders will earn a 10% discount at their next policy renewal for attending this seminar. Dentists

who are not currently insured with ProAssurance will receive the 10% discount if they become insured within one year of this seminar.

SATURDAY JULY 11

ALABAMA MEDICAID UPDATE

COURSE #	MED
TIME	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
FEES	No fee
CE HOURS	1 hour

Recommended for anyone currently enrolled in Medicaid or interested in becoming a Medicaid provider. This is an annual update provided by the

Alabama Department of Public Health.

SATURDAY JULY 11

ALABAMA DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION

This training will be provided by the Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama. Register with the Board of Dental Examiners at dentalboard.org.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Most courses qualify for continuing education credit accepted by the Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama (BDEA). The number of CE hours (CEUs) is noted following each course synopsis.

Approved PACE Program Provider

FAGD/MAGD Credit

Approval does not imply acceptance by a state or provincial board of dentistry or AGD endorsement 2/1/2026 to 1/31/2029

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CONFERENCE INFORMATION

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WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF PRE-REGISTRATION?

By registering before April 28, you receive the lowest registration fees and ticket prices. **Prices increase April 29 and June 11.** Early pre-registration also ensures participation in limited ticket events.

HOW CAN I PRE-REGISTER?

Pre-Register online at gulfcoastdentalconference.org

WHEN WILL I RECEIVE BADGES AND TICKETS?

Name badges for pre-registered attendees will be mailed to the primary registrant two weeks prior to the conference. Please be sure to bring these materials with you to the conference. All tickets are included on the name badge via bar code. Registration packets will be distributed on-site for all attendees who register after June 10. Name badges will be required for admittance to all events and the Exhibit Show.

WHAT ARE THE REGISTRATION/HELP DESK HOURS ON-SITE?

July 9, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

July 10, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

July 11, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO ATTEND EACH SEMINAR?

Courses that appear in the brochure with a fee of no charge are covered by the general registration fee for dentists and dental staff. There is no general registration fee for spouses, children or non-dentist guests. There are additional fees for some courses and events. These fees are listed near the course or event title in this brochure.

HOW DO I BECOME AN ALDA/ADA MEMBER SO I CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF REDUCED REGISTRATION FEES?

A reduced registration fee is just one of the many advantages of ADA and State Association membership. Alabama dentists please contact ALDA at (800) 489-2532 or email membership@aldaonline.org. If you are in a state besides Alabama, please contact your state association.

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The GCDC focuses on clinical growth and practice success for:

- ✓ General Dentists
- ✓ Specialists
- ✓ New Dentists
- ✓ Dental Students
- ✓ Hygienists
- ✓ Dental Assistants
- ✓ Lab Technicians
- ✓ Office Managers

HOW DO I KNOW WHICH COURSES ARE RIGHT FOR ME?

Recommendations on appropriate attendees are noted in the brochure with each course description.

HOW DO I RECORD MY CE HOURS?

The Gulf Coast Dental Conference (GCDC) records all conference data digitally. Manual continuing education rosters are no longer used at the Gulf Coast Dental Conference. Designated conference staff will scan attendee badges for all clinical sessions. Attendees must be present to be scanned. Scanning times can vary depending on the conference schedule. Once the presentation has concluded, scanning for that class will no longer be available. **CE confirmations will be provided electronically via email.** You must enter your correct email address when registering for the conference. It is your responsibility to record CE hours and keep the electronic confirmation as proper verification of your attendance for your records. Most courses qualify for continuing education credit accepted by the Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama. The number of CE hours (CEUs) is noted following each course. Most courses qualify for AGD PACE credit as well.

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED REGISTRATION ASSISTANCE?

Visit our attendee page on the conference website at gulfcoastdentalconference.org

FOR ASSISTANCE WITH ONLINE REGISTRATION QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL (678) 341-3009

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