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Webinar: Patient Care

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Speaker Biosketches

Jeremy Abbott, D.D.S.

Sleep Apnea and TMJ Specialist

Dr. Jeremy Abbott attended college at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan. He went on to attend dental school at Loma Linda University School of Dentistry in Southern California where he received his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree in 2001. Following dental school, Dr. Abbott practiced general dentistry in Oregon and Arizona prior to completing the Orofacial Pain and Dental Sleep Medicine residency program at UCLA, where he served as chief resident during his last year. Following residency, he practiced orofacial pain in California in an otolaryngology (ENT) medical practice in Ventura County, California. Dr. Abbott is currently a clinical instructor at the University of Maryland School of Dentistry in the Department of Oral Surgery. He maintains hospital privileges at the University of Maryland Medical Center. He is a member of the American Academy of Orofacial Pain, American Headache Society, and American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine. He is board certified by the American Board of Orofacial Pain. In the field of orofacial pain, Dr. Abbott has written articles, book chapters and scientific abstracts on head and neck pain, TMJ disorders, and headaches. He lectures nationally and internationally on the management of TMJ disorders and headaches. He also has ongoing research on TMJ disorders and headache, TMJ disorders from dental sleep appliances, and dental implant related nerve pain.

Kevin Huff, D.D.S.

General Dentist, Dover, Ohio

Dr. Kevin Huff has been and continues to be a private-practice general dentist in the small town of Dover in Southeast Ohio for 23 years. He holds the status of Master in the Academy of General Dentistry and has been awarded the AGD's coveted Lifetime Learning and Service Award. Most recently, Dr. Huff earned the status of Diplomate in the American Board of Orofacial Pain. Graduating from the OSU College of Dentistry in 1996, Dr. Huff has been a Clinical Instructor at Case School of Dental Medicine and a faculty member of the Mercy GPR Program in Canton, OH, and he has been a visiting faculty member of Spear Education in Scottsdale, AZ, for ten years. His continuing education history includes completion of the following continua: the Pankey Institute, Spear Education, Rutgers Online Orofacial Pain Program, and the LSU Orofacial Pain Continuum. Dr. Huff has lectured throughout the US and in Canada and published many articles in peer reviewed and non-peer reviewed publications covering the topics of ethical treatment planning, risk management, temporomandibular disorders, examination techniques, and treatment planning.

Jeff Okeson, D.M.D.**University of Kentucky**

Dr. Jeffrey P Okeson has dedicated his career to educating students, residents and clinicians in the areas of occlusion, temporomandibular disorders and orofacial pain. He has been a full time faculty member at the University of Kentucky for 45 years. He is recognized worldwide as an authority in the field of TMD and orofacial pain, lecturing in every state in the USA and 58 different foreign countries. His textbooks have been translated into eleven different foreign languages and have become a standard for teaching throughout the world. His peers have called him the “World Ambassador for Orofacial pain”. He is a highly sought after speaker and has given more than 1300 invited lectures throughout the world. He has received numerous awards, honors and recognitions for his outstanding teaching and educational abilities. Some of these awards include the campus wide University of Kentucky “Great Teacher Award”, the Provost’s Distinguished Service Professorship, the American Academy of Orofacial Pain’s Service Award and the first ever “Distinguished Alumni Award” from the College of Dentistry. In addition, he received the State of Kentucky Acorn Award for the best professor in the state and was inducted into the University of Kentucky Hall of Distinguished Alumni. Dr. Okeson has also received “The International Dentist of the Year Award” from the Academy of Dentistry International. This is the highest award recognized by this Academy and was given to him in recognition of his worldwide efforts in providing education in the area of temporomandibular disorders and orofacial pain. In addition to his two textbooks, he has more than 240 publications in scientific journals. He is director of the Orofacial Pain Center at the University of Kentucky which he founded in 1977. He has developed several full-time teaching programs associated with the Center. The Master of Science Degree program he established was the first in the United States to be accredited by the American Academy of Orofacial Pain. The Orofacial Pain Residency Program was one of the very first to be accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation. This program has graduated 60 full time residents from 26 different countries. He is active in many national and international organizations and is past president of the American Academy of Orofacial Pain. He is also a founding diplomate and twice past president of the American Board of Orofacial Pain.

Marcela Romero Reyes, D.D.S., Ph.D.**University of Maryland**

Dr. Marcela Romero Reyes is an associate clinical professor and Clinical Director of the Brotman Facial Pain Clinic from the Department of Neural and Pain Sciences at the University of Maryland, School of Dentistry. She is a nationally and internationally recognized expert in the fields of orofacial pain and headache disorders. Dr. Romero is the former Director of the NYU Orofacial and Head Pain clinic and the Director of the Advanced Program for International Dentists in Oral Medicine & Orofacial Pain at the New York University College of Dentistry in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, Radiology and Medicine. Dr. Romero graduated in 1999 from the School of Dentistry at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM). In 2006, she obtained her PhD in Oral biology and Orofacial Pain and Dysfunction certificate at UCLA, School of Dentistry. After this, she pursued postdoctoral training in neuroscience with a focus in primary headaches at the UCLA Headache Research and Treatment Program now known as the Goldberg Migraine Program in the department of Neurology, David Geffen, School of Medicine at UCLA. Dr. Romero is an NIDCR funded researcher. Her research involves the study of neuro-immune and nitroxidative mechanisms in orofacial pain as well as the discovery of new targets for the management of trigeminal neuropathic pains and headache. She is a Diplomate of the American Board of Orofacial Pain, Fellow of the American Academy of Orofacial Pain and fellow of the American Headache Society. She currently serves as the chair of the special section of TMD, Cervical Spine and Orofacial Pain of the American Headache Society.

Anthony H. Schwartz, D.D.S.

University of Maryland

The Johns Hopkins Hospital

Anthony Schwartz graduated from the University of Maryland School of Dentistry in 1977. Since that time, he has been teaching at the University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins, where he also has a private practice. He graduated from a two year program in temporomandibular disorders and orofacial pain at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (now Rutgers), and stayed on faculty there for eight years. He spent over ten years (part-time) performing research in anatomy at U of Maryland, with specific attention to the temporomandibular joint (TMJ). He also performed research at Johns Hopkins, Department of Neurosurgery, for six years, studying the effects of noxious peripheral stimulus on the central nervous system. Dr. Schwartz is published in numerous scientific journals, both for research and for clinically oriented material. He has served for 25 years on the written exam committee of the American Board of Orofacial Pain (ABOP), from which he is a Diplomate, and has been an examiner for the oral board exam for the ABOP for the past 15 years. Additionally, he was president of the ABOP from 2010 to 2012, as well as from 2015-2019. Dr. Schwartz is a Fellow of the American Academy of Orofacial Pain, as well as a Fellow of the American College of Dentists.