

Offensive Dentistry

Let's face it, sitting through a lecture about dental caries or caries risk assessment isn't appealing (in fact it sounds downright boring). However, the science of clinical cariology is beginning to have an impact on restorative techniques and technology. *Streptococcus mutans* has more to fear than a rheostat, now that we're armed with salivary diagnostics and bioactive materials.

At the completion of this program, participants will be able to:

- Intervene medically in the caries process
- Control patient caries risk with focused therapeutics
- Design restorations to minimize recurrent decay
- Improve the prognosis of restorative treatment

Nobody Caries

Sometimes it seems as though our patients don't grasp the basic concept of home care. Other times our patients with impeccable hygiene develop rampant decay and we feel helpless because we can't figure out what is going on. The mouth is a remarkable environment that cariologists are finally beginning to understand, and so can you. Come learn everything you didn't know about plaque and the amazing organisms that make the mouth a wonderful place to work.

At the completion of this program, participants will be able to:

- Explain the mixed ecological approach to caries causation
- Apply evidence-based and novel preventative therapies
- Quickly identify high caries risk patients before they develop disease
- Stop "watching" lesions and see them get smaller



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