

THE PERIO-RESTORATIVE CONNECTION

The perio-restorative relationship is one of the most important symbiotic relationships that exist in healthcare as a whole. The two rely heavily on one another and allow the dental practitioner to achieve the highest degree of excellence in quality, comprehensive care. The lecture will discuss the difference between functional and aesthetic crown lengthening. The differential diagnosis of a “gummy smile” is addressed along with the correct form of treatment. The highly important biologic width and how to do surgical “crown lengthening by the numbers” in a predictable and accurate method will be presented. Ovate pontic design, the use of orthodontics for tooth alignment, and proper treatment planning of aesthetics using Golden Proportions and Width to Length Ratios is beautifully presented as well.

Periodontics and its relationship to restorative dentistry are changing rapidly. Over the last several years we have seen new advances and procedures in periodontics that have changed the way we treat various conditions. Guided tissue regeneration has shifted periodontics from “removal and resection to replacement and regeneration”. Osseointegrated implants now change the way we treatment plan and restore. Sinus elevation procedures allow us to use implants in the posterior maxilla, hence eliminating partial dentures or cantilever scenarios. Periodontal plastic surgery allows us to now predictably cover exposed root surfaces, (even with previously restored cervical areas), cover crown margins and augment ridges.

The use of hi-tech equipment, digital photography, cosmetic and surgical imaging, the Internet and more as they relate to patient education, communication and motivation will also be addressed. Proper care documentation, presentation and verbal skills are a must to achieve these comprehensive results. In addition to case presentations, actual videos of procedures will be shown.

Interspersed throughout the evening are the symbiotic workings and communications that should exist between the Restorative Dentist and the Specialist. Drs. Newkirk and Pick will show you how to achieve all of this and more in a predictable and reproducible method that can be used immediately upon returning to the office.