Lasers for Hard and Soft Tissues
A Hands-On Workshop
August 9-10, 2019

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.

CREDIT

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Friday, August 9, 2019 (Breaks at 10 am & 2:45 pm)
Location: Dental College of Georgia
7:45 a.m.  Introduction and Overview to Course - Dr. Hammond
8:00 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 (provided)
1:00 p.m.  Laser Use (continues)- Dr. Robert Convissar
5:00 p.m.  Closing Day Remarks, Q & A
5:15 p.m.  Adjourn

Saturday, August 10, 2019 (Break at 10 am)
Location: Dental College of Georgia, Simulation Lab, GC-3070
~Magnification loupes are recommended for the workshop portion~
8:00 a.m.  Hands-on Laser Workshop - Dr. Convissar
Each participant will experience with 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 for laser surgical procedures.
Noon  Closing Day, Q & A
12:15 p.m.  Adjourn

GUEST SPEAKER

Robert Convissar, DDS, BS, obtained his dental degree from New York University of College Dentistry in 1980. He is a pioneer in the field of laser dentistry and is one of the few dentists in the world who has achieved Diplomate status from the American Board of Laser Surgery. He has over 30 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 6 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 from New York to London to Rome to Sydney to Hong Kong to Beijing, and everywhere in between, 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 2016 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 at Augusta University.
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REGISTRATION
Registration Fee Before July 1: $695
Registration Fee After July 1: $795
Please register online via credit card at: augusta.edu/pace/healthcare/dental/lasers.php
For questions or registering via check please call 706-721-1490

LOCATION
On Friday, August 9, 2019 the course will be held on the Augusta University Campus, Room TBA, and Saturday, August 10, 2019 the location will be held in the Dental College of Georgia Simulation Lab GC-3070.

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

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