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# THE CATALYST FOR CHANGE

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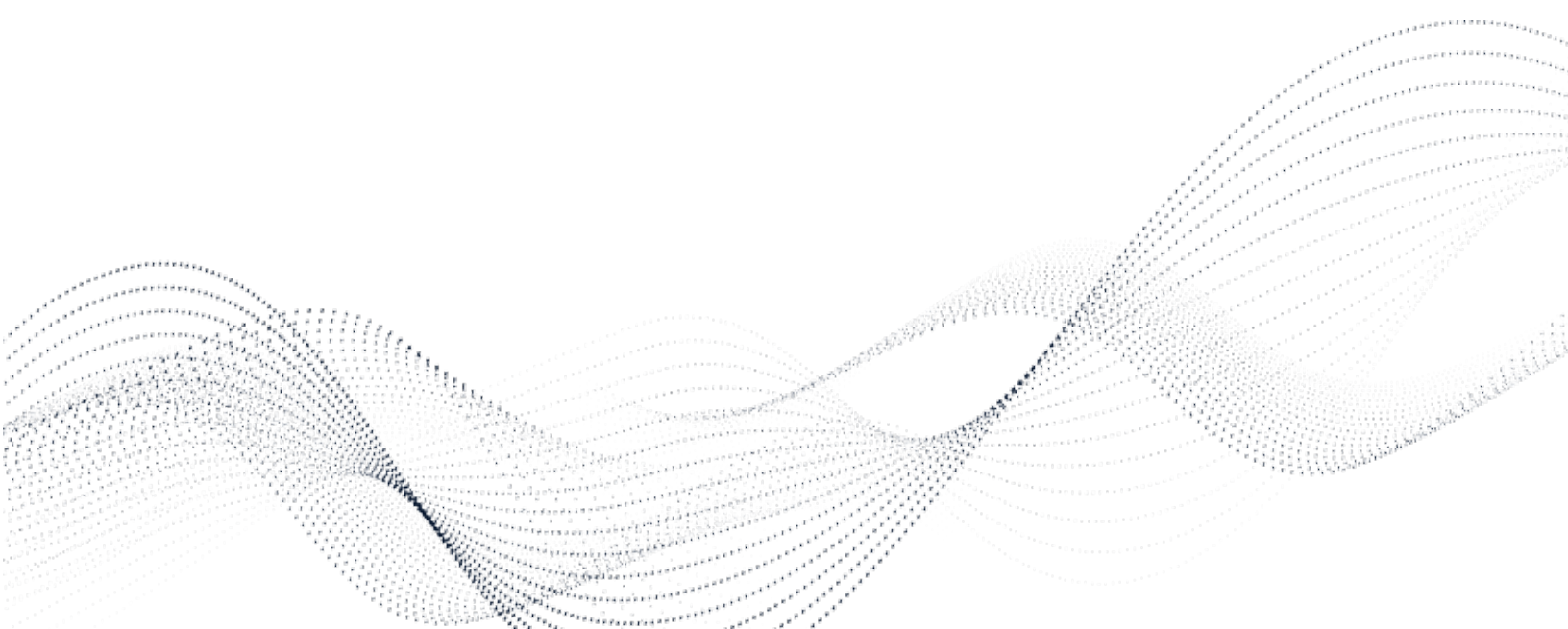


# THE CATALYST FOR CHANGE

On an almost molecular level, you're ready for a renaissance. Your practice. Your health. Your life. You are eager for change. The question is how to do it. In chemistry, a catalyst facilitates change by providing a new pathway and in the process, speeds up the rate at which the metamorphosis occurs. 2025/2026 Academic Season is the catalyst you need. Transformative information and ideas. Trail-blazing methods and methodologies. Our season has it all.

We will focus on innovation, unlocking new solutions to old programs through creativity and ingenuity. Disruption will be a thread, challenging the status quo by shaking up established norms. We will aim for a brighter future, built on the foundation of hard work, creativity and perseverance. And finally, we will celebrate the alchemy of change—from ordinary to extraordinary, with renewed purpose and meaning.

*Drs Jason Wong and Megan Leyva*



# OCTOBER

Greg Tice



Greg Tice has presented more than 400 programs built around the cognitive principles affecting how we learn, how we grow and how we effectively use goal setting. For the last 30 years, Greg has been with the Seattle Study Club, a global educational organization focused on providing customized curricula to dentists around the world. Currently a Vice President with the organization, he has developed dozens of educational programs, coached hundreds of clinicians on educational implementation, and refocused thousands of participants on real growth and behavior change. A 1990 graduate from the University of Notre Dame, Greg is married with three boys including twins, is an avid cyclist and enjoys adventure sports.

*Mr. Tice is the Chief Operating Officer for Seattle Study Club, Inc.*

Lecture up to 5 hours

550 Practice Management and Human Relations

Doctor  
Plus 1 Staff  
Member

## Bright Yellow SUV: Putting Real Growth on Autopilot

Seattle Study Club Vice President of Network Growth and Membership, Greg Tice, will lead an exploration into seven concepts we can use to put our growth and change on autopilot. We've all been to wonderful practice management lectures—probably more than our fair share. Yet when we go back to the office on Monday, life gets in the way and all the great ideas we gleaned from the lecture fly right out the window. We need to focus on creating a change in behavior and proficiency, not on education. We learn many things, yet we assimilate and use very few of them. We'll talk about filtering out unnecessary information so the important stuff gets through, creating an ongoing growth mindset, and how to navigate all of this when current beliefs clash with new evidence and ideas. The session closes with an opportunity to put these concepts into practice and learn from each other in an interactive workshop.

### Upon completion of this session, attendees should be able to:

- Understand and apply the basic elements of creating an ongoing growth mindset.
- Understand and take advantage of the principles behind interactive education.

*We encourage you to bring your office manager to this program.*

# NOVEMBER

**M. Nader Sharifi, DDS, MS**



Dr Sharifi holds a certificate in prosthodontics and a master's degree in biomaterials from Northwestern University. He received his dental education at the University of Illinois. He has presented more than 500 lectures covering numerous topics on restorative dentistry, earning him recognition from esteemed study groups, societies and associations across the nation and internationally. Dr Sharifi currently maintains a full-time private practice of prosthodontics in Chicago's downtown loop. Dr Sharifi is a former assistant professor at Northwestern University and currently uses his experience as a five-day-a-week wet-gloved dentist to ensure time-saving and cost-effective care are represented in his lectures. In 1996 he was named to the American Dental Associations Speakers Bureau, and in 2007 Chicago Dental Society honored him with the Gordon Christenson Distinguished Lecturer Award. He has also been honored with fellowship in the American College of Dentists and membership in the American Academy of Restorative Dentistry—both in 2010.

*Dr Sharifi does not have any affiliations to disclose.*

**Lecture up to 2.5 hours**

**610 Fixed Prosthodontics**

## **Comprehensive Management Strategies for Complex Anterior Tooth Loss**

In this captivating treatment planning session, study club members will confront the consequences of losing multiple maxillary anterior teeth. The premise here is that bone and soft tissue loss are generally more significant in these situations when compared to most single tooth loss scenarios.

Dr Sharifi will share a trauma case with multiple tooth loss, in which many potential solutions can be explored, related to the risks and benefits of each treatment pathway.

### **Upon completion of this session, attendees should be able to:**

- Apply the principles learned in successfully treating this case to benefit other patients.
- Understand the risks and benefits of fixed and removable implant-supported solutions for multiple missing teeth.
- Recognize the advantages of staging treatment for both clinical and financial case management.
- Identify techniques benefiting the treating clinician in gathering data in more challenging anterior cases.



# DECEMBER

**Rebecca Bockow, DDS, MS,  
and Drew Ferris, DDS, MS**



Dr Rebecca Bockow completed a highly selective dual-specialty program combining orthodontics and periodontics at the University of Pennsylvania. She is a board-certified orthodontist and periodontist. While simultaneously enrolled in two residency programs, she also received a master's in oral biology, focusing on intranasal ketorolac for postoperative implant pain management. Dr Bockow lectures nationally on periodontics, orthodontics, interdisciplinary orthodontics, airway, and skeletal growth and development. She contributes to multiple professional journals as an author and editor, and is resident faculty at Spear Education.

Dr Drew Ferris has lectured in the United States, Canada, Europe, and at multiple Seattle Study Club affiliates and the national Symposium on interdisciplinary treatment planning and treatment delivery with emphasis on the effective use of removable aligner therapy. He is a Top 1% provider for Invisalign, one of 7 Align Master Faculty Members in North America and is adjunct faculty at Loma Linda University. He has been recognized for his quality treatment results using removable aligners and is proficient at treating and teaching others how to effectively treat even the most complex challenging cases.

*Dr Rebecca Bockow is part-time faculty at Spear Education.*

*Dr Drew Ferris is a consultant for Align Technology.*

**Lecture up to 2 hours**

**370 Orthodontics**

## **Collaborative Debate: Clear Aligners vs. Conventional Orthodontics**

Whether in the sandbox or on the tee, a golfer knows which club to select from their bag. In this battle of the clasts vs. the blasts, our experts will investigate which treatment choice to select out of the bag when considering ortho for a patient. With technological advances, seamless digital workflow, and patient acceptance, clear aligners are quickly becoming the treatment of choice. However, fixed appliances offer a truly comprehensive approach to esthetic and functional design. Understanding types of tooth movements and occlusal schemes allows the clinician to align the right ortho option with the right dilemma, without sacrificing overall care.

**Side 1:** Fixed appliances have been and will continue to be the cornerstone of orthodontic therapy. The goal of this presentation is to highlight the power, strength, precision and flexibility of fixed appliances.

**Side 2:** Clear aligner technology and capabilities continue to rapidly advance. It can be challenging to grasp exactly what the capabilities of clear aligners are and how to use them to benefit patients in day-to-day practice. The effectiveness of clear aligners in a variety of clinical scenarios will be clearly substantiated.

### **Upon completion of this session, attendees should be able to:**

- Learn the types of movements that require fixed appliances.
- Understand the flexibility of fixed appliances in interdisciplinary cases.
- Visualize the three-dimensional control that fixed appliances give the clinician.
- Understand the types of tooth movements and occlusal schemes in which clear aligners are effective.
- Recognize how the use of clear aligners and the digital platform can impact diagnosis, treatment planning, and the overall quality of care and oral health for patients.

# JANUARY

**Mark Bowden**



Mark Bowden is a world-renowned body language expert, voted #1 Body Language Expert in the World. Mark's unique GesturePlane system of nonverbal communication helps audiences maximize the power of using their own body language to stand out, win trust and gain credibility every time they communicate. Mark's training as well as his live and virtual keynote speeches prove invaluable to business leaders, prime ministers of G7 powers, and teams from some of the most innovative global organizations in the world including Zoom, Shopify, Amex, the US Army and NATO. Mark has extensive experience training senior healthcare and pharmaceutical leaders worldwide with clients in these sectors including: Astellas, RX Media, Eye Recommend, Sivantos, TEVA, Nestle, GSK, Canadian Medical Association and Ministry of Health, AXON and Deputy Ministers. His bestselling books on body language and human behavior are: *Winning Body Language*; *Winning Body Language for Sales Professionals*; *Tame the Primitive Brain*; and *Truth & Lies, What People are Really Thinking*. His weekly YouTube show "The Behavior Panel" is regularly featured on The Dr Phil Show and Dr Phil's podcast Phil In The Blanks. Mark is a go-to media commentator on the body language of politicians, celebrities and public figures, appearing regularly on CNN, CBS and Global News, and quoted in The Wall Street Journal, Washington Post and GQ Magazine. Visit [www.truthplane.com](http://www.truthplane.com) to learn more.

*Mr Bowden has no previous or current affiliations to disclose.*

**Lecture up to 2 hours**

**550 Practice Management and Human Relations**

## **Winning Body Language: Read and Lead with Your Nonverbal Communication**

Imagine having the power to understand people on a deeper level without them uttering a single word – a skill that could benefit you in all aspects of life. Envision being perceived as trustworthy, credible, and an exceptional individual solely through your behavior and body language. Effective communication is the cornerstone of influence and persuasion, and your nonverbal cues play a pivotal role in how others perceive you, just as you assess them.

In this captivating and dynamic session, acclaimed communication expert Mark Bowden shares his top techniques for deciphering others' thoughts and emotions through their body language. Equally important, you will learn to convey your own messages more effectively, positioning yourself as a leader and authority in your field, and motivating others through your nonverbal communication.

Interactive and enlightening, this program fosters profound discussions and draws out best practices from you and your peers. Delve into the daily challenges of your profession through the lens and insights of one of the world's foremost authorities in human behavior, body language, and communication.

### **Upon completion of this session, attendees should be able to:**

- Recognize subtle signs and signals that reveal others' emotions in different situations, enhancing their proficiency in reading people and improving interpersonal relationships.
- Develop critical thinking skills to assess initial snap judgments and assumptions about individuals, fostering a deeper understanding and connection with people from diverse backgrounds.
- Implement new techniques for projecting calmness, assertiveness, passion, or compassion in their leadership style, enabling them to inspire and lead others effectively through nonverbal communication.

# FEBRUARY

**Gerry Chiche, DDS**



Dr Chiche is Clinical Professor at Louisiana State University School of Dentistry. He is a past president of the American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry and he has lectured in esthetic dentistry nationally and internationally in 35 countries. He is the author of two textbooks: *Esthetics of Anterior Fixed Restorations* and *Smile Design—A Guide for Clinician, Ceramist and Patient*, both published by Quintessence Publishing Co. He is Emeritus Professor at Louisiana State University and he became in 2009 the first Restorative Chair endowed by the Thomas P. Hinman Dental Society. Finally, he is the 2020 recipient of the Icon Award for Lifetime Achievement in Dentistry of the Seattle Study Club.

*Dr Chiche is a consultant for Kuraray Noritake Dental Inc and a 3M Oral Care stockholder.*

**Lecture up to 2 hours**

**149 Multi-disciplinary Topics**

**Doctor  
Plus 1 Staff  
Member**

## **Decision Making Process to Achieve the Optimum Gingival Design in the Esthetic Zone**

This session will illustrate management of gingival levels through a case presentation. Discussion will address the options and the decision process leading to the final interdisciplinary treatment.

It will be a direct continuation of the systematic esthetic checklist we routinely advocate for— simplicity and predictability. In addition, we'll talk about ceramic restoration, deciding on minimally invasive dentistry or not, and how it all pertains to the most appropriate treatment for the patient.

### **Upon completion of this session, attendees should be able to:**

- Choose between crown lengthening and orthodontic intrusion.
- Understand the impact of minimally invasive dentistry on the final interdisciplinary treatment.

***We encourage you to bring one hygienist or assistant to this program.***

***Hygienists will receive CE credit.***

# MARCH

## Jonathan Esquivel, DDS



Dr Jonathan Esquivel is a second-generation dentist. He received his DDS at Universidad Americana in his hometown of Managua, Nicaragua. Upon graduating from dental school, he joined his father's practice. After four years of practice, he realized he had a passion for prosthetics, and decided to pursue specialty training in prosthodontics at the Louisiana State University School of Dentistry. After graduating from his prosthodontics residency in 2013, he continued his training in esthetics and surgical implants with a fellowship at LSU. As an educator he has won numerous awards, including the excellence in teaching award, along with being named an honorary faculty member in the C. Edmund Kells Honorary Society. Dr Esquivel was an assistant professor for the department of prosthodontics at Louisiana State University, where he taught both at the undergraduate and postgraduate level, serving as clinical director of implant dentistry for prosthodontics residents.

*Dr Jonathan Esquivel receives an honorarium from Zimmer Biomet and Kuraray Noritake Dental Inc.*

Lecture up to 3 hours

149 Multi-disciplinary Topics

Doctor  
Plus 1 Staff  
Member

## Esthetic Implant Therapy: A Prosthodontic Approach to a Biologic Challenge

The world of implant dentistry has evolved, with patients now expecting implants to look like natural teeth, not knowing the complexities of how that occurs. Join Dr Jonathan Esquivel, a world-renowned prosthodontist and educator, as he will focus on prosthetically-driven treatment planning, essential for achieving functional, biological, and esthetic success in implant cases.

Dr Esquivel will delve into the complexities of the soft tissue-restorative interface, understanding the crucial role of biology and the importance of interim restorations. He will emphasize material selection, abutment design, and delivery techniques, enhancing predictability in implant therapy.

In addition to the lecture, there will be a collaborative treatment planning session with group discussions and collaboration. Dr Esquivel also encourages and fosters a safe learning environment for interaction throughout the program. You will learn systematic approaches to diagnosing, planning, and executing implant cases, making the process more straightforward and less stressful. This session will enhance your skills and ensure the success of your implant therapies.

### Upon completion of this session, attendees should be able to:

- Identify important considerations for adequate treatment planning in esthetic implant therapy.
- Identify the relationship between tooth position, soft tissue, and the prognosis of esthetic implant therapy.
- Understand the importance of the different areas of the emergence profile and implement different techniques to condition the soft tissues.

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# MARCH

**Jason Wong, DMD, MS and  
Megan Leyva, DMD, MS**



Dr Jason Wong combines clinical excellence with a passion for education and mentorship. Originally from Vancouver, Canada, he earned a BA in English from UC Berkeley before completing his DMD at Tufts University. He pursued advanced training through a hospital-based residency at Long Island Jewish Medical Center, where he developed a strong interest in periodontics. He then practiced general and implant dentistry in Nashville before completing his periodontal surgical residency at Nova Southeastern University, serving as Chief Resident and conducting research on probiotics' effects on dental implants. As the owner of Palm Beach Periodontics, Dr. Wong focuses on comprehensive periodontal and implant care while remaining dedicated to education. He serves as adjunct faculty at NSU, lectures at the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center, and directs The Palm Beaches Study Club. A published researcher and active member of multiple professional organizations, he is committed to advancing periodontics through collaboration, mentorship and continuing education. Outside of dentistry, Dr. Wong enjoys traveling, cooking, and spending time with his dog, Izzy.

Dr Megan Leyva, a Miami native of Cuban descent, earned her BS in Biology from Florida International University, followed by a Master's in Biomedical Sciences from Barry University. She completed her DMD and periodontal residency at Nova Southeastern University, where she served as Chief Resident and graduated with honors. She remains engaged in education as an adjunct faculty member at NSU. Dr Leyva's expertise spans advanced periodontal and implant techniques, including robot-assisted surgery and conscious sedation. She is an active member of multiple professional organizations and remains committed to research and continuing education. Outside of dentistry, she enjoys spending time with family and friends, the beach, baking, and caring for her five dogs.

**Lecture up to 2 hours**

**490 Periodontics**

**HYGIENE  
TEAM  
ONLY**

## **Understanding AAP Staging and Grading: A Comprehensive Guide for Hygienists ( Virtual Event )**

Presented by Dr Jason Wong and Dr Megan Leyva, this program will provide dental hygienists with a comprehensive understanding of the AAP Staging and Grading system. The session will cover key clinical parameters, risk assessment, and practical applications for co-diagnosis and treatment planning. It will also help hygienists recognize when to refer patients to a periodontist.

### **Upon completion of this program, attendees should be able to:**

- Explain the AAP Staging and Grading system and its role in diagnosing and managing periodontal disease.
- Identify key clinical parameters used to determine periodontal disease progression and risk assessment.
- Apply the AAP classification system to develop evidence-based treatment plans and patient education strategies.
- Recognize when to refer patients to a periodontist based on disease severity, risk factors, and treatment complexity.

# APRIL

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**Lecture up to 2 hours**

**149 Multi-disciplinary Topics**

## Problem Solving Workshop

We spend time every day strategizing and making decisions about the dilemmas we face in our personal and professional lives, which makes problem solving a very familiar task. These sessions elevate the discussion by encouraging collaboration to resolve a variety of clinical and non-clinical problems. Whether discussing anterior esthetic dilemmas or practice management challenges, your club will approach each topic in smaller group settings, review and discuss possible solutions, and then each group will pose a top challenge or two to the full club for additional input.

**Upon completion of this session, attendees should be able to:**

- Incorporate practical solutions to help solve pertinent clinical or practice-related problems.
- Deepen their understanding of the resources and approaches available to resolve a variety of clinical and non-clinical challenges.

# MAY

**Andrew Skasko, DDS**



Dr Andrew Skasko attended The Ohio State University College of Dentistry College of Dentistry, completing his training in 2004. Dr Skasko opened his comprehensive interdisciplinary practice, Elite Dental in 2005 with special focus on complex team based treatment. In his mentorship role to younger colleagues, he has most recently partnered and co founded Molnar and Skasko Family and Cosmetic Dentistry; focusing on providing advanced dental care to underserved communities. His strong core values and commitment to excellence in patient care has enabled his primary practice to evolve into one of the most comprehensive and productive dental practices in the country. Throughout his time in practice, he has maintained a strong commitment to advanced education and developed a passion for complex reconstructive dentistry. He has been very involved in both teaching and presenting comprehensive treatment planning exercises to study clubs throughout the US. Additionally, Dr Skasko has competed in numerous world treatment planning programs at the Seattle Study Club annual symposiums . In January 2023, Dr Skasko was honored to be named team lead for Team North America in a planning square-off between North America and Spain. Dr Skasko is a clinical assistant professor in the restorative/prosthodontics division of The Ohio State University College of Dentistry and speaks nationally on successful interdisciplinary concepts.

*Dr Skasko does not have any current or previous affiliations to disclose.*

**Lecture up to 2 hours**

**149 Multi-disciplinary Topics**

**Doctor  
Plus 1 Staff  
Member**

## **Lost and Found – How to Turn a Treatment Setback into a Clinical Success!**

This treatment planning session takes study club members on a journey far beyond a single tooth dilemma, as they are confronted with a series of cascading clinical challenges. They will be faced with higher level decision-making and treatment choices which can more easily be navigated, working hand-in-hand in the study club team (table) setting. Participants will test their communication skills and collaborate with colleagues to:

- Uncover the cause and potential effects of particular treatment choices;
- Decide scope of responsibility for each member of the treatment team and also clearly recognize each individual's limitations; and
- Advance interdisciplinary treatment planning skills by becoming more proficient in diagnosis and gaining a better handle on the sequencing of treatment.

### **Upon completion of this session, attendees should be able to:**

- Better manage more complex cases by relying on interdisciplinary team feedback and support.
- Appreciate the benefit of a team lead or “quarterback” in guiding overall treatment coordination and communications in more challenging cases
- Become more capable in the sequencing of diagnostic steps and in prioritizing/sequencing of actual treatment.
- Recognize personal clinical limitations and identify resources and available options for self-improvement.

***We encourage you to bring one hygienist or assistant to this program.  
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# THE FINE PRINT

## Registration

These are virtual and live lecture, demo, and peer discussion programs suitable for all dentists, dental students, and business professionals regardless of prior experience who are members of this study club.

Register by contacting Angelina DiMauro  
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781-879-6469

Please call with any cancellations at least 72 hours before the meeting.

## Disclaimer

Some information or presentations may include controversial materials or commercial references. Seattle Study Club cautions all course participants that there is potential risk to using limited knowledge when incorporating new techniques and procedures into their practices, especially when the continuing education program has not provided them with supervised clinical experience in the techniques or procedures to ensure that they have attained competence.

## Substitutions

This brochure represents the speakers/programs established at the time of publication; however, speaker cancellations occasionally occur for reasons beyond our control. In the event of such an occurrence, speaker/ program substitutions may be made without prior notice.

## Code of Conduct

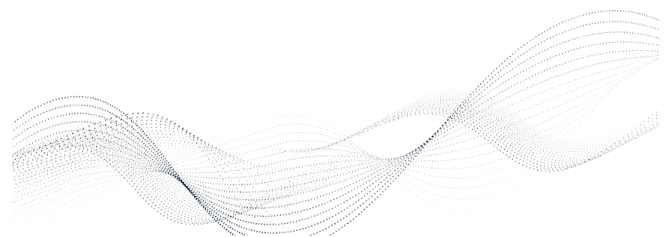
We are committed to ensuring a safe and respectful meeting environment that is free of harassment, bullying, or offensive comments and/or behavior toward others.

We expect all participants whether attending live or virtual sessions to abide by this Code of Conduct policy on all online platforms, or in venues at a meeting, including ancillary events and official and unofficial social gatherings.

- Exercise consideration and respect in your speech and actions.
- Refrain from demeaning, discriminatory, or harassing behavior and speech.

## Up to 22.5 Credits Available

Of which 22.5 hours will be submitted by The Palm Beaches Study Club. This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the standards of the Academy of General Dentistry Program Approval for Continuing Education (AGD PACE).



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