

Tips for Treating a Patient with Autism ...The experience of a lifetime.

Course Description

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is reporting that 1 in every 150 children today is born with some form of Autism, a disease that affects an individual's ability to communicate, socialize, and in some cases function independently on a day-to-day basis. Practitioners are finding patients who are challenged with these diseases in their practice on a more routine basis than ever before. The need to better understand these patients and their unique abilities and gifts has never been greater.

This course provides a review of the patient with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and the reasons why practitioners, from a legal and professional aspect, need to better understand these unique patients. A review of how to properly assess the patient's abilities will be conducted. Techniques for treatment and a review of technology and creativity that might be used will be explored. Case studies will be used with audience participation to illustrate proper patient evaluation in determining appropriate means for treatment. A comprehensive documented home care regimen that should be provided to caretakers will be discussed. Guidelines will be given for practitioners on how to easily incorporate these special patients into their practice and make their career more rewarding than they ever imagined it could be.

This course is designed for a 2-3 hour format and contains valuable information for any member of the dental team.

Course Objectives

- Generate a basic understanding of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- Provide a review of how to properly assess the patient's abilities
- Establish and review techniques for treatment that encompass creativity and the latest in technology
- Review case studies to highlight proper patient evaluation and treatment
- Explore a comprehensive home care guidelines document for patient care takers
- Provide guidelines on how to easily incorporate the patient with ASD into a typical practice

About the Presenter . . .



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