

Building a Comprehensive Hygiene Experience

This topic is about transforming the hygiene appointment from a routine cleaning into one of the most valuable diagnostic and relationship-building opportunities in the practice. We will discuss how to structure the appointment to consistently gather meaningful clinical information, incorporate photography and appropriate diagnostics, identify restorative, periodontal, functional and esthetic concerns, and prepare the patient for a thorough doctor exam. In addition, we will discuss the hygienist-to-doctor handoff, intentional patient communication, and systems that help the entire hygiene department deliver a more comprehensive and consistent standard of care.

By the end of this course, participants will have understanding to be able to:

- Implement a comprehensive hygiene assessment process that evaluates the patient beyond periodontal health by incorporating esthetics, function, structure, biology, and airway into the hygiene visit.
- Identify clinical findings and early warning signs that warrant further evaluation, and confidently communicate those findings to both the patient and doctor to support comprehensive treatment planning.
- Create effective team handoffs and patient communication strategies that connect the hygienist's findings to the doctor's examination, helping patients understand their conditions, priorities, and opportunities for treatment.

Thursday, October 8, 2026

5:00 Registration
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
2 CE Credits

Complimentary tuition

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Dinner and drinks
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