

Lasers for Hard and Soft Tissues

A Hands-On Workshop

November 2 – 3, 2018



Presented by **The Dental College of Georgia at Augusta University** and **Division of Professional and Community Education** at the Augusta University Dental College of Georgia, Augusta, Ga.



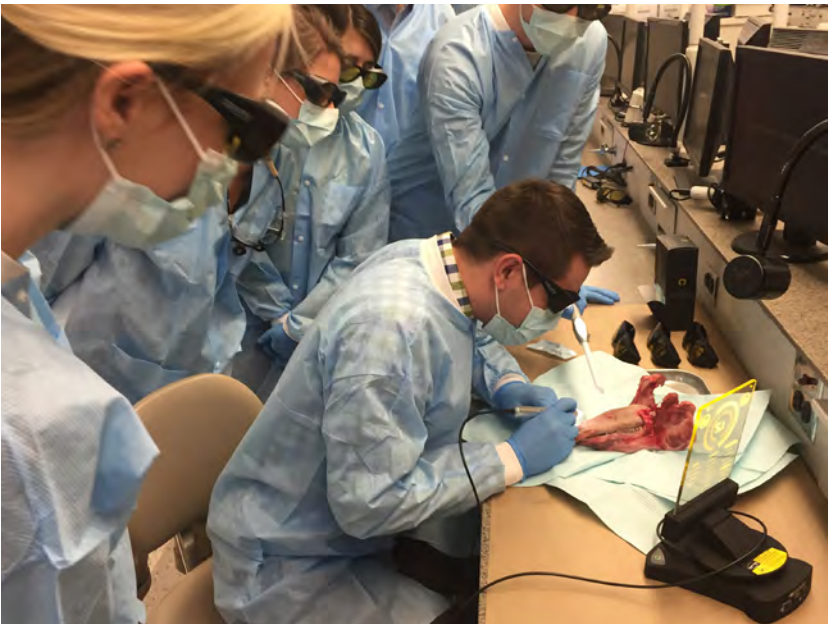
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PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

Has the excitement surrounding the introduction of lasers to dentistry been more smoke than substance? Since 1990, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved the use of TWELVE different wavelengths for dental use. These different wavelengths create a world of difference in how the lasers operate, and their usefulness in the oral cavity. The use of lasers for specific procedures found in everyday general practice will be highlighted.

At the conclusion of the course, the participant will be familiar with the various wavelengths used in dentistry today, their effects on oral tissues, and their uses for specific oral diseases and pathologies found in everyday practice. They will be able to incorporate this knowledge into a basis for determining which laser wavelength is most appropriate for their practice, and be able to incorporate hard and soft tissue laser dentistry into their practices rapidly.

Following completion of this course (up to 30 days following course completion), the participant will have the opportunity to take the online certification examination to become certified by the American Board of Laser Surgery (ABLS). For more information about the ABLS, please visit: www.americanboardoflasersurgery.org



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Friday, November 2, 2018 (Breaks at 10 am & 2:45 pm)

Location: Augusta University Campus (room location TBA)

- 7:45 a.m. **Introduction and Overview to Course**
– Dr. Hammond
- 8 a.m. **Clinical Indications for Laser Use**
– Dr. Robert Convissar
- Non-Surgical, Surgical and Regenerative Periodontal Therapy
 - Surgical and Restorative Implantology
 - Fixed and Removable Prosthetics
 - Oral Medicine/Oral Surgery/Oral Pathology
 - Pediatric Adolescent Operative Dentistry
 - Endodontics
 - Pedodontics/Orthodontics
 - Esthetic/Cosmetic Dentistry
 - Practice Management/Marketing
- 12:15 p.m. **Lunch** (boxed lunches provided)
- 1 p.m. **Laser Use** (continues) – Dr. Robert Convissar
- 5 p.m. **Closing Day remarks, Q & A**
- 5:15 p.m. **Adjourn**

Saturday, November 3, 2018 (Break at 10 am)

Location: Dental College of Georgia, Simulation Lab, GC-3070

It is recommended to bring your magnification loupes for the workshop part of this course.

- 8 a.m. **Hands-on Laser Workshop** – Dr. Convissar
Each participant will experiment the various wavelengths, performing surgical procedures (gingivectomy, biopsy, frenectomy, crown lengthening, initial periodontal pocket therapy) on in-vitro models (pig mandibles). Real-time videos of routine laser procedures will be part of the in-depth discussion of specific instrument settings and techniques.
- Noon **Closing Day, Q & A**
- 12:15 p.m. **Adjourn**

GUEST SPEAKER



Robert Convissar, DDS, BS, obtained his dental degree from New York University College of Dentistry in 1980. He is a pioneer in the field of laser dentistry and one of the first dentists to use lasers in general practice. He has over 24 years of experience with CO₂, Diode, Erbium, and Nd:YAG wavelengths.

The author of over fifteen peer-reviewed papers on laser dentistry, he is honored to have served as contributing editor of four laser dentistry textbooks. His latest textbook "Principles and Practice of Laser Dentistry" is the number one selling laser dentistry textbook in the world. An internationally acclaimed lecturer, Dr. Convissar has delivered over 300 Laser Dentistry Certification courses worldwide. Dr. Convissar practices restorative, cosmetic and laser dentistry in New York City and serves as Director of Laser Dentistry at New York Hospital Queens Medical Center.

Honors awarded to Dr. Convissar include Fellowships in the American Society of Laser Medicine and Surgery, the International Academy of Dento-Facial Esthetics, and the Academy of General Dentistry, as well as Mastership in the Academy of Laser Dentistry.

AU COURSE DIRECTOR



Barry D. Hammond, DMD, earned his dental degree from the Medical University of South Carolina and completed a general practice residency in Chapel Hill, N.C. He maintained a private practice for 15 years, emphasizing restorative and esthetic dentistry. Dr. Hammond is an L.D. Pankey Institute alumnus and taught for several years with the Ross Nash Institute

for Dental Learning in Charlotte, N.C. He joined the AU faculty in 2006 and is a Professor in the Department of General Dentistry and serves as the Director of Dental Continuing Education for the Dental College of Georgia.

SPECIAL NEEDS

The Augusta University Division of Professional and Community Education complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you require special services, facilities or dietary considerations (vegetarian or otherwise) to support your participation in this continuing education program, contact the conference coordinator at 800-221-6437 or 706-721-3967.

COMFORT ZONE

Although every effort will be made to have a comfortable temperature in the meeting room, we realize that everyone's comfort zone is different. Please bring a jacket or light wrap in case the room is too cool for your comfort.

LOCATION

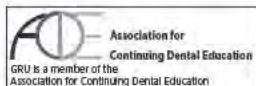
On Friday, September 7, 2018 the course will be held on the Augusta University campus, Room TBA, and Saturday, September 8, 2018 the location will be held in the College of Dental Medicine Simulation Lab room GC-3070.

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REGISTRATION AND FEE

2018 Fee Structure	Early Registration Before October 1	Registration Fee After October 1
Registration Fee	\$695	\$795

Early registration is encouraged to ensure your enrollment as this is a limited attendance course. The registration fee, less a \$75 administrative charge, is refundable if notification of cancellation is received by October 19, 2018. There will be no refunds for cancellations after October 19th.

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