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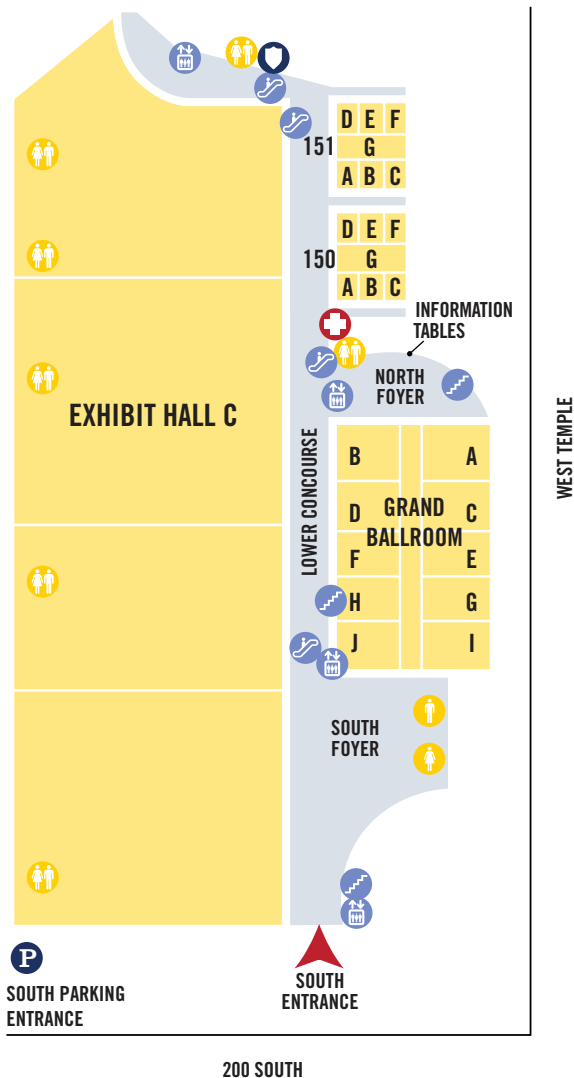
2026 **CONVENTION**



JANUARY 29-30, 2026

SALT PALACE CONVENTION CENTER
100 S. WEST TEMPLE
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

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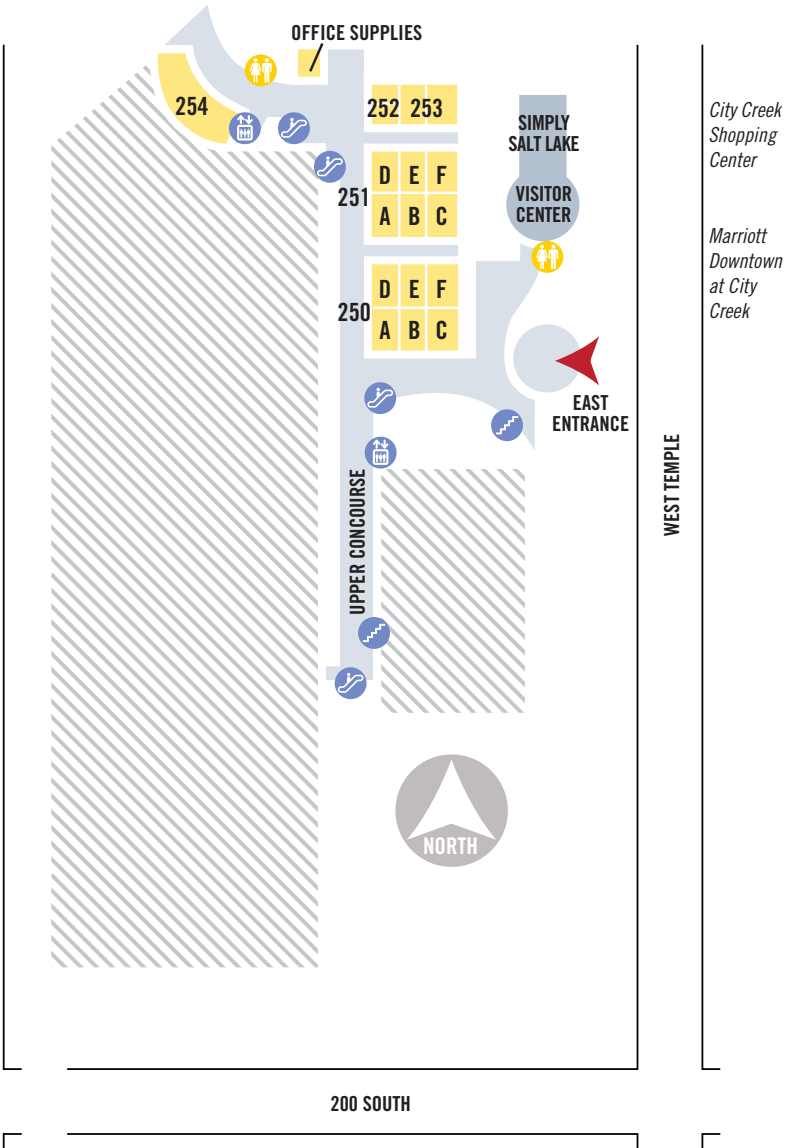




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Welcome

Dear Friends, Colleagues and Lovers Of Loupes,

Welcome to the 2026 UDA Convention! It's that time of year again when we dentists, and the incredible teams who keep our practices from crumbling, come together to recharge, learn, and swap stories.

I'm honored to serve as this year's Scientific Chair- and no, that doesn't mean I spent the past 12 months growing bacteria in petri dishes (though let's be honest, some of our office fridge leftovers could qualify). What it *does* mean is that I got to help put together a lineup of speakers and workshops that I genuinely think you'll find valuable, relevant, and - dare I say...enjoyable. Yes, we're dentists, and yes, we take things seriously... but we also appreciate a good laugh and great CE.

Dentistry is a crazy and wonderful profession. We balance science with artistry, compassion with precision, and occasionally, the weight of a child clinging to their mom's leg while we try to diagnose a toothache. We change lives, we relieve pain, we restore confidence — and we do it all as a team. From the front desk to hygiene, from assistants to lab techs, from the new grads still smelling faintly of dental school to the veterans who can prep a crown with their eyes closed (but please don't) - we are stronger together.

This convention is about learning, yes - but it's also about reconnecting, with each other, with our "why," and maybe even with that long-lost buddy you haven't seen since last year's convention. So, dive into the exhibit hall. Ask questions. Attend that course that's slightly outside your comfort zone. And if you're feeling brave, try the quinoa at the team luncheon.

Seriously though, the UDA Scientific Committee has worked hard to get your feedback from last year and build a better program. More workshops. Stronger content. Speakers who know their stuff and love sharing it. We hope you feel that in every detail.

Thank you for being here and for what you do for your patients and your communities. Thank you for making this profession one worth celebrating. Here's to two days of learning, laughing, and hopefully ending up with a few bags of free SWAG.

Cody Boseman, DDS

2026 UDA Scientific Chair



Rodney Thornell, DMD
UDA President



Cody Boseman, DDS
Scientific Chair



Jeffrey Kahl, DDS
ADA 14th District Trustee

General Information

To Register

Online ... www.uda.org

All registration must be done online.

For questions, contact the UDA at:

Email: uda@uda.org

Office: 801-261-5315

****IMPORTANT****

No name badges or tickets will be mailed. You will need to pick up your name badge and tickets near the exhibit hall the morning of the convention. This line could be long. Please plan accordingly.

Information Desk Hours

Thursday....7:00 am-4:30 pm

Friday.....7:30 am-4:00 pm

Information is located on level one, north of the exhibit hall entrance.

Exhibit Hall Hours

Thursday....8:00 am-5:00 pm

Friday.....8:00 am-4:00 pm

Exhibits are downstairs on level one in Salt Palace Exhibit Hall C.

Audience codes. A-assistant, D-dentist, H-hygienist, O-office staff

Children. Children and babies are not allowed at any seminars or functions.

CE Certificates. The information about obtaining CE Certificates will be included in each attendee's registration bag.

Individual registration. Dental hygienists, dental assistants, front office, lab technicians, and students can register individually or as a group without a dentist.

No standing or sitting on the floors. Strict Salt Lake City fire codes prohibit attendees from standing in rooms or sitting on the floor during the seminars.

Open seating. Each year one or two seminar rooms fill up, so arrive early to ensure yourself a seat.

Online handouts. Any handouts submitted by speakers will be available online at: www.uda.org. We recommend you download any handouts prior to coming to the Salt Palace that would be applicable to the courses you want to attend.

Parking. There are many parking areas near the Salt Palace. No parking validations are available through UDA.

Refunds. No refunds will be made for registration, meals, or functions.

Speakers' Information. For information about the speakers visit the speaker's bio pages at the back of the program. For more information about the speaker, visit their website. (If a website was provided by the speaker, it is located at the end of their bio).

****Code of Conduct:** All attendees, vendors, and participants at the 2026 Utah Dental Convention are expected to adhere to the highest standards of professionalism and respect. Any behavior that disrupts the event or creates an unsafe or uncomfortable environment for others will not be tolerated.**

****Enforcement:** Individuals who fail to comply with this code of conduct may be asked to leave the premises immediately. If necessary, they may be escorted out by security personnel. The event organizers reserve the right to enforce this policy at their discretion, ensuring a safe and positive experience for all participants.**

****Zero Tolerance:** Please be mindful that there is zero tolerance for harassment, discrimination, or any form of inappropriate conduct. By attending the event, you agree to abide by these guidelines.**

Lodging

The UDA secured a great rate on rooms at these hotels who have set aside a block of rooms. When they are gone the UDA cannot negotiate more rooms.

Marriott City Creek

75 S West Temple

\$179 (reserve by January 13, 2026)

800-228-9290

801-531-0800

Utah Dental Association 2026 - Start your reservation (book.passkey.com/event/51005500/owner/1441/home)

Hilton SLC Center

255 S West Temple

\$189 (reserve by January 13, 2026)

877-776-4936

<https://book.passkey.com/e/51099012>

Radisson Hotel

215 W South Temple

\$165 (reserve by January 13, 2026)

800-333-3333

801-531-7500

UT Dental Assoc 2026 Annual Meeting - Start your reservation (book.passkey.com/event/51094957/owner/1440/home)



Registration Fees

Registration fees will increase on January 1, 2026.

UDA Member Dentist	\$135.00
Non-member Dentist	\$645.00
Out of state ADA Member Dentist	\$240.00
Retired Dentist	\$0
Spouse of Dentist	\$ 45.00
Spouse of Retired Dentist	\$0
Assistant	\$ 55.00
Office Staff	\$ 55.00
Lab Technician	\$ 55.00
UDA Hygiene Affiliate Member	\$ 45.00
Hygienist (non-affiliate)	\$115.00
Student	\$ 10.00
Team Luncheon	\$ 34.00

Hands-on Courses

- CPR and BLS Certification
- ACLS Certification
- Patterson Dental TechEdge Equipment Maintenance
- 3D Printing and Naturalizing Dentures in The Modern Practice
- In-House Clear Aligners: A Step-By-Step to Improving Outcomes while Increasing Efficiency
- Extracting Impacted Third Molars for Beginners
- Elevate Your Practice: Empowering Dental Assistants with Advanced Techniques & Technologies
- Integration of Calcium Silicates in the Dental Practice

Hands on Botox and Dermal Fillers Courses require UDA Convention registration, then register for these Hands on Courses by using the QR code listed on the courses in this program.

- Botulium Toxin Live Patient Certification
- Dermal Fillers Live Patient Certification
- TMJ/Orofacial Pain Trigger Point Neurotoxin Therapy Live Patient Certification

All UDA registration needs to be completed online at www.uda.org

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Local Speakers Series

All attendees are invited to these seminars!

Room 151 G

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

***Orofacial Myofunctional Therapy and
It's Place in the Dental Office***

Jaci Thornell, BS, DA

Rodney Thornell, DMD

9:00 – 10:00 am

***Tools and Tips for Capturing the
Complete Oral Anatomy***

Greg Skinner, DDS

Mark Seiter, CDT

2:00 – 3:00 pm

***Using an Innovative New Method for
Class 4 Restorations***

Marshall Hanson, DDS

10:30 – 11:30 am

***Basic Implant Soft Tissue Management:
Fast and Easy***

Todd Liston, DDS, MS

Mark Blaisdel, DDS

3:30 – 4:30 pm

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

***Root Resorption Demystified: From
Detection to Treatment***

Michelle Howe, DDS, MS

Jonathan Richards, DDS, MS

9:00 – 10:00 am

***It's All in the Lips — 7 Truths That
Unlock More Dentistry and More
Income***

Spencer Greer, DDS

1:30 – 2:30 pm

***Reclaiming Connection in an Age of
Isolation***

Robert Ferrell, DMD, MS

10:30 – 11:30 am

***Dental Advocacy in Utah: Tools, Tactics
& Triumphs***

3:00 – 4:00 pm



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Exhibit Hall Opens 8:00 am

Pierre Fauchard Academy

7:00 am breakfast

Marriott City Creek, 75 S West Temple

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drkobrien@msn.com or 801-608-2540.

Part 1: Reconstructive Excellence: Diagnosis and Treatment Considerations Simplified

Jim Downs, DMD

8:30-11:30 am

Ballroom: C

Audience: D, A

A simplified approach to diagnosis and occlusal theory for everyday dentistry. We will go through when to do an additive or reductive approach in treatment understanding. This will take us to case designing predictable results through large cases and comprehensive treatment. The training in this session will include tissue framing, 3D Tooth Preparing with a structure that works, temporization, case segmentation and use of snowcaps, and end with lab communication that dials in cases every time. We will have a Live Patient Intake portion in this session.

Learning Objectives:

- A simplified approach to diagnosis and occlusal theory for everyday dentistry.
- Case designing and lab communications for predictable results in large cases and comprehensive treatment plans.
- Training will include tissue framing, 3D Tooth Preparing, temporization, case segmentation and use of snowcaps.

How to Achieve Better Clinical Results in the Current State of Dental Implantology

Alexandre Molinari, DDS, MSc, PhD

8:30-11:30 am

Room: 150 G

Audience: D

Since the concept of osseointegration was discovered in the 1950's by Prof. Brånemark, many studies have shown high success rates centered around the functionality of dental implants with no regard for esthetics. The longevity of an implant inserted into bone is no longer an issue, but the longevity of the crowns over these implants is now more important, not only from the functional aspect but also from the esthetic point of view. Another important aspect to be observed is the way the soft and hard tissues behave once an implant receives function.

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Learning Objectives:

- The importance of implant placement thinking 3-dimensionally.
- The level of the restoration: Implant vs Abutment.
- Abutment collar height selection regarding biological width.
- Optimization of the bone crest and soft tissue maintenance.
- Function vs aesthetic and phonetic vs hygiene. What is more important?

Diagnosis of TMDs and Other Orofacial Pains

Thomas Weber, DDS, MS

8:30-10:00 am

Room: 150 DEF

Audience: D, H

This course reviews the types of orofacial pain (OFP) and their characteristics with an emphasis on temporomandibular disorders.

Learning Objectives:

- Comprehend the breadth of OFP conditions.
- Apply appropriate diagnostic criteria and current OFP terminology in diagnosing their patients' pain conditions.
- Identify cases in which interdisciplinary care or patient referral are indicated.



Going Digital: IOS and 3D Printing for Modern Dental Practice

Jim Collis, CDT

8:30-10:30 am

Room: 251 DEF

Audience: D, A

This lecture takes a practical, straightforward approach to bringing your dental practice into the digital realm. We'll start with the fundamentals of intraoral scanning, how it operates, why it's important, and what benefits it provides for your workflow, diagnostic accuracy, and patient experience. From choosing the right scanner to training your team and avoiding common pitfalls, you'll leave with a clear roadmap for integrating IOS into your practice, whether you're just getting started or looking to upgrade. Then we will focus on how 3D printing technology is revolutionizing in-house appliance fabrication. You'll learn to design and print custom trays, night guards, crowns, and dentures using a streamlined, repeatable process that enhances efficiency without compromising quality.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the clinical and practical advantages of using intraoral scanners in general practice.
- Describe the end-to-end process of fabricating digital appliances using 3D printers.
- Apply digital workflows through real-life case examples that demonstrate increased efficiency, accuracy, and patient satisfaction.



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Surgical Extraction of Third Molars

Rachel Uppgaard, DDS

8:30-10:00 am

Room: 250 ABC

Audience: D

For the dentist who is a beginner at extracting impacted third molars, this lecture will guide the provider on how to approach impacted third molars from consultation to flap design, from bone removal to sectioning, and from delivery to closure of the surgical site. This course is ideal for someone who is looking to expand their practice and build on what they learned in dental school.

Learning Objectives

- Learn how to evaluate third molar cases to plan for efficient and effective removal.
- Consider how intra-operative techniques can be incorporated into third molar removal.
- Understand how to manage the soft tissue in third molar removal.



Commercial Real Estate 101

Roshan Kalra, DMD

8:30-11:30 am

Room: 253 AB

Audience: D

This course will be a crash course on how a dentist can look at and evaluate if a Commercial Real Estate (CRE) deal is right for them as well as live deal analysis at the end. We will go over the language used in CRE and how to read the subtext of an offering. We will go over common pitfalls and mistakes made by new investors. We will also go over when it makes sense to buy the Commercial Real Estate your practice is located in.

Learning Objectives:

- Look at and evaluate if a Commercial Real Estate (CRE) deal is right for you.
- Understand the language used in CRE and how to read the subtext of a deal.
- Identify common pitfalls and mistakes made by new investors.
- Understand when it makes sense to buy Real Estate your practice is located in.



Green Dentistry: Cannabis & Teeth? What You Need to Know About Cannabis and Oral Health

Barry Taylor, DMD

8:30-11:30 am (repeats at 2:00)

Room: 250 DEF

Audience: D, H, A, O

Marijuana, also known as Cannabis, is the most common used illicit drug in the United States. Thirty-five states currently have legalized marijuana for medicinal purposes, while over 20 states have legalized it for recreational use. It is estimated that over 10% of the US population uses marijuana at least once a year. This course is an unbiased and evidence-based presentation of marijuana and its role in dentistry. We will present an introduction to the history of marijuana and trends pertaining to its use. Next, we will provide a basic science review regarding the Cannabis plant, the drug marijuana, and the Endocannabinoid System. We



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will review how marijuana use affects oral and general health. Finally, we will address areas of possible dental research related to cannabinoids.

Learning Objectives:

- Comprehend the Endocannabinoid System, what cannabinoids are, and how marijuana is connected.
- Understand how marijuana affects oral health – specifically detailing oral pathology, dental caries, and periodontal disease.
- Understand how marijuana affects our patient's general health and provide information of possible interactions of marijuana with commonly prescribed medications.
- Learn how to communicate with patients regularly using marijuana.
- Explore future areas of research with cannabinoids in regard to anxiolysis, bone metabolism, wound healing, and inflammation.

Utah Medicaid Dental Program

Jim Stamos, MHA, MBA

8:30-10:00 am (repeats Friday morning)

Ballroom: I

Audience: D, H, O

The session will provide a comprehensive overview of the Utah Medicaid dental program's vision and recent updates. We will explore key policy changes, including reimbursement structures and new covered services, as well as broader program updates that impact dental care. The presentation will highlight the valuable opportunity for dentists to serve the community while ensuring fair compensation and financially productive practice.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the vision and policy updates of Utah Medicaid's dental program, including how it provides a productive way to treat underserved communities.
- Identify key updates to dental policies and overall program changes that directly impact their practice, such as reimbursement and billing.
- Explain the benefits of becoming a Medicaid-associated provider, including fair compensation and an expanded patient base.



Dentists, Hygienists, and Cows

Brandi Hooker Evans, RDH-ER, MHE

8:30-11:30 am

Ballroom: BD

Audience: H

What do cows have to do with it anyway? Learn how to leave the herding mentality behind while simultaneously cultivating a patient-centered, evidence-based, and naturally profitable periodontal therapy program. We will be farming team unity and career satisfaction in a way only the smallest number of dental professionals have ever seen. Round up your entire team for this class!

Learning Objectives:

- Boost problem solving skills that turn an average hygiene routine into a thriving, patient-centered program.
- Enhance your patient's oral health assessment, financial conversations, and case presentation techniques.
- Explore effective utilization of patient radiographs in case presentation.



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Desiccation therapy – A New Frontier in Managing Dysbiotic Oral Disease

Anne Guignon, RDH, MPH, CSP

8:30-11:30 am

Ballroom: E

Audience: H

Pathogenic biofilms play a huge role in the development, and exacerbation, of inflammatory diseases. For years clinicians have searched for easier and more effective ways to disrupt and eradicate dysbiotic biofilm communities. Desiccation therapy using an FDA approved, patented technology offers a unique pathway that benefits the patient, clinician, and practice.



Desiccation therapy uses a distinctive sulfonated compound that affects how deposits attach to a surface microscopically. The compound disrupts biofilm EPS and destroys polymicrobial communities even in deep periodontal pockets or areas with complex anatomy. Properly used desiccation therapy results in a coagulated gelatinated mass of denatured calculus and soft biofilm, necrotic tissue, and blood, making the coagulum easier to remove with conventional nonsurgical periodontal debridement techniques. The result is faster, more complete healing.

Learning Objectives:

- Identify how periodontal pathogens create and support a dysbiotic biofilm community and understand the role of microbial persisters in chronic oral infections.
- Examine the role of desiccation therapy in biofilm dysregulation, debris removal, and hemostasis and learn how to recreate a thriving, sustainable, healthy oral microbiome.
- Learn how desiccation therapy improves clinical outcomes, speeds up healing, improves patient comfort, reduces clinician MSD stresses, and adds a valuable, billable clinical service into the treatment plan.

You Are SO Much More Than a Spit Sucker! Redefining the Role of the Modern Dental Assistant – Part 1

LaShae Steele, CDA

8:30-10:00 am

Ballroom: FH

Audience: A

Today's dental assistant is more than a helper — they're a vital partner in creating exceptional patient experiences. In this first session of the series, you'll focus on the consultation and diagnostic side of modern chairside dentistry. Through live hands-on videos and lecture, you'll learn how to strengthen case acceptance, master diagnostic tools, and elevate your role as a true clinical partner. It's time to stop minimizing your role and start maximizing your impact!



Learning Objectives:

- Lead and support impactful consultations that boost case acceptance.
- Use digital dental photography and previsualization techniques to enhance diagnosis and patient confidence.
- Master bleaching techniques and diagnostic mock-ups for veneers, crowns, and implants.

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Rockstar Teams: Building a Front Office That Shines

Laura Nelson, MS

8:30 - 11:30 am

Ballroom: J

Audience: O, D

A dental practice isn't a one-person show—it's a full band. And when every player knows their part, the result is magic. This session is all about the front office and support team that keeps the beat going. We'll share real-world strategies to help you rock your role, collaborate like pros, and build a practice culture where everyone feels valued and supported. No more "front vs. back-office battles"—just one rockstar team that shines together.

Learning Objectives:

- Work as a band, not solo acts—so no one feels like they're carrying the load alone.
- Stay motivated and inspired, even on the busiest, craziest days.
- Create a culture where teammates back each other up (like true rockstars).



How To Attract Your IDEAL Patients

Justin "Rusty" Curtis

8:30-10:00 am

Room: 150 ABC

Audience: D, A, O

Feeling dead inside because you aren't seeing the patients that you actually want to? Exasperated because you aren't doing the dentistry you trained for? You are NOT relegated to only taking insurance patients. Your best hope is NOT wishing upon a star that more exciting cases will waft through your door. YOU have the power to attract your ideal patients. In this course you will nab the know-how to become irresistible to your ideal patients and reinvigorate your career!

Learning Objectives:

- Craft magnetic messages that pull in your ideal patients.
- Artfully infiltrate the marketing spaces that your ideal patients frequent.
- Outmaneuver your competition (who are fighting for the same patients).



Mastering Endodontic Techniques with Reciproc® Blue: A Comprehensive Onboarding Course for Doctors

Joseph Bernier, DDS

8:30-11:30 am

Ballroom: G

Audience: D

This intensive onboarding course is designed for Doctors who have recently acquired Reciproc® Blue files. Through a combinations of lecture, clinical case studies, and interactive discussions, participants will gain a deep understanding of utilizing Reciproc® Blues files effectively in their practice. This course aims to enhance clinical proficiency, ensure procedural success, and optimize patient outcomes.

Learning Objectives:

- Understanding the unique features and benefits of Reciproc® Blue.
- Demonstrate proficiency in using Reciproc® Blue for various endodontic cases.
- Analyze clinical cases and apply appropriate treatment strategies using Reciproc® Blue files.
- Engage in collaborative discussions and Q&A sessions to address specific clinical scenarios.



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Bone Grafting, Suturing and Surgical Management of Patients

Rachel Uppgaard, DDS

10:15 – 11:45 am

Room: 250 ABC

Audience: D

For the dentist who is looking to expand their surgical management of patients from what they learned in dental school, this lecture will cover techniques on suturing, bone grafting for socket preservation, and management of soft tissue via suturing, and overall surgical management of patients with emphasis on preoperative optimization, intraoperative modifications, and postoperative management of complications.

Learning Objectives:

- Review suturing techniques.
- Understand case selection and surgical technique in successful socket preservation.
- Review pre-, intra- and post-operative patient management with surgical patients.



Orofacial Pain: History and Exam Techniques

Thomas Weber, DDS, MS

10:15-11:45 am

Room: 150 DEF

Audience: D, H

This course provides guidance on obtaining a patient history and performing examination techniques to help attendees to accurately diagnose orofacial pain conditions and uncover contributing factors.

Learning Objectives:

- Carry out a focused interview to obtain an OFP history.
- Perform a comprehensive OFP examination.
- Synthesize information from a history and exam to construct differential diagnoses and identify patients' unique contributing factors.



You Are SO Much More Than a Spit Sucker! Redefining the Role of the Modern Dental Assistant – Part 2

LaShae Steele, CDA

10:15-11:45

Ballroom: FH

Audience: A

Building on Part 1, this second session dives into the restoration and clinical techniques that transform treatment from good to great. With hands-on videos and lectures, you'll explore effective isolation, restorative workflows, and efficiency strategies that allow you to contribute to predictable, beautiful outcomes. Step into the spotlight as a confident, skilled, and indispensable part of the clinical team.

Learning Objectives:

- Communicate effectively with the lab to ensure accurate, esthetic restorative results.
- Master isolation and impression techniques, including rubber dam and composite matrix system placement.



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- Improve chairside efficiency through streamlined restorative workflows and updated material applications.
- Understand the bonding process for permanent restorations and its role in long-term success.

Where Are We Now With Fluoride?

Johnny Johnson, DMD, MS

Matt Jacob, BA

Lorna Koci, BA

10:15 – 11:45 am

Ballroom: I

Audience: D, H

Understandably, many wonder where we are now with fluoride. This session will bring attendees up to date on the status of fluoride use in Utah and nationally. Renown American Fluoridation Society speakers will explore options for fluoride use and their effectiveness and will also provide tips on how to best talk with patients about fluoride. Concerns regarding compounds that are being suggested as possible alternatives to fluoride will also be discussed.



Information on the “Utah Your Smile Matters” campaign which is designed to increase public awareness of oral health care will also be presented by Utah Oral Health Coalition participants.

Learning Objectives:

- Identify the current status of fluoride use in Utah and nationally, including emerging alternatives and their effectiveness.
- Develop strategies for effectively communicating with patients about fluoride and addressing concerns related to its use.
- Recognize the goals of the Your Smile Matters campaign and its role in promoting public awareness of oral health in Utah

Kicking Insurance To The Curb

Justin “Rusty” Curtis

10:15-11:45 am

Room: 150 ABC

Audience: D, A, O

Debilitating discounts, prolonged reimbursement periods, never-ending hoops to jump through, and exploding labor costs have pushed dentists to their breaking point. They’ve HAD IT with insurance. But to effectively drop insurance, a practice must have a sound plan and a steady hand at the helm. “Kicking Insurance to the Curb” will equip attendees with the how, what, when, and where to successfully sever ties with insurance for good. [You already know the WHY.]

Learning Objectives:

- Optimally position your practice to scrap your most despised (or all) insurances.
- Retain as many patients as possible after dropping their plans.
- Learn the ONLY way to effectively replace insurance referrals.



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LOCAL SPEAKER SERIES

Room 151 G

Orofacial Myofunctional Therapy and It's Place in the Dental Office

Jaci Thornell, BS, DA

Rodney Thornell, DMD

9:00 – 10:00 am

Audience: D, H

Orofacial myofunctional therapy is more than tongue exercises and breathing retraining—it's a powerful tool that helps patients achieve better oral health, improved function, and long-lasting treatment outcomes. This course introduces the fundamentals of myofunctional therapy, explores how it complements dental care, and explains why dental offices are increasingly choosing to integrate it into their practices. Participants will learn how therapy supports procedures such as orthodontics, frenectomies, and airway-focused dentistry, while also gaining practical strategies for presenting treatment to patients in a way that sparks interest and builds trust. With a mix of science, real-world application, and a fresh perspective, this session will show how myofunctional therapy can elevate both patient care and practice growth.

Learning Objectives:

- Describe what orofacial myofunctional therapy is and the conditions it addresses.
- Explain the benefits of therapy for patients and dental outcomes.
- Identify ways to integrate therapy into a dental practice model.
- Practice effective language for introducing therapy to patients.

Using an Innovated New Method for Class 4 Restorations

Marshall Hanson, DDS

10:30 – 11:30 am

Audience: D

With this METHOD you will learn why you no longer need to worry about selecting the right shade for your anterior restorations. Become acquainted with the chemical differences between a “filling material” and a “veneering composite” and why it matters. Learn the advantage of a 3 composite system for nearly any case. Be introduced to a concept that can make your anterior direct restorations become undetectable to both you and your patients!

Learning Objectives:

- Become acquainted with the chemical differences between a “filling material” and a “veneering composite” and why it matters.
- Learn the advantage of a 3 composite system for nearly any case.
- Be introduced to a concept that can make your anterior direct restorations become undetectable to both you and your patients!



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HANDS-ON WORKSHOP

Patterson Dental TechEdge Equipment Maintenance
Limited to 100 participants

Cost \$40, register at: www.uda.org

Patterson Dental Supply

8:30-11:30 am

Ballroom: A

This course is being offered on several tiers this year providing the best opportunity for success in your practice's day-to-day operations. Our goal is to keep you informed of best practices in equipment preventative maintenance and simple repairs to help avoid costly downtime and to extend the life of your equipment as long as possible.

Learning Objectives:

- Operatory equipment preventative maintenance/ small repair.
- Sterilization equipment preventative maintenance / small repair.
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HANDS-ON WORKSHOP

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8:30-11:30 am

Room: 151 F

Audience: D, H, A

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Botulinum Toxin (Botox) Live Patient Certification Training For Every Dental Practice

This course is created in partnership with the American Academy of Facial Esthetics (AAFE)

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Louis Malmacher, DDS

8:00 am – 12:00 pm (repeated Friday morning)

Room: 151 ABC

Audience: D, H

Learn to integrate botulinum toxin procedures (Botox) into your practice immediately and produce better therapeutic and esthetic patient treatment outcomes than ever before. You will treat live patients in this anatomically based course and learn proper evaluation, treatment planning, dosages, documentation, and injection techniques with the outstanding American Academy of Facial Esthetics (AAFE) faculty who will work with you one on one. You will be able to begin using these skills and offering the most popular elective procedures in the world in your office immediately!



Learning Objectives:

- Diagnose and treatment plan patients for best esthetic and therapeutic outcomes with botulinum toxin.
- Demonstrate clinical proficiency on live patients with proper techniques, and instrumentation necessary to deliver Botox.
- Integrate Botox for therapeutic and esthetic uses into your dental practice immediately.

HANDS-ON WORKSHOP

CPR and BLS Certification

Limited to 50 participants

Cost \$50, register at: www.uda.org

Gabriel Cowley

9:00 – 10:30 am (repeats at 2:00)

Room: 151 DE

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- Learn when to use two-rescuer scenarios and the bag mask.
- Learn to remove foreign-body airway obstructions.



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TEAM LUNCHEON

Noon – 1:45 pm
Marriott City Creek Hotel
75 S West Temple
Admission by ticket only
Cost \$34 per person



Breaking News, High Stress, and How to Walk Away As Friends Dave Noriega

Dave Noriega is a 25 year veteran of the news business. He's covered some of the largest stories in the country including the Elizabeth Smart abduction and rescue, the Lori Hacking Murder, as well as the 2012 Summer Olympics in London and two Super Bowls.

In the world of news, information must be fast, accurate and reliable. Every station is competing in a race to report the news first. How to work with urgency but maintain high standards. In stressful situations, there's a temptation to cut corners for expediency sake. How do you rely on team members to ease your burden and stress. Can you disagree passionately and then walk away as friends.

Seating for the team luncheon is assigned when you register. Group tickets must be purchased together so you can be seated in the same area. There are 10 seats per table. Tickets will be included in attendees' registration bags.

Creating Long-Lasting Patient Outcomes: No Scaler Required

Michelle Strange, MSDH, RDH, CDIPC

Noon – 1:30 pm

Ballroom: E

Audience: H

The role of a dental hygienist has been primarily centered around calculus removal. However, it's essential to question the rationale behind this focus. Is calculus truly the cause of dental disease? Taking a step back from our routine scale, polish, and floss procedures, we must critically examine why we use a scaler on the tooth and whether polishing away stains may have unintended consequences. Instead, what if we reevaluate our patient care process, with behavior change and motivation taking precedence during appointments?

Learning Objectives:

- Review the traditional dental hygiene appointment vs prevention-focused approach.
- Describe and discuss the idea of biofilm management.
- Review motivational interviewing techniques for improving patient behaviors.



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Part 2: Reconstructive Excellence: Material consideration, Bonding for Success and Case Presenting

Jim Downs, DMD

2:00-4:00 pm

Ballroom: C

Audience: D, A

Predictable Restoration placement will be covered as a continuum to the first session. We will discuss material understanding and bonding/cementation of these restorations that will simplify seat time.

In addition to simplifying seat time, we will go through techniques that will minimize your clean-up. Increasing case longevity through testing timing and force of your occlusion will be reviewed with tools and equipment that protect your masterpieces. Lastly, effectively dealing with patient objections and presenting with value, to receive YES to this type of dentistry every time. This session will include a Live Patient Intake portion.

Learning Objectives:

- A discussion on material understanding and bonding/cementation of these restorations that will simplify seat time and minimize clean-up.
- Review of dental tools and equipment that protect your masterpieces.
- Case presenting and patient objection handling to get patients to YES to this type of dentistry every time.

Pearls for Pain Management

Thomas Weber, DDS, MS

2:00-4:00 pm

Room: 150 DEF

Audience: D, H

This course reviews management strategies for orofacial pain with an emphasis on temporomandibular disorders.

Learning Objectives:

- Formulate an individualized treatment plan.
- Identify and address patients' unique contributing factors.
- Analyze and select appropriate management options for TMDs.

Green Dentistry: Cannabis & Teeth? What You Need to Know About Cannabis and Oral Health

Barry Taylor, DMD

2:00 – 5:00 pm (repeat from morning)

Room: 250 DEF

Audience: D, H, A, O

Marijuana, also known as Cannabis, is the most common used illicit drug in the United States. Thirty-five states currently have legalized marijuana for medicinal purposes, while over 20 states have legalized it for recreational use. It is estimated that over 10% of the US population uses marijuana at least once a year. This course is an unbiased and evidence-based presentation of marijuana and its role in dentistry. We will present an introduction to the history of marijuana and trends pertaining to its use. Next, we will provide a basic science review regarding the Cannabis plant, the drug marijuana, and the Endocannabinoid System. We will review how marijuana use affects oral and general health. Finally, we will address areas of possible dental research related to cannabinoids.



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Learning Objectives:

- Comprehend the Endocannabinoid System, what cannabinoids are, and how marijuana is connected.
- Understand how marijuana affects oral health – specifically detailing oral pathology, dental caries, and periodontal disease.
- Understand how marijuana affects our patient's general health and provide information of possible interactions of marijuana with commonly prescribed medications.
- Learn how to communicate with patients regularly using marijuana.
- Explore future areas of research with cannabinoids in regard to anxiolysis, bone metabolism, wound healing, and inflammation.

From Rock Bottom to Significance: A Dentist's Journey Incorporating and Prioritizing Physical and Mental Wellness for Agency to Manage Stress and Enjoy Life

Brett Kessler, DDS

2:00 – 4:00 pm

Ballroom: G

Audience: D, H, A, O

ADA Past President Dr. Brett Kessler shares his journey of resilience, describing obstacles he overcame along his path to service as a clinician, leadership in organized dentistry, and triumph as an elite athlete. Dr. Kessler will inspire the attendees to take care of themselves in all dimensions of wellness and live with intention to experience their best lives.

Learning Objectives:

- Continuous journey of fulfillment: Reaching the mountaintop of success is a continuous climb, not a one-and-done endeavor.
- Self-knowledge and purpose: Understanding one's "why" is foundational to success and serves as a catalyst for positive change.
- Resilience and growth from setbacks: The importance of leveraging setbacks as a launching pad towards personal growth and giving back.
- Empathy and service in leadership: The transformative power of empathy and service as cornerstones for effective leadership and significance.
- Wellness as a priority: The prioritization of holistic wellness among professionals is pivotal for achieving both personal and professional triumphs.



Adhesives: Why Your Stuff Doesn't Stick

Shea Bess, DDS

2:00-4:00 pm

Room: 150 G

Audience: D

In this course you will be shown research showing adhesive strengths of various adhesives on the market today. You will learn specific techniques to increase your bond strengths and things you can do to decrease sensitivity.

Learning Objectives:

- How various adhesives compare.
- How technique impacts bond strengths.
- Things you can change to improve long term success and decrease sensitivity.



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The Silent Witness: Burned, Decomposed, and Mutilated - How Teeth Still Speak and the Critical Role of Dental Records

Kel Faddis, DDS, BS

2:00-4:00 pm

Ballroom: I

Audience: D, H, A, F (WARNING: Graphic photos will be shown)

This lecture explores how forensic odontology provides answers in the most challenging identification cases, where bodies are burned, decomposed, mutilated, or otherwise unrecognizable. Participants will examine the resilience of dental structures, the critical role of accurate dental records, and real-world cases where teeth were the sole witness to the truth. Emphasis will be placed on how historic or routine dental records become essential tools in criminal investigations, mass disaster response, and human identification.

Learning Objectives:

- Explain why teeth and dental materials often survive destructive forces such as fire, decomposition, and trauma, providing critical evidence.
- Identify the components of dental records that are essential for successful forensic comparison and victim identification.
- Discuss the legal, ethical, and practical requirements for maintaining dental records that can assist in future forensic cases.
- Analyze real-world examples where dental evidence and archived records solved cases involving burned, decomposed, or mutilated remains.



LECTURE AND LIVE DEMO

How to Put a FEE to Your Work: Function, Esthetics, and Excellence: 3D Printing and Naturalizing Dentures in The Modern Practice

Jim Collis, CDT

2:00 - 5:00 pm

Room: 251 DEF

Audience: D, A

This lecture demo course is designed for dental professionals looking to enhance the quality and aesthetics of their removable prosthetics using cutting-edge 3D printing technology. The session begins with a targeted lecture on the importance of upgrading prosthetic workflows, not only for efficiency but to achieve a higher standard of patient care through improved fit, enhanced **Function**, outstanding **Esthetics**, and **Excellence (FEE)**. After the lecture, attendees will engage in a live, step-by-step demonstration of denture naturalization using Pac-Dent's 3D Printable Denture Base resin and the new Palett 2.0 N2-free staining kit.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the complete process for fabricating a digital denture using Pac-Dent's 3D printable materials and characterization tools.
- Identify essential techniques for naturalizing 3D-printed dentures, such as staining, shading, and texturing.
- Implement post-processing and finishing protocols to achieve lifelike results in removable prosthetics.



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Beyond the Bite: Empowering Patients With Comprehensive TMJ Self-Management

Allen J Davis, DMD

2:00-4:00 pm

Room: 250 ABC

Audience: D, A, H

Temporomandibular joint disorders affect millions of patients, yet many dental professionals struggle to provide comprehensive, long-term solutions beyond traditional dental interventions. This lecture introduces an evidence-based patient education course framework that empowers patients to take active control of their TMJ symptoms while enhancing the value of dental practice services.

Learning Objectives:

- Recognize the scope and impact of TMJ disorders on patient quality of life.
- Identify key components of an evidence-based patient education framework.
- Evaluate opportunities for integrating structured TMJ patient education into dental practice workflows.
- Be comfortable performing preoperative assessments.
- Learn different anesthesia techniques that may be used in your office.
- Become comfortable with setting high expectations.



Teamwork That Transforms Sedation Days

Sturat Shellenberger, CRNA

2:00 – 5:00 pm

Room 251 B

Audience: D, A

This presentation introduces dentists and dental assistants to the essential roles they each play while providing dental treatment during in-office anesthesia as part of a coordinated dental team. Participants will learn how to identify appropriate patients, prepare the office and staff for anesthesia day, and understand their role in supporting safe and effective care. Emphasis will be placed on how the entire dental team can work together to enhance patient safety, improve comfort, and increase efficiency during dental procedures.

Learning Objectives:

- Be comfortable performing preoperative assessments.
- Learn different anesthesia techniques that may be used in your office.
- Become comfortable with setting high expectations.



Pulling the Curtain Back on Syndications

Roshan Kalra, DMD

2:00 – 4:00 pm

Room: 253 AB

Audience: D

In this course a dentist can evaluate a syndication and see if it is the right investment for them. We will go over how a syndicator makes money and how an investor makes money, and why it makes sense for a syndicator to raise money from others. We will go over key terms and what it means for an investor. We will do live deal analysis.



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Learning Objectives:

- Understand what a syndication investment is in relation to real estate deals.
- Evaluate a syndication and see if it is the right investment for you.
- Understand how a syndicator makes money and how an investor makes money, and why it makes sense for a syndicator to raise money from others.

Body in Balance

Brandi Hooker Evans, RDH-ER, MHE

2:00-4:00 pm

Ballroom: BD

Audience: H

Be on the cutting edge of new and radical information on how our bodies achieve homeostasis. We will learn about the endocannabinoid system (ECS), how it works, and what we can do to support it. Most importantly, we will gain the ability to confidently share the knowledge with our patients.

Learning Objectives:

- Discover our body's best kept secret: the endocannabinoid system.
- Learn ways to reduce pain & inflammation as well as improve sleep & recovery with a healthy endocannabinoid system through lifestyle practices, cannabis, and other herbal supplements.
- Explore clinical considerations for optimal patient care.



Now THAT Makes Sense! Creating a Healthy, Sustainable Environment!

Anne Guignon, RDH, MPH, CSP

2:00 – 4:00 pm

Ballroom: E

Audience: H

Patient-centered care is not new. *It is our "why".....*and treating patients with a cookie cutter approach is boring. Current research supports innovation and new products that deliver the art and science of quality care. What are the patient's actual needs? Are you incorporating the newest ideas that address diagnostic needs, not just what is covered under a benefit plan? And based on their needs, are you creating a customized care strategy that allows patients to become active participants in building and maintaining a successful health journey? This clinician-driven, interactive course focuses on making the day, easier, better, and more fun for both clinicians and patients using innovative products and technologies.

Learning Objectives:

- Explain how salivary pH and buffering chemistry testing provides valuable data that supports more accurate diagnostics and treatment planning.
- Examine innovative ways to stop caries microbes, resolve dentinal hypersensitivity, and regenerate hydroxyapatite.
- Discuss how arginine, xylitol, probiotics, iodine, and peroxide help balance oral ecology.
- Demonstrate effective biofilm destruction and home care options.



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Competing With Corporate

Justin “Rusty” Curtis

2:00-4:00 pm

Room: 150 ABC

Audience: D, A, O

Few things strike more fear into the hearts of dentists than learning of a corporate practice opening down the street. But are the jitters justified? Only to the uninitiated. A panicked dentist who is intimidated by corporate makes self-sabotaging decisions. But an enlightened dentist sees corporate’s appearance for what it is — a MASSIVE opportunity. In “Competing Against Corporate,” you will learn how to convert what is a death knell to others... into a welcomed windfall for you.

Learning Objectives:

- Battle plan for corporate’s REAL strengths and weaknesses.
- Transform corporate into one of your biggest referral sources.
- Strategically position yourself as the desirable corporate alternative.



Level Up Your Skills. Elevate Your Artistry. Deliver Your Best Dentistry Yet. Beautifully Esthetic Anterior and Posterior Provisionals That Won't Dominate Your Schedule

LaShae Steele, CDA

2:00 – 3:30 pm

Ballroom: FH

Audience: A

The modern dental assistant is more than just a helping hand — they’re a critical partner in delivering exceptional patient care.

This comprehensive course blends cutting-edge materials science with step-by-step techniques so you can create beautiful, functional provisionals with confidence and precision. From the latest digital workflows to advanced isolation and the newest product innovations, you’ll walk away ready to enhance patient outcomes, increase efficiency, and feel the satisfaction of mastering your craft.

Learning Objectives:

- Harness a complete digital workflow — from digital radiography and photography to scanning, milling, and 3D printing.
- Effective isolation use, placement and techniques.
- Select and use the latest products, materials, and techniques to work smarter and deliver exceptional provisionals every time.



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Building Trust Through Better Communication

Laura Nelson, MS

2:00 – 4:00 pm

Ballroom: J

Audience: O, A, D, H

Every dental team has moments where the conversations get tricky—whether it's clarifying a patient's financial responsibility, addressing a miscommunication with a coworker, or handling a disagreement about office policies. With the right tools, they can strengthen trust, improve teamwork, and create a better experience for patients and the team alike. This session gives practical strategies for approaching tough talks with confidence, empathy, and clarity.

Learning Objectives:

- Spot where communication tends to break down and prevent it before it happens.
- Use conversation techniques that make patients feel heard and team members feel supported.
- Turn disagreements or frustrations into problem-solving opportunities.



HANDS-ON WORKSHOP

Dermal Fillers Live Patient Certification Training For Every Dental Practice!

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Louis Malmacher, DDS

1:00 – 5:00 pm

Room: 151 ABC

Audience: D

Learn to integrate dermal filler procedures into your practice immediately and produce better therapeutic and esthetic patient treatments outcomes than ever before. You will treat live patients in this anatomically based full certification course and learn proper evaluation, treatment planning, dosaging, documentation, and injection techniques in the perioral areas, lower face and lips with the outstanding American Academy of Facial Esthetics (AAFE) faculty who will work with you one on one. You will be able to give your patients the most beautiful lips and smiles immediately!

Learning Objectives:

- Diagnose and treatment plan patients for best esthetic and therapeutic outcomes with dermal fillers.
- Demonstrate clinical proficiency on live patients in the perioral areas and lips with dermal fillers.
- Integrate dermal fillers for therapeutic and esthetic uses into your dental practice immediately.



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Local Speaker Series

Room: 151 G

Tools and Tips for Capturing the Complete Oral Anatomy in Denture Impressions

Greg Skinner, DDS

Mark Seiter, CDT

2:00-3:00 pm

Audience: D

Mark Seiter, CDT, will expose common failures in capturing the complete oral anatomy and how this lack of information compromises restorative outcomes. Gregory Skinner, DDS, will share solutions and techniques for overcoming these challenges.

Learning Objectives:

- A new, innovative tool for the undistorted capture of soft tissue.
- Time saving techniques to use chairside.
- Cost efficiency for an inventory issue.



Basic Implant Soft Tissue Management: Fast and Easy

Todd Liston, DDS, MS

Mark Blaisdell, DDS

3:30-4:30 pm

Audience: D

The new frontier of implant dentistry is soft tissue management. This course will discuss the management of peri-implant soft tissue focusing on what has recently become available and what is on the horizon. Fast and easy techniques will be presented. If you are a progressive, esthetically and functionally driven implant dentist, you will not want to miss this course.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the importance of establishing proper peri-implant gingival emergence profile.
- Become familiar with recent and future developments in gingival healing abutments/cuffs.
- Learn how digital scanning techniques can save time and increase esthetics and function of the final implant restoration.



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HANDS-ON WORKSHOP

Extracting Impacted Third Molars for Beginners

Limited to 30 participants

Cost: \$100, register at: www.uda.org

Rachel Uppgaard, DDS

Jason Tepper, DDS

2:00 – 4:00 pm

Room: 251 C

Audience: D



For the dentist who is a beginner at extracting impacted third molars, this hands-on session will give the provider experience on approaching impacted third molars using a desktop model that helps simulate bone removal, sectioning, elevating, and delivering third molars. The provider will also have the opportunity to practice different techniques with bone grafting and suturing. This course is meant to teach different approaches but is model based and as such has limitations. This course is ideal for someone who is looking to expand their practice and build on what they learned in dental school.

Learning Objectives:

- Learn how to evaluate third molar cases to plan for efficient and effective removal.
- Have the opportunity to try different techniques with the surgical drill to remove third molars.
- Practice different techniques with bone grafting and suturing.

HANDS-ON WORKSHOP

Patterson Dental TechEdge Equipment Maintenance

Limited to 100 participants

Cost \$40, register at: www.uda.org

Patterson Dental Supply

2:00-5:00 pm

Room: Ballroom: A

Audience: D, A

This course is being offered on several tiers this year providing the best opportunity for success in your practice's day-to-day operations. Our goal is to keep you informed of best practices in equipment preventative maintenance and simple repairs to help avoid costly downtime and to extend the life of your equipment as long as possible.

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BONUS WORKSHOP

Hands-On Reciproc® Blue Rotary Endodontic System Workshop

Dentsply Sirona Endodontics

9:00-9:45 am STUDENTS ONLY

10:00-11:00 pm OPEN Registration - Register at Dentsply Sirona Booth #620

Room: 251A

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Scientific Poster Session

3:00 – 5:00 pm

Learn about exciting strides being made in our profession by understanding the latest research being conducted at our local dental education programs. Show your support of the dental students and residents in our state, by attending the scientific poster presentations. The Poster Session is an opportunity to hear from student clinicians preparing to present their dental research at the American Academy of Dental Research annual meeting. Also, learn from local dental residents sharing current research and clinical practices. Attend and observe these presentations to receive 1 hour CE credit.



Back of Exhibit Hall C

Earn 1 Hour of CE Credit



Please stop by the **UDA New Dentist Committee booth #532** at the UDA Convention to learn more about organized dentistry and the resources available to you.

Our committee's mission is to increase engagement and involvement among early-career dentists while serving as strong advocates for their needs here in Utah. If you're interested in getting more involved, we would love to connect with you—your voice and perspective are always welcome at the UDA.

As you begin your professional journey, please don't hesitate to reach out if there are ways we can support you. This opportunity is open to all early-career dentists as well as D4 dental students, and we look forward to meeting you!



Need a break?

Snuggle a puppy. Cuddle a Kitten. Find your "Happy Place" with Best Friends Animal Sanctuary. In the Exhibit Hall all day Thursday and Friday.

Save the date: February 18-19, 2027

UDA Reference Committee

4:30 - 5:30 pm
Room: 250 ABC

**Exhibit Hall Closes
5:00 pm**

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Exhibit Hall Opens 8:00 am

International College of Dentists and American College of Dentists

7:00 am breakfast

Marriott City Creek, 75 S West Temple, Salt Lake

ICD Contact: Dr Keith Warr: kwarr@warrdental.com or text: 801-870-9719

ACD Contact Dr David B Prince: dbprincedds@hotmail.com or text: 801-234-0101.

Facially Generated Treatment Planning: Integrating Esthetics, Function, and Biology for Restorative Success

Robert Korman, DDS

8:30-11:30 am

Ballroom: G

Audience: D, A

This session offers a structured, esthetically driven approach to comprehensive case planning. Drawing from years of clinical experience, Dr. Robert P. Korman presents Facially Generated Treatment Planning as a diagnostic framework that provides the parameters for evaluating and sequencing all aspects of a patient's oral health, including esthetics, function, structure, and biology. This comprehensive approach allows clinicians to develop logical, patient-specific strategies for managing complex interdisciplinary cases with clarity and predictability.

While the morning session introduces key concepts within facially generated treatment planning, the afternoon session will explore the E-Pontic in greater depth—focusing on tissue management, restorative integration, and clinical application across a range of interdisciplinary treatment settings.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the principles of facially generated treatment planning for achieving esthetic and functional harmony.
- Apply biologic width concepts to manage soft tissue response around teeth, implants, and pontics
- Develop strategies for predictable peri-implant tissue development to support long-term success.
- Sequence complex interdisciplinary cases with diagnostic clarity and efficiency.

Integrating Calcium Silicates Into Your Dental Practice

Erin Loggins, DDS

Dorothy Crowley, DMD

8:30-11:30 am

Room: 250 ABC

Audience: D

Explore the uses of MTA and bioceramics in multiple procedures including perforation and



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resorption repair, vital pulp therapy, and management of the open apex. Review endodontic diagnosis and learn about the versatility of calcium silicates. A hands-on portion of the course will allow familiarization with the handling properties of these materials and step-by-step instructions for clinical applications.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the properties of calcium silicates and their applications in a clinical setting.
- Identify and repair perforations and resorption defects.
- Review the current American Association of Endodontists guidelines and recommendations for vital pulp therapy and open apex management.

Tiny Mouths, Big Breathes: Spotting Airway Clues in Kiddos

Boyd Simkins, DDS

8:30-10:00 am

Ballroom: F

Audience: D, A, H

This lecture will explore the critical role dental professionals play in identifying and managing pediatric patients with potential upper airway concerns. Participants will learn how to recognize clinical signs and symptoms during routine dental examinations that may indicate airway issues such as mouth breathing, snoring, or sleep-disordered breathing. The course will also cover appropriate referral protocols and interdisciplinary collaboration with medical providers, including ENTs, pediatricians, and sleep specialists. Emphasis will be placed on the importance of early detection and the dentist's role in ongoing care, education, and, when appropriate, intervention strategies to support optimal airway development in children.

Learning Objectives:

- Identify key clinical indicators of potential airway obstruction during dental exams.
- Understand the importance of early recognition and its impact on growth and development.
- Develop a clear referral pathway and learn how to communicate concerns to caregivers and medical professionals.
- Explore the scope of the dentist's role in monitoring, co-managing, and advocating for pediatric airway health.



Microbiomes, Mothers, and Minds: The Diet-Gut-Brain Axis

Mark Cannon, DDS, MS

10:15 - 11:45 am

Ballroom: F

Audience: D, H

This lecture will explore the intricate interplay between maternal diet, oral and gut microbiomes, and child development through the lens of the diet-gut-brain axis. We examine how dysbiosis impacts maternal periodontal health, placental integrity, and fetal outcomes, including preterm birth and neurodevelopment. Drawing on landmark studies, we highlight how oral pathogens can translocate to the uterus and trigger adverse outcomes like miscarriage and stillbirth. Benefits of early maternal-child interventions—particularly xylitol gum, probiotics in formula, and breastfeeding support—and their long-term impact on preventing Early



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Childhood Caries (ECC) and promoting systemic health. Introduces emerging insights into nasal microbiome development and its overlap with oral flora, referencing work on microbiome cross-talk and neurodevelopmental outcomes. We will define the role of pediatric dentists as frontline public health advocates, capable of shaping maternal-child health trajectories through microbiome-informed care and education.

Learning Objectives:

- Explain how maternal diet influences the gut–brain axis and microbiome composition during pregnancy.
- Describe the mechanisms by which oral dysbiosis affects placental health and fetal development.
- Evaluate the evidence supporting xylitol gum and probiotics as preventive interventions for preterm birth and ECC.
- Discuss the overlap between nasal and oral microbiomes and its implications for respiratory and neurodevelopmental health.

Going Digital: Intra-Oral Scanning (IOS) and 3D Printing for Modern Dental Practice

Jim Collis, CDT

8:30-10:30 am

Room: 251 DEF

Audience: D, A

This lecture takes a practical, straightforward approach to bringing your dental practice into the digital realm. We'll start with the fundamentals of IOS, how it operates, why it's important, and what benefits it provides for your workflow, diagnostic accuracy, and patient experience. From choosing the right scanner to training your team and avoiding common pitfalls, you'll leave with a clear roadmap for integrating IOS into your practice, whether you're just getting started or looking to upgrade. Then we will focus on how 3D printing technology is revolutionizing in-house appliance fabrication. You'll learn to design and print custom trays, night guards, crowns, and dentures using a streamlined, repeatable process that enhances efficiency without compromising quality

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the clinical and practical advantages of using intraoral scanners in general practice.
- Describe the end-to-end process of fabricating digital appliances using 3D printers.
- Apply digital workflows through real-life case examples that demonstrate increased efficiency, accuracy, and patient satisfaction.



Stay Calm and Sedate On: Emergency and Anesthesia Essentials for Dental Pros

Mitchell Duckworth, DDS

8:30-11:30 am (continues at 2:00)

Room: 250 DEF

Audience: D

Hours from this course qualify toward DOPL's sedation specific CE requirements for Utah license renewal.

Describe the pharmacology of commonly used anesthetic agents in dental practice, including local anesthetics and sedatives. Differentiate between levels of



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sedation (mild, moderate, deep) and general anesthesia and recognize their appropriate use in dental settings. Assess patient medical history and risk factors to determine anesthetic safety and appropriate sedation planning. Demonstrate proper techniques for local anesthetic administration, including V2 nerve blocks and infiltration. Recognize and manage potential complications of anesthesia, such as allergic reactions, toxicity, and airway obstruction. Implement effective monitoring protocols during sedation to ensure patient safety and comply with regulatory guidelines.

- Understand legal and ethical considerations related to anesthesia in dentistry, including informed consent and documentation.
- Prepare for and manage medical emergencies related to anesthesia in the dental office, including syncope, anaphylaxis, and cardiac events.
- Discuss current guidelines and standards from the ADA, ASA, and the state dental board regarding anesthesia and sedation.

Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office

Normund Auzins, DDS

8:30-11:30 am

Ballroom: H

Audience: D, H, A, O

Medical emergencies in a dental practice can vary from a mild inconvenience to an office tragedy. This course aims to develop skills necessary to determine the type of emergency, the differential diagnosis, and options available to successfully manage. There will be a focus on incorporating systems designed to identify higher risk patients and to prevent an emergency from happening or escalating. The management of any emergency starts with the patient's presentation. The course will review several categories including unconsciousness, altered consciousness, chest pain, seizures, respiratory distress, allergic reactions, and drug related emergencies. Preparation is key for the successful management of an emergency. This course offers strategies to organize your team, properly equip the practice, and create a culture of readiness.

Learning Objectives:

- Identify the most common medical emergencies in a dental setting and develop a differential diagnosis of possible causes.
- Understand the importance of developing a team approach to address emergencies within your practice.
- Develop best practices to prevent emergencies from occurring within your practice.



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Where Are We Now With Fluoride?

Johnny Johnson, DMD, MS

Matt Jacob, BA

Lorna Koci, BA

8:30-10:00 am (repeat from Thursday morning)

Ballroom: I

Audience: D, H

Understandably, many wonder where we are now with fluoride. This session will bring attendees up to date on the status of fluoride use in Utah and nationally. Renown American Fluoridation Society speakers will explore options for fluoride use and their effectiveness and will also provide tips on how to best talk with patients about fluoride. Concerns regarding compounds that are being suggested as possible alternatives to fluoride will also be discussed.

Information on the Utah Your Smile Matters campaign which is designed to increase public awareness of oral health care will also be presented by Utah Oral Health Coalition participants.

Learning Objectives:

- Identify the current status of fluoride use in Utah and nationally, including emerging alternatives and their effectiveness.
- Develop strategies for effectively communicating with patients about fluoride and addressing concerns related to its use.
- Recognize the goals of the Your Smile Matters campaign and its role in promoting public awareness of oral health in Utah.



Would You Pass an Infection Control Audit?

Michelle Strange, MSDH, RDH, CDIPC

8:30-11:30 am

Ballroom: BD

Audience: D, H, A

The course will cover CDC inspection guidelines and essential topics to maintain a safe environment. By the end of the course, dental professionals will be well-versed in infection prevention measures and will be better equipped to provide their patients with a sense of security regarding their dental care.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand standard precautions protocols.
- Explore the hierarchy of controls.
- Review operator turnover and sterilization practices.
- Implement testing, shocking, and treating dental unit waterlines.



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Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF) Treatment in Older Adults

David Prince, DDS

8:30-11:30 am

Ballroom: E

Audience: D, H

This presentation will provide a review and update of SDF in the literature, how SDF is being used as a “stand alone” treatment, how it is being used in conjunction with preventative and restorative procedures and where/when/how to incorporate SDF in the treatment of older adult patients in a dental practice.

Learning Objectives:

- When and how to use SDF with the geriatric population in your practice.
- What to do when conventional dentistry doesn’t work in the geriatric population.
- What additional treatment is available to increase your success in treating older adults.



Utah Dental Law Power Play: Turning Legislation Into Practice Success

Tracy Thorup, MBA

8:30-10:30 am

Ballroom: C

Audience: D, O

In this fast-paced, eye-opening session, Tracy Thorup of My Practice My Business takes you behind the scenes of Utah’s newest dental laws—hard-won victories that are already changing the game for providers. You’ll discover the problems these laws were designed to solve, how to implement compliant and profitable changes in your office, and get a sneak peek at the legislative battles planned for 2026. Walk away empowered, informed, and ready to protect your practice while elevating patient care.

Learning Objectives:

- From problem to power – Understand the real-world challenges these laws address and how they level the playing field for Utah dentists.
- Implementation blueprint – Step-by-step strategies to align your office systems with the new laws while boosting profitability.
- Looking ahead – Insight into upcoming 2026 initiatives and how your practice can prepare to benefit from them.

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Beyond the Busy: Mastering Time Management for Dental Teams

Laura Nelson, MS

8:30 – 11:30 am

Ballroom: J

Audience: O, A, D, H

In a dental office, the days fly by—phones ringing, patients arriving, and a to-do list that never seems to end. But being *busy* doesn't always mean being *effective*. This session helps dental teams identify where time slips away, simplify routines, and create space for what really matters: patient care and team connection. With practical tools and examples from daily office life, you'll learn how to work smarter, reduce stress, and leave at the end of the day feeling accomplished instead of drained.

Attendees Will Learn How To:

- Recognize and eliminate inefficiencies that slow the team down.
- Apply simple strategies to protect time without sacrificing quality.
- Communicate more clearly so work isn't repeated or dropped.



Utah Medicaid Dental Program

Jim Stamos, MHA, MBA

10:15-11:45 am (repeat from Thursday morning)

Ballroom: I

Audience: D, H

The session will provide a comprehensive overview of the Utah Medicaid dental program's vision and recent updates. We will explore key policy changes, including reimbursement structures and new covered services, as well as broader program updates that impact dental care. The presentation will highlight the valuable opportunity for dentists to serve the community while ensuring fair compensation and a financially productive practice.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the vision and policy updates of Utah Medicaid's dental program, including how it provides a productive way to treat underserved communities.
- Identify key updates to dental policies and overall program changes that directly impact their practice, such as reimbursement and billing.
- Explain the benefits of becoming a Medicaid-associated provider, including fair compensation and an expanded patient base.



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LOCAL SPEAKER SERIES

Room: 151 G

Root Resorption Demystified: From Detection to Treatment

Michelle Howe, DDS, MS

Jonathan Richards, DDS, MS

9:00-10:00 am

Audience: D

This lecture covers the complex nature of External Resorption through clinical cases, 3D imaging, and etiology. We review our approach to managing various clinical and radiographic presentations of resorption cases, progressing through a protocol of evaluation, diagnosis, treatment planning, and determining when, or if, to intervene. Key factors, including classification, symptoms, progression, strategic tooth relevance, patient age, and anatomic considerations, all guide treatment decisions. The discussion will review the challenging decision between surgical intervention, root canal treatment (RCT), or monitoring.

Learning Objectives:

- To understand and better recognize the radiographic and clinical signs of root resorption.
- To gain a better understanding of the etiology of root resorption and how it relates to proper diagnosis.
- To learn, through clinical case examples, the management strategies of root resorption.

Reclaiming Connection in an Age of Isolation

Robert Ferrell, DMD, MS

10:30-11:30 am

Audience: D, H, A, O

In an age of rising burnout, isolation, and disconnection, the true healing we offer begins with how we connect. Dentistry has never been more advanced—and yet, many practitioners feel isolated, overwhelmed, and disconnected from their teams, their patients, and their colleagues. It is time to restore joy in our work, inspire our teams, and remind patients that they are seen, valued, and understood.

Learning Objectives:

- Recognize the hidden impact of isolation, burnout, and disconnection on dentists, teams, and patients.
- Apply strategies of vulnerability, collaboration, and authentic communication to strengthen team culture and patient trust.
- Develop practical approaches to restore meaning and joy in daily practice, leading to sustainable growth and healthier relationships.



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HANDS-ON WORKSHOP

Botulinum Toxin (Botox) Live Patient Certification Training For Every Dental Practice

Must Register through American Academy of Facial Esthetics (AAFE). Scan QR code for more information and to register.

Louis Malmacher, DDS

8:00 am - 12:00 pm (repeated from Thursday morning)

Room: 151 ABC

Audience: D, H

Learn to integrate botulinum toxin procedures (Botox) into your practice immediately and produce better therapeutic and esthetic patient treatment outcomes than ever before. You will treat live patients in this anatomically based course and learn proper evaluation, treatment planning, dosages, documentation, and injection techniques with the outstanding American Academy of Facial Esthetics (AAFE) faculty who will work with you one on one. You will be able to begin using these skills and offering the most popular elective procedures in the world in your office immediately! This course is created in partnership with the American Academy of Facial Esthetics (AAFE)

Learning Objectives:

- Diagnose and treatment plan patients for best esthetic and therapeutic outcomes with botulinum toxin.
- Demonstrate clinical proficiency on live patients with proper techniques, and instrumentation necessary to deliver Botox.
- Integrate Botox for therapeutic and esthetic uses into your dental practice immediately.



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HANDS ON WORKSHOP

In-House Clear Aligners: A Step-By-Step to Improving Outcomes While Increasing Efficiency

Limited to 24 participants

Cost: \$400 register at www.uda.org

Baron Grutter, DDS

8:00 am – 5:00 pm, there will be a 1-hour lunch break

Room: 251 B

Audience: D

Course participants will leave this session with an understanding of in-house clear aligned case design and manufacturing. They will be prepared to implement these lessons immediately in their own offices.

Learning Objectives:

- How to identify predictable cases.
- Documentation for ideal diagnosis and treatment planning.
- Designing and Fabrication of the clear aligned appliances.



HANDS-ON WORKSHOP

Elevate Your Practice: Empowering Dental Assistants with Advanced Techniques & Technologies

Limited to 60 participants

Cost: \$40, register at: www.uda.org

LaShea Steele, CDA

8:30-11:30 am

Room: Ballroom A

Audience: A

Whether you're new to dentistry or a seasoned assistant, take your dental skills to the next level with this comprehensive, hands-on course designed specifically for dental assistants who want to be more than just a "spit sucker." Learn the latest tools and techniques that help deliver truly exceptional, patient-centered care. Join us and discover how your role can directly elevate the quality of care your practice delivers!

Learning Objectives:

- Utilizing cutting-edge tools: CAD/CAM, digital impressions, and 3D printing.
- Capturing FMX quickly and accurately and how it enhances quality of care.
- Creating highly esthetic and functional provisionals that don't dominate your schedule.
- Mastering impressions with the right materials, techniques, and tools.



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HANDS-ON WORKSHOP

ACLS Certification - American Heart Association Heartcode® ACLS Skills Pass Off
Limited to 6 participants

Cost: \$150, register at: www.uda.org

Micah Baker, MSN, RN, NPD-BC

8:30-11:30 am

Room: 151 F

Audience: D, H, A

This is a skills session pass off for the Advanced Cardiac Life Support certification from the American Heart Association. Participants will demonstrate the following skills according to the American Heart Association ACLS guidelines:

Learning Objectives:

- High-quality basic life support skills including chest compressions and defibrillation.
- Airway management.
- Megacode team lead.

Prior to this workshop participants must go to the AHA website then purchase (\$173) and complete the online HeartCode® ACLS materials prior to this pass off session: <https://shopcpr.heart.org/heartcode-acls>



HANDS-ON WORKSHOP

CPR and BLS Certification

Limited to 50 participants

Cost \$50, register at: www.uda.org

Gabriel Cowley

9:00 - 10:30 am (repeats at 2:00)

Room: 151 DE

Complete your basic lifesaving, BLS certification which is required every two years for licensure, for you and your staff while at the convention. This course will provide current information and hands-on training using the most up-to-date guidelines, CPR training simulators and automated external defibrillators. Receive your BLS certification card upon completion.

Learning Objectives:

- Learn adult and pediatric CPR, 30 compressions: 2 rescue breaths.
- Learn when to use two-rescuer scenarios and the bag mask.
- Learn to remove foreign-body airway obstructions.
- Master automated external defibrillation.



BONUS WORKSHOP

Hands-On Reciproc® Blue Rotary Endodontic System Workshop

Dentsply Sirona Endodontics

2:00-2:45 pm STUDENTS ONLY

3:00-4:00 pm OPEN Registration - Register at Dentsply Sirona Booth #620

Room: 251A

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Dental Alliance Service Project: Serving Up Smiles

The Alliance of the Utah Dental Association invites ALL to join together in a service project assembling dental hygiene kits to be distributed to locations throughout Utah

Friday January 30, 2026

11:30-1:30

Ballroom at the Marriott City Creek Hotel, 75 S West Temple, Salt Lake
Delicious Buffet Lunch and Door Prizes

\$15 Alliance members - \$25 Guests (Does not include Convention registration)

Please pay and register through Venmo: @audautah (look for the AUDA logo)

or mail check to:

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For questions, email Melanie Roundy: melandevan@msn.com

University of Utah, School of Dentistry Alumni Association Luncheon

Friday, January 30, 2026

11:30 am-1:30 pm

Location: Marriott City Creek Hotel, 75 S West Temple, Salt Lake City

RSVP required.

Contact Mary Neville, (mary.neville@hsc.utah.edu, 801.646.4656) to RSVP or if you have any questions or concerns.

Please stop by the University of Utah booth during the conference. All are welcome to stop by the booth!



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Eat It: A Fun and Doable Guide to an Inflammation Reducing and Tasty Life for the Fabulous Dental Professional and Their Patients

Brandi Hooker Evans, RDH-ER, MHE

12:00-1:30 pm

Ballroom: E

Audience: H

Why is nutrition always so boring, frustrating and unattainable? Not today! Attend this attainable approach to nutrition so you can begin the journey to a healthier you and your patients too!

Learning Objectives:

- Learn how to use food to support immune system health and reduce inflammation.
- Gain skill in recognizing individual modifications for you and your patients to ensure sustainable and enjoyable, healthful choices as a way of life, never a "diet."
- Develop a meal plan template to incorporate the information into practice immediately.



Removable Dentistry Unlocked: Real-World Tips for Everyday Success

Qun Collins, DDS

1:30-4:30 pm

Ballroom: I

Audience: D, A

This unique course is designed to teach dentists how to perform removable dentistry in a simple, efficient, and profitable way. Taught by Dr. Qun Collins, a highly successful private practice dentist with 26 years of removable dentistry experience, this course focuses on practical techniques and real-world applications. Learn from a practicing dentist with a proven track record of success, gaining hands-on experience through digital scanning and live demonstrations. This course covers both traditional and digital approaches to removable dentistry, providing actionable strategies to lower overhead costs and boost efficiency in your practice.

Learning Objectives:

- Learn effective techniques for managing vertical dimensions in removable dentistry.
- Discover how to utilize digital scanners to fabricate dentures in a single appointment.
- Understand the three types of removable occlusion and their clinical applications.



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Tech-Ready, Set, Go! Into the Future of Dentistry

LaShae Steele CDA

1:30-3:30 pm

Room: 251 DEF

Audience: A, D

Curious about dental technology but not sure where to start—or how to get the most out of what you already have? This CE course will help you explore today's most impactful digital tools, from CAD/CAM and digital impressions to computerized shade matching, bite analysis, and 3D printing. You'll learn how to turn that curiosity into confident, everyday use that improves patient care, streamlines workflow, and makes your practice run smarter, not harder.

Learning Objectives:

- The “must-know” dental technologies making the biggest impact—and how to make them work for you.
- How to get every team member engaged and confident in using digital tools for better results.
- Practical tips to boost efficiency, elevate patient experience, and bring new energy to your practice.
- Strategies for building confidence, improving patient experience, and increasing practice efficiency through technology-driven teamwork.



The E-Pontic Concept: Merging Prosthetic Design and Laser-Assisted Contouring for Superior Esthetic Outcomes

Robert Korman, DDS

2:00 – 4:00 pm

Ballroom: G

Audience: D, A

Dr. Korman is the co-developer of the E-Pontic design, a biologically guided design to enhance and preserve soft tissue architecture around implants, adjacent pontics and natural teeth. Originally introduced by Dr. Jimmy Eubank at the Louisiana School of Dentistry, the E-Pontic technique was only used with resin-bonded bridges. Over the past 20 years, Dr. Korman has expanded its application to predictably support and preserve gingival architecture even in complex restorative situations. Dr. Korman's work on the E-Pontic was published in the Journal of Esthetic and Restorative Dentistry and continues to serve as a foundation for soft tissue management in advanced interdisciplinary care. Dr. Korman shares how to integrate this innovative design with laser-assisted, minimally invasive tissue contouring to create long-lasting, esthetic fixed prostheses adjacent to implants or natural teeth. Participants will learn practical steps, surgical techniques, and key indications that can enhance interdisciplinary treatment outcomes.

Learning Objectives:

- Differentiate the E-Pontic from traditional ovate designs.
- Understand how pontic form promotes sulcus development and tissue migration.
- Identify when and how to apply the E-Pontic in esthetic zones.
- Integrate the E-Pontic into comprehensive, interdisciplinary case planning.



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Stay Calm and Sedate On - Emergency and Anesthesia Essentials for Dental Pros

Mitchell Duckworth, DDS

Levi Taylor, DDS

Luke Taylor, DMD, MS

2:00 - 4:00 pm (Continued from morning)

Room: 250 DEF

Audience: D

Hours from this course qualify toward DOPL's

sedation specific CE requirements for Utah license renewal.



Artificial and Liquid Intelligence: How AI and Salivaomics Will Revolutionize Dentistry and Change Lives

Mark Cannon, DDS, MS

2:00- 4:00 pm

Ballroom F

Audience: D, H

Welcome to the future of dentistry—where artificial intelligence meets molecular diagnostics in your spit. AI is transforming dental practice by analyzing comprehensive patient data, including radiographs, intraoral scans, and health history, to deliver predictive, personalized care. But the real game-changer? Salivaomics. This presentation dives deep into the science, economics, and future-forward strategies that will redefine dentistry as a frontline force in global health.



Learning Objectives:

- Describe how AI integrates health, demographic, radiographic, and intraoral scan data to enhance diagnostic precision in dentistry.
- Explain the concept of Salivaomics and its subfields: proteomics, genomics, transcriptomics, metabolomics, and microbiomics.
- Identify key salivary biomarkers associated with systemic diseases and dysbiosis.
- Evaluate the economic and clinical impact of early disease detection using saliva-based diagnostics.
- Explore novel mucosal vaccine delivery methods, including floss-based and nasal vaccines targeting oral pathogens.

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Comprehensive Strategies for Practice Protection, Valuation, and Transition

Joshua Freeman, JD

Dane Margetts, MBA

Ryan Reese, MA

BJ Thomson, MBA

Kade Walton, BS

2:00- 4:00 pm

Ballroom: H

Audience: D

For those looking to sell or purchase a practice, this course equips you with vital strategies to legally and financially safeguard your practice, touching on topics such as contracts, liability, patient data protection, and fraud prevention. It also delves into the methods used to value practices, including the different standards applied by various stakeholders. Participants will also gain insights into the opportunities and challenges associated with acquiring or selling a practice in the current market.

Learning Objectives:

- Protecting your practice: How can you protect your practice legally (contracts, liability, patient data, IP, etc.) and financially (fraud, tax liability, etc.).
- Maximizing practice value: Understand how different parties value practices and their valuation standards and when these values are utilized.
- Acquisitions and exits: Discuss the opportunities and concerns of acquiring or selling a practice in today's environment.



Periodontics: Getting Back to the Basics

Jeffery Jensen, DDS, MS

2:00 - 4:00 pm

Ballroom: E

Audience: H

This course will cover the fundamentals of periodontal disease and treatment, oral hygiene and patient interaction, and tips and tricks learned through almost a decade of periodontal practice.

Learning Objectives:

- Diagnosing and recognizing early signs of periodontitis.
- Teaching and interacting with patients regarding periodontal treatment and oral hygiene.
- Strategies to manage periodontal patients and therapy.



Sustaining Implant Health: The Significance of Maintenance in Achieving Long-Term Success

Michelle Strange, MSDH, RDH, CDIPC

2:00 - 4:00 pm

Ballroom: BD

Audience: H

In modern dentistry, dental implants offer patients a viable option for tooth replacement. However, it's crucial to remember that the



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treatment of dental implants goes beyond the surgical or restorative phases. Establishing a tailored maintenance program for each patient and their dental implant is essential for long-term success. This program should consider the patient's motivation, dexterity, physical capabilities, and prosthetics to determine the most suitable at-home and in-office maintenance methods. Staying updated on the latest research and products is vital in ensuring the continued health of the patient's dental implant(s).

Learning Objectives:

- Define peri-implant mucositis and peri-implantitis and the differentiating clinical factors.
- Explain the steps of assessing dental implants after placement and during maintenance visits.
- Determine the frequency of implant maintenance.
- Discuss the importance of patient education on the long-term health of dental implants.
- Discuss new protocols for in-office implant maintenance.
- Determine the correct products for at-home maintenance with a patient-centered focus.

Brush Up on AI: Transforming Dental Teams for the Future

Laura Nelson, MS

2:00 - 4:00 pm

Ballroom: J

Audience: O, A, D, H

Artificial intelligence isn't a passing trend—it's reshaping how dental team's work. From scheduling to diagnostics, AI is becoming a daily tool that can streamline workflows, support decision-making, and enhance patient care. This session helps teams understand what AI can (and can't) do, why dental expertise is still essential, and how to prepare now for the changes ahead.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the role of AI in the modern dental office.
- Identify opportunities where AI can support—but not replace—the team.
- Explore practical applications already shaping dentistry.
- Develop a game plan for introducing AI into the practice.



Numbers to Know - Running Reports

Andrew Ranes, MBA

2:00 - 4:00 pm

Ballroom: C

Audience: D, O

Most dentists dream of owning a successful practice, yet many lack business management training. This presentation will educate doctors and business owners on key metrics and essential reports to make informed decisions and foster practice growth. Understanding your numbers will help you grow your practice beyond the limitations of your own two hands.

Learning Objectives:

- Learn how to measure success in your practice.
- Use your data to make better decisions.
- Know where to focus your efforts.



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LOCAL SPEAKER SERIES

Room: 151 G

It's All in the Lips — 7 Truths That Unlock More Dentistry and More Income

Spencer Greer, DDS

1:30-2:30 pm

Audience: D

Dentists spend years nailing down their clinical skills, yet every day countless untreated teeth walk right out the door. The problem isn't ability. Dr. Greer uncovers the overlooked but essential driver of case acceptance and production: your lack of honesty. Yep, you read that right. Dr. Greer will show you the subtle habits you need to cut out immediately. The result? Your patients say "yes" to more needed treatment, your income gets a big boost, and everyone involved in the process gets more satisfaction.

Learning Objectives:

- Identify the most common ways dentists unintentionally avoid honesty with their patients.
- Use simple, direct communication strategies that make patients more likely to say "yes."
- Recognize the financial and professional impact of leaving dental work untreated. You and your team are losing money, Doc!



Dental Advocacy in Utah: Tools, Tactics & Triumphs

3:00 – 4:00 pm

Audience: D, H, A, O

An interactive presentation designed to empower Utah dental professionals with advocacy tools and insights to advance oral health policy and practice in our state. This presentation will be relevant and timely, due to the 2026 Utah Legislative Session currently being in session.

Learning Objectives:

- Explain the legislative and regulatory landscape for dentistry in Utah.
- Identify ongoing legislative priorities affecting oral health.
- Engage effectively with state policymakers and UDA's Political Action Committee to influence dental-related legislation.

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HANDS-ON WORKSHOP

How to put a FEE to your work Hands-on, Function, Esthetics, and Excellence: 3D Printing and Naturalizing Dentures in The Modern Practice

Limited to 20 participants

Cost: \$200 register at: www.uda.org

Includes a PacDent Stain Kit

Jim Collis, CDT

1:00 – 5:00 pm

Room: 251 A

Audience: D



This hands-on course is designed for dental professionals who want to enhance the quality and aesthetics of removable prosthetics using advanced 3D printing technologies. The program begins with a focused lecture on the clinical and practical benefits of improving your denture workflows, emphasizing the core principles of **Function, Esthetics, and Excellence (FEE)**. The discussion will highlight why adopting digital dentures is not only feasible but essential for innovative dental teams. After the lecture, participants will engage in a guided, step-by-step hands-on experience using Pac-Dent's 3D Printable Denture Base resin and the Palett 2.0 N2-free staining kit. Each participant will observe and actively contribute to transforming a printed denture into a lifelike, fully naturalized prosthesis, from design to print setup and through the finishing processes of staining, layering, and polishing.

Learning Objectives:

- Show a complete digital workflow using Pac-Dent's printable denture base resin and naturalization system. Learn how to pick your 3D Printer.
- Use staining, shading, and texturing techniques to create natural-looking prosthetics.
- Implement post-processing, curing, and polishing protocols to ensure durability and aesthetic appeal.



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HANDS-ON WORKSHOP

Integration of Calcium Silicates in the Dental Practice

Attendance at the morning lecture is required for this hands-on workshop.

Limited to 40 participants

Cost: \$100, register at: www.uda.org

Erin Loggins, DDS

Dorothy Crowley, DMD

1:30–4:30 pm

Room: 251 C

Audience: D

After completion of the didactic component, dive into the practical applications of MTA and bioceramics with a fully hands-on approach.

This course will focus on skill-building for key endodontic procedures such as perforation and resorption repair, vital pulp therapy, and open apex management. You'll engage in guided, step-by-step exercises to become proficient in handling calcium silicate materials and applying them in real clinical scenarios. Through practice, you will gain confidence in making precise repairs and providing effective treatment for your patients.

Learning Objectives:

- Hands-on with Calcium Silicates: Practice mixing, handling, and applying MTA and bioceramics for various endodontic treatments.
- Perforation & Resorption Repair: Work through exercises that involve identifying and repairing perforations and resorption defects using calcium silicates.
- Vital Pulp Therapy & Open Apex Management: Perform clinical simulations to master the steps for vital pulp therapy and open apex management, adhering to current American Association of Endodontists guidelines.



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Audience codes. A-assistant, D-dentist, H-hygienist, O-office staff

HANDS-ON WORKSHOP

TMJ/Orofacial Pain Trigger Point Neurotoxin Therapy Live Patient Certification Training

This course is created in partnership with the American Academy of Facial Esthetics (AAFE)

Must Register through American Academy of Facial Esthetics (AAFE). Scan QR code for more information and to register.

Louis Malmacher, DDS

1:00 - 5:00 pm

Room: 151 ABC

Audience: D

Learn to integrate trigger point therapy to successfully treat orofacial pain, headaches, and TMJ syndrome with non-surgical, reversible, and minimally invasive treatments that are highly effective. You will treat live patients in this anatomically based certification course and learn proper evaluation, treatment planning, dosaging, documentation, and injection techniques in the head, neck, and shoulders with the outstanding American Academy of Facial Esthetics (AAFE) faculty who will work with you one on one. You will be able to help more patients than ever before!

Learning objectives

- Perform comprehensive live patient examination and treatment plans for TMJ and orofacial pain cases
- Learn how to precisely identify and inject trigger points for instant and long term orofacial pain relief
- Understand when to use chemotherapeutics like lidocaine and botulinum toxin for trigger point therapy



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HANDS-ON WORKSHOP

ACLS Certification - American Heart Association Heartcode® ACLS Skills Pass Off
Limited to 6 participants

Cost: \$150, register at: www.uda.org

Micah Baker, MSN, RN, NPD-BC

2:00-5:00 pm

Room: 151 F

Audience: D, H, A

This is a skills session pass off for the Advanced Cardiac Life Support certification from the American Heart Association. Participants will demonstrate the following skills according to the American Heart Association ACLS guidelines:

Learning Objectives:

- High-quality basic life support skills including chest compressions and defibrillation.
- Airway management.
- Megacode team lead.

Prior to this workshop participants must go to the AHA website then purchase (\$173) and complete the online HeartCode® ACLS materials prior to this pass off session: <https://shopcpr.heart.org/heartcode-acls>



HANDS-ON WORKSHOP

CPR and BLS Certification

Limited to 50 participants

Cost \$50, register at: www.uda.org

Gabriel Cowley

2:00 – 3:30 pm

Room: 151 DE

Complete your basic lifesaving, BLS certification which is required every two years for licensure, for you and your staff while at the convention. This course will provide current information and hands-on training using the most up-to-date guidelines, CPR training simulators and automated external defibrillators. Receive your BLS certification card upon completion.

Learning Objectives:

- Learn adult and pediatric CPR, 30 compressions: 2 rescue breaths.
- Learn when to use two-rescuer scenarios and the bag mask.
- Learn to remove foreign-body airway obstructions.
- Master automated external defibrillation.



UDA House of Delegates

4:30 - 6:30 pm

Room: 250 ABC

Exhibit Hall Closes

4:00 pm



Join the UDA in Honoring Dotty Tanner

Dotty is retiring after 36 years of dedication and service.

Stop by to share memories, enjoy refreshments and
celebrate Dotty.

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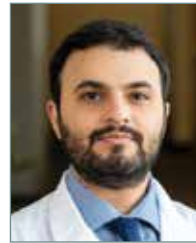
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2001	Jerry Black, Roger Grua, Richard Whitehead	2023	Kim Michelson, Duane Orchard
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2003	Roy Hammond, Gary Matthews	2025	David Okano, Rich Radmall, LaRisse Skene
2004	Jay Aldous, Wallace Brown, Richard Haskins		



2026 Distinguished Service Awards



MARK TAYLOR, DDS

Dr. Mark R. Taylor currently works as an Associate Professor and is course director in fixed prosthodontics at the University of Utah School of Dentistry. Shortly after graduating from the University of the Pacific School of Dentistry in San Francisco in 1984, Dr. Taylor moved to Utah and built his dental practice together with his brother, Darron, in the Canyon Rim area of the Salt Lake Valley. Dr. Taylor views the practice of dentistry as a privilege to be treasured, nurtured, and protected.

He loves the pivotal role restorative dentistry plays in improving lives. For many years, he represented the Salt Lake District as a delegate, and then the UDA as the chairman of the

Council on Dental Care. In 1994, he was the Program Chair of Utah's Annual Convention. In 2010, he was appointed as a member of the Utah State Dental Licensing Board, and in 2023, he served as President of the Utah Dental Association.

Dentistry is as much a hobby for Dr. Taylor as it is a beloved profession. Serving as the team dentist on a Choice Humanitarian Expedition to the remote mountains surrounding Guanajuato, Mexico, and caring for patients at the Fourth Street Clinic in Salt Lake, have been highlights of his dental career. During his free time, he enjoys mountain biking and exploring scenic byways on his Honda Goldwing. His most significant and highly valued accomplishments though, revolve around his wife, Mary Jane, their five children, and sixteen grandchildren.



SCOTT THEURER

Dr. Scott Theurer, in 1984, soon after completing his DMD degree at Washington University in St. Louis, School of Dentistry, transitioned from being an ADA student-member, to being a dentist-member of what was then the First District Dental Society (now Cache District). Attending those nearly monthly district meetings with his wife Teresa (a 40-yr member of the Utah and ADA Alliance), initiated the commitment together to belong and serve in professional dental associations. Teresa was the first to be involved in leadership, as an officer of the First District Dental Alliance. Together, during many Februaries, they visited Cache Valley elementary school classrooms, giving dental health presentations.

In 2009, Dr Gary Crawford, then UDA president, contacted Dr. Scott about being a candidate for a UDA office. Elected as Treasurer, he continued to serve as an officer, until becoming UDA President in 2012. Teresa, served as the Utah Dental Alliance President at the same time, and also became a member of the ADA Alliance's National Leadership Council (AADA). Dr. Scott was a member of the Utah Oral Health Coalition from 2009-13, serving as its chair in 2010. In 2014, he was appointed to a 4-year term as a member of the ADA Council on Dental Practice, chairing the subcommittee on the dental team and participating as contributor to 4 ADA Guidelines to Practice Success publications – Managing: Finances, The Dental Team, Marketing, and The Regulatory Environment.

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Dr. Scott was elected in 2016 and again in 2020 as a Utah Delegate to the ADA House of Delegates, and as such, served from 2016-24 as a member of the UDA Board of Directors. Teresa served 3 years as the AADA liaison to the ADA Council on Government Affairs and continues to serve on the AADA National Leadership Council, and well as the Utah Dental Alliance treasurer. Serving in professional dental associations simultaneously, has meant being able to travel together to participate in national governance meetings of the UDA, ADA and AADA, and to conferences and conventions.

Sharing a commitment to volunteerism, Dr. Scott and Teresa have also served in Utah educational governance. Teresa served 8 years as an elected member of the State Board of Education (K-12) representing northern Utah and was appointed by Gov. Huntsman as a member to the Utah Board of Regents serving from 2008-19. Dr. Scott was a Director at the Bridgerland Technical College (2001-16), then appointed by Gov. Herbert as a Trustee of the Utah System of Higher Education (2016- 20), and then appointed as member of the Utah Board of Higher Education (2020-23).

In 2002, Dr. Scott after a few years being on the Bear River Head Start Health Advisory Committee, initiated and personally funded for many years the oral screening and fluoride varnish application for 350+ children, ages 6 months to 5 years, at 9 different centers, and in 18 classrooms across two northern Utah counties. Recruiting 8-10 highly appreciated volunteer dentists and 20+ dental assisting students to participate in this 3 times-a-year project - now in its 23rd year.

Dr. Scott and Teresa are the parents of 4 children and grandparents to 18 beautiful grandchildren. Three of their four children are in dental households: daughter Lisa, the business manager of her husbands' (Dr. Al Burns) multi-location pediatric dental practice in Texas; Derek, a tax attorney, lives in Virginia with wife Dr. Rebecca Theurer, a general dentist on sabbatical from practice as a mother to 3 adolescent children; Dr. Brad, who joined Dr Scott's Logan general dentistry practice in 2018; and Jared, a petroleum engineer who works for an energy construction company headquartered in Utah.

Dr. Scott continues to be involved in advocacy for the dental profession by engaging in proposed legislation and practice act changes which will impact the success of dentists and dental team members in all practice models.



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LORNA KOCI, BA

Lorna has over 50 years of professional and leadership experience, initially working in the private sector technology field and then making a switch to state government and non-profit organizations. After receiving her bachelor's degree in philosophy and business at University of Mary Washington, she worked for IBM for 20 years followed by running software companies for several years. She left the private sector to work for Governor Huntsman on the Utah Commission on Aging, followed by serving as Programs Director at the Utah Food Bank for 3 years. She recently semi-retired after being Executive Director of the Bountiful Community Food Pantry for 9 years where she applied her leadership abilities and desire to help those in need. It is with the pantry that she worked with

Dr. Jim Guinn and Cathy Turnbow to create Pantry Smiles, a donated dental program for low-income individuals in Davis County in partnership with Davis Technical College and local dentists and hygienists. Lorna continues her work with Davis Donated Dental Services (formerly Pantry Smiles) and the No Hunger Zone food assistance program at Davis School District. She is Past Chair of the Utah Oral Health Coalition and is currently coordinating the new Your Smiles Matters campaign. She also led the efforts to keep community water fluoridation in Utah. In September she will start serving on the State of Utah Dentist and Dental Hygiene Professional Licensing Board.

Lorna has served on the Open Legal Services Board of Directors and currently serves on the Davis County Aging Services Advisory Board and has served on the Davis Community Learning Center/Promise Bountiful Steering Committee and is active in other church and community organizations including the Utah JustServe Council. She was the recipient of the 2015 Soroptimist Women of the Year Award for Davis County, the 2016 Most Distinguished Woman Award for Davis County and the 2016 Utah Enlightened Fifty Award. She has been awarded with the 2018 Second Legislative District Patriotism and Service Award by Representative Chris Stewart and been a 2019 finalist in the Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year program. She received the 2020 Rotary Citizen of the Year Award and the 2023 Women of Influence Award from the Crossroads of the West Scout Council.

Originally from upstate New York, she now lives in Layton with her husband Doug. They have six children and 15 grandchildren, and she enjoys sailing, biking, quilting, smocking, gardening, music, reading and church related activities.

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DOTTY TANNER

Dotty Tanner was born in Vernal, Utah, and raised in Bountiful. She graduated from Viewmont High School and went on to attend Snow College. A lifelong sports fan, Dotty now enjoys watching more than participating, cheering on her favorite teams whenever she can.

She is the proud mother of an incredible son, John, and a fabulous daughter-in-law, Stacy. Together, they've blessed her with two fun and energetic grandchildren who keep life exciting.

Dotty spent a rewarding part of her career with the Utah Dental Association, where her favorite role was coordinating the annual convention. She cherished the opportunity to connect with dentists and vendors alike—each gathering felt

like a big family reunion. The friendships and memories she made during her time there will always hold a special place in her heart.

Dotty is married to Lynn Tanner, and together they enjoy discovering the many beautiful and diverse landscapes Utah has to offer.

She wants to thank the Utah Dentists and their staff for the Best Career she could ever ask for. It is time for her to say goodbye.

She will retire February 2026.



Speakers Bios

Dr. Normund Auzins is a board certified Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeon whose 25-year career includes serving in the U.S. Navy, private practice in Oregon, and a teaching affiliation at Oregon Health Sciences University School of Dentistry where he was course director of the Medical Emergencies course for 3rd year students. He is currently on faculty at the University of Utah School of Dentistry and examiner for the American Board of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery. He currently resides in Park City with his wife and two sons.

Micah Baker, MSN, RN has over 20 years in clinical education. Micah has taught ACLS at University of Utah Health since 2012. Her background in critical care medicine prepared her to teach critical care, ECG recognition and 12 lead interpretation. She now does simulation full time for the Center for Patient Simulation. www.uofumedsim.org

Dr Shea Bess, graduated from the University of Utah in 1998 in Medical Biology. He received his DDS from Loma Linda University in 2002. He started his practice from scratch in 2003 and has worked full time seeing patients since. He worked for Ultradent part-time in their Research and Development department for 17 years and now shares things he has learned from both experiences.

Dr Mark Balisdell, a general and restorative dentist, and **Dr. Todd Liston**, an oral and maxillofacial surgeon, have over 50 years of combined implant dentistry experience in Utah. Together they have placed and restored numerous dental implants with a strong focus on esthetics and function. They are eager to share their knowledge and insights.

Dr. Mark L. Cannon is a Professor Emeritus of Ann and Robert H Lurie Children's Hospital and the Department of Otolaryngology, Division of Dentistry at Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago, IL. Additionally, he serves as an adjunct Professor of Dentistry at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC) in Memphis, TN. In addition to founding a large multi-specialty, highly respected private practice in the suburbs of Chicago, he is the Research Coordinator of the residency program at Ann and Robert Lurie Children's Hospital, Chicago, Illinois.

Dr. Qun Collins, a practicing "wet-gloved" dentist, has successfully operated a removable and implant-focused practice for over 26 years. Passionate about mentoring, Dr. Qun has guided hundreds of dentists in mastering removable dentistry—not through the traditional prosthodontist or dental school approach, but with practical, real-world tips and techniques that can be implemented immediately. She is an advocate for digital removable workflows, demonstrating how to make removable dentistry both simplified and profitable. Dr. Qun's commitment to education extends beyond the podium. <http://www.denturescourses.com>

Jim Collis, CDT, is an award-winning dental technologist, educator, and international speaker with over 40 years of experience. Recognized as one of the top removable technicians in the world, he has trained thousands in digital and analog prosthetics and is celebrated for advancing composite applications and workflow innovation. collisdentalconsulting.com

Gabriel Cowley is an experienced CPR instructor with a passion for teaching lifesaving skills in an engaging and entertaining way. Gabriel has been teaching CPR for 5 years following AHA/Save A Heart of Utah course guidelines and has provided certifications to thousands of dentists, nurses, and daycare in the state of Utah. He is eager to share lifesaving knowledge and skills with the dental community. www.saveaheartofutah.com

Dr. Dorothy Crowley grew up in Enterprise, Alabama and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Alabama and her DMD degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham in 2019. She practiced as a general dentist in Birmingham, AL for 4 years prior to starting endodontic residency. Dr. Crowley graduated with her Master's and Endodontic Certificate from UT Health School of Dentistry at Houston in 2025 and is a Board Eligible endodontist.

Speakers Bios

Justin “Rusty” Curtis, CEO of LUMN and author of *The Book on Dental Marketing*, is dentistry’s premier marketing strategist. Since 2008, he’s helped drive over 1 billion in revenue for dental practices worldwide. A dynamic speaker, Rusty engages with stunning visuals, inspiring case studies, and actionable advice. getLUMN.com

Dr. Allen Davis combines eight years of U.S. Army medical service with advanced training in orofacial pain to treat sleep apnea and head/neck pain at Good Rest Med Spa. A Salem, Utah native pursuing his Master’s in Orofacial Pain, he transforms lives through specialized wellness treatments and education. www.goodrestmedspa.com

Dr. Jim Downs received a D.M.D. degree at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in Boston, MA. He is an expert in comprehensive restorative treatment and has completed numerous full arch and full mouth reconstruction cases. He maintains an aesthetic, family-oriented practice in Denver, CO. Dr. Downs is an instructor for several continuing education courses with the Dr. Dick Barnes Group seminars, including Occlusion, Implant EZ, Full Arch Reconstruction, and more. www.arrowheaddental.com

Dr. Mitchell Duckworth is a board-certified dentist anesthesiologist with extensive experience in providing office-based anesthesia for dental and oral surgical procedures. He completed his dental degree at USC and went on to complete a rigorous residency in anesthesiology at Stony Brook University Hospital. Dr. Duckworth specializes in delivering safe and effective anesthesia care across diverse patient populations, including pediatrics, patients with special needs, and those with complex medical conditions. He is committed to advancing anesthesia safety in dentistry.

Brandi Hooker Evans RDH brings brains, heart, and hilarity to everything she touches. Brandi is a sought-after speaker, best-selling author, and lifelong advocate for joy and wellness in dentistry. She’s known for turning science into simple, actionable tools that inspire real transformation, in the op and in life. www.BrandiHookerEvans.com

Dr. Kel Faddis holds a B.S. in Medical Biology from University of Utah and earned his DDS from Creighton University. He pursued advanced training in forensic odontology at the University of Texas at San Antonio and the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. After 30 years in private dental practice in Utah, Dr. Faddis continues to make significant contributions to forensic odontology. He supported disaster responses as a member of the DMORT-8 team under the auspices of HHS and FEMA. He plays a vital role in educating forensic pathology fellows as postdoctoral faculty at the Utah Medical Examiner’s Office.

Dr. Robert Ferrell practiced periodontics for 22 years before serving a LDS mission. He now works part-time at Pinnacle Periodontics, mentors business leaders, directs a humanitarian foundation, and speaks on what he believes is today’s greatest challenge: the crisis of connection.

Joshua Freeman is a Founding Partner at Freeman Lovell. He specializes in strategic legal representation and consulting of businesses and real estate investors and developers in corporate law, including mergers and acquisitions, securities, business formation, and tax structuring, and real estate legal structuring, contracts, deals, and transactions. He knows that providing complete, effective top-to-bottom legal counsel depends on developing a deep, committed, and personal relationship with his clients.

Dr. Spencer Greer loves dentistry—but even more so he loves helping dentists make more money in the dental chair. He teaches how to unlock untapped production and income without working longer or harder. highleveldentists.com Instagram: @highlevel_dentalproducers

Anne Nugent Guignon, RDH is a visionary thinker. Anne’s WHY began in 1971. Anne is a highly sought-after international speaker, prolific author, a recognized expert in many clinical challenges. Despite her accomplishments, Anne’s clinician heart is always focused on making clinical practice better, easier, and more rewarding.

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Dr. Baron Grutter is a Dentist in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He's been an industry leader in Dental 3D Printing for over 10 years, with his free YouTube videos having amassed hundreds of thousands of views. He has spoken on the mainstage of multiple dental conferences and truly enjoys education and collaboration. www.BaronGrutterDDS.com

Dr. Marshall Hanson believes that elective cosmetic dental procedures can and should be done non-invasively, and that we no longer have to remove enamel in order to enhance the smiles of our clients. He developed the Marshall Hanson Method for non-invasive smile enhancement (MHM) to enable doctors to predictably treat nearly any case in an additive only way and produce lasting results that are extremely natural-looking. Dr. Hanson practices in Draper, Utah. Contact him by email: marshallhansonmethod@gmail.com or Website: www.marshallhansondentistry.com

Matt Jacob, BA, is a communications consultant who works closely with public health organizations to strengthen their ability to communicate about fluoride. He is a consultant to the American Dental Association and the American Academy of Pediatrics (Section on Oral Health). Mr. Jacob has authored several peer-reviewed journal articles about oral health communication and policy. He earned his B.A. in journalism from the University of Arkansas

Dr. Johnny Johnson is a pediatric dentist from Pinellas County, Florida. He is the co-founder and President of the American Fluoridation Society. His leadership role in fluoridation advocacy began after his county commission voted to end fluoridation — a decision that was successfully reversed by a coalition of residents that Dr. Johnson helped to organize. Dr. Johnson received his dental training from the University of Florida, and he earned his Certificate in Pediatric Dentistry/Master of Science from the University of North Carolina.

Dr. Michelle Howe is from Ogden, Utah. She attended the College of St. Benedict in Minnesota, graduating in 2015 with a degree in Psychology. She graduated from dental school at the University of Utah in 2021 and earned her Certificate of Endodontics and Master of Science degree in Oral Biology in 2023 during residency at Texas A&M. Dr. Howe has worked at Eastlake Endodontics in Roy, Utah since 2023. <https://EastlakeEndo.com>

Dr. Jeffery Jensen, a board-certified periodontist from Kaysville, Utah, earned his dental degree from the University of Michigan and completed his residency at the University of Nebraska. Known for his conservative, patient-focused approach, he values long-term relationships, up-to-date care, and enjoys family time, skiing, camping, reading, and dining out. www.jensenperio.com

Dr. Roshan Kalra is a dentist-turned real estate investor. After graduating dental school in 2017, he started investing in 2018, and by replacing his dental income with real estate income, retired from dentistry in 2023. Roshan is now passionate about sharing how any dentist can achieve financial freedom in 10 years or less.

Dr. Brett Kessler a general dentist in Denver, Colorado, is past president of the American Dental Association. He has been a consultant to the ADA's Council on Dental Wellbeing Advisory Committee. Dr. Kessler speaks nationally on well-being and leadership topics to help dentists live their best lives. He graduated from the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry. He completed his residency at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. Dr. Kessler is an accomplished endurance athlete and competes in events across the country. Dr. Kessler and his wife, Gina Kessler, DDS, MS, have four children.

Lorna Koci is Past Chair of the Utah Oral Health Coalition and is currently coordinating the new Your Smiles Matters campaign. She led the efforts to keep community water fluoridation in Utah. She will start serving on the State of Utah Dentist and Dental Hygiene Professional Licensing Board.

Dr. Robert P. Korman is a clinician and educator with over 30 years of experience in interdisciplinary dentistry. He completed a general practice residency at the VA Medical Center in Miami and later pursued a residency at the University of Florida with a focus

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on occlusion, TMJ disorders, and myofascial pain. He is a graduate of Howard University, College of Dentistry. Dr. Korman's treatment philosophy centers on a facially guided, diagnostically-driven approach to treatment planning—one that places esthetics, function, structure, and biology at the core of diagnostic and restorative decisions. www.robertkormandds.com

Dr Todd Liston an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon, and **Dr Mark Blaisdell** a general and restorative dentist, have over 50 years of combined implant dentistry experience in Utah. Together they have placed and restored numerous dental implants with a strong focus on esthetics and function. They are eager to share their knowledge and insights.

Dr. Erin Loggins is a graduate of Texas A&M with a degree in Biomedical Science, received her DDS at UTHSC-San Antonio in 2007 and earned her Certificate in Endodontics at the Veteran's Affairs Hospital in Long Beach, California in 2015. She is an Assistant Professor and the graduate clinic director at UT Health School of Dentistry at Houston. Dr. Loggins maintains a part-time private practice and is a Board Eligible Endodontist.

Dr. Louis Malcmacher maintains a cosmetic and general practice in Bay Village, Ohio. He is an internationally recognized lecturer and author, known for his entertaining and comprehensive teaching style. He has vast experience in total facial esthetics and has taught tens of thousands of healthcare professionals in the areas of smile design esthetics and facial injectable therapy. <https://facialesthetics.org/>

Dane Margetts is a banking professional with experience in expanding clientele relationships and finding credit and cash management solutions that fit the unique needs of each customer/business. He has built his career on providing detailed information and resources to individuals to stimulate growth, both financially and professionally. Dane strives to demonstrate resourcefulness, consciousness, and an ability to solve problems to meet the needs of his clients. He is a graduate of the University of Utah (BA in accounting) and Westminster College (MBA).

Dr. Alexandre Molinari is currently the Director of Clinical Professional Relations and Education for Straumann and Neodent NAM, a Periodontist and Prosthodontist with a Master and Doctorate degree with an extensive experience of Dental Implantology from single unit to full arch with Immediate load.

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