

“Geriatric Dentistry: Practical Approaches to Care”

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The Harvard School of Dental Medicine’s Geriatric Leaders presents a CE course entitled “Geriatric Dentistry: Practical Approaches to Care,” taking place at the HSDM campus in Boston, MA on October 7, 2019.

This opportunity will bring geriatric leaders in medicine, dentistry, and social work together to share knowledge and experience in treating our aging population; to better understand the knowledge, skills, and attributes required to care for our aging population; to offer a private and public health approach to care; and to gain a more thorough understanding of how to practically approach overall care for older adults in the dental practice.

Monday, October 7, 2019

8:30-10:00 AM	Keynote – Geriatric Dentistry: Past, Present, and Future Samuel Zwetchkenbaum DDS, MPH
10:00-11:30 AM	Oral Changes Associated with Aging Leonard Brennan DMD
11:30-12:30 PM	Lunch
12:30-2:00 PM	Physiology of Aging Alan Abrams MD, MPH
2:00-3:00 PM	Geriatric Pharmacology Laura Triantafylidis PharmD
3:30-5:00 PM	Palliative Mouth Care Alessandro Villa DDS, PhD, MPH
5:00-6:00 PM	Panel Discussion: Integrating Geriatrics and Primary Care into Your Clinical Practice Charles Seitz DDS Cathy Grinham RDH Lisa Thompson DMD Brian Swann DMD, MPH

No prerequisites required. Sharpen your skills and watch your practice thrive. Please join us!

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Lunch included. Participants are eligible for full tuition refund, minus a \$150 administrative fee, if they cancel by Sept. 2, 2019.

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Course Topics & Objectives

Geriatric Dentistry: Past, Present, and Future

Samuel Zwetchkenbaum DDS, MPH

The US geriatric population is rapidly growing and it is important we better understand the needs of this cohort. Demographic trends suggest an increase in both the need and demand for dental care by older adults in various settings. This session will define geriatrics and geriatric dentistry, in addition to; focusing on risk factors for oral conditions and how this impacts our delivery of oral health care.

Oral Changes Associated with Aging

Leonard Brennan DMD

The normal aging process affects all aspects of our body, including the oral cavity. Due to the heterogeneity of older adult populations, oral health care is complex and adaptive. This course will discuss oral health changes associated with aging, the concept of rational dental care, in addition to, discuss the role of the healthcare team in the oral health care of older adults.

Physiology of Aging

Alan Abrams MD, MPH

While many older adults are healthy and independent, at least 50% of adults over the age 65 have more than two or more chronic medical conditions. This session aims to explore the principles of the normative aging process and common chronic medical conditions affecting older adults. Thus, equipping the clinician to better understand the presentation of older adults and how it may affect their approach to oral health care.

Geriatric Pharmacology

Laura Triantafylidis PharmD

Pharmacologic therapies, both prescribed and over the counter, play an important role in the lives in the health of older adults. Polypharmacy, due to treatment of multiple chronic medical conditions, increases one’s risk for adverse drug events, in addition to, an increase risk of oral disease. This session will address these issues, as well as, the impact of age-related changes on drug selection and dose to provide quality care to older adults.

Palliative Mouth Care

Alessandro Villa DDS, PhD, MPH

Oral health is essential for activities of daily living (ADLs), such as communication, eating, speaking, and swallowing. This course will focus on defining what is palliative oral health care and how the dental professional can participate in the palliative care team; as well as, outlining diagnosis and management of oral health complications at the end of life.

Panel Discussion: Integrating Geriatrics and Primary Care into Your Clinical Practice

Charles Seitz DDS; Cathy Grinham RDH; Lisa Thompson DMD; Brian Swann DMD, MPH

Decreasing oral health disparities and increasing access to care and collaboration require innovative approaches to care delivery. Geriatric care in the US has been rooted in community and collaborative care and is making its way into dentistry. This session will aim to provide clinical gems to treating older adults, in addition to, discussing the role of the Public Health Dental Hygienist in practice and the intersection of private practice in public health dentistry.

Meet the Course Instructors!

Alan Abrams, MD, MPH

Dr. Alan Abrams is currently Assistant Clinical Professor at Harvard Medical School. He is a Physician Executive and Educator with outstanding senior medical leadership qualifications in primary care and Geriatric Medicine, in addition to, ongoing national, regional, and local teaching awards, academic projects and publications. He and Dr. Lisa Thompson co-authored a chapter in the Dental Clinics of North America titled: Physiology of Aging of Older Adults: Systemic & Oral Health Considerations. Dr. Abrams served for many years as Director of the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center's Multidisciplinary Geriatric Fellowship Program in Medicine, Psychiatry and Dentistry and is a fierce advocate for oral health.

Cathy Grinham, RDH

Cathy Grinham is a Public Health Dental Hygienist and advocate for geriatric oral health care. She provides oral health care at Boston University Goldman School of Dental Medicine; as well as, starting her own business, Visiting Dental Associates of MA LLC, in order help other registered dental hygienists fulfill their professional dreams and goals.

Brian Swann, DDS, MPH

Dr. Swann is Chief of Oral Health Services for the Cambridge Health Alliance, where he practices clinical dentistry & conducts the Oral Physician Program within the General Practice Residency Program. As an instructor in the Patient-Doctor I course at Harvard Medical School, he assisted in introducing oral health into that curriculum. At the Harvard School of Dental Medicine, he is a clinical instructor, a member of the Dean's Global Oral Health Committee, and a student mentor.

Laura Triantafylidis, PharmD

Dr. Laura Triantafylidis earned her pharmacy degree from the University of Connecticut. She completed a general practice residency in pharmacy at Lahey Hospital and Medical Center in Burlington, Massachusetts. Dr. Triantafylidis also completed a second year pharmacy residency specializing in geriatrics at the VA Boston Healthcare System. She has done extensive work surrounding medication reconciliation, serving as a primary team member for the Medication Reconciliation Quality Improvement Study, an AHRQ nationally funded study. Dr. Triantafylidis has begun a new role as Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at VA Boston Healthcare System where she serves as the clinical pharmacist for the women's health clinic & community based outpatient clinics (CBOCs).

Leonard Brennan, DDS

Dr. Leonard Brennan has practiced general dentistry in Portland, Maine for more than thirty years. He is the co-director of the Harvard School of Dental Medicine's Geriatric Program and a part-time Clinical Instructor in their Department of Oral Health Policy and Epidemiology. Currently, he a member of the National Eldercare Council that advises the American Dental Association and other organizations on oral care for the aging population in the United States. He passionately believes that education through an interdisciplinary health care model is key to improving oral health care for all older adults.

Charles Seitz, DDS

Dr. Charles Seitz is a part-time Clinical Instructor at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine. He has been in private practice for over 40 years. During most of that period he has developed a geriatric nursing home sub practice servicing approximately 12 nursing facilities on a part time basis in addition to his general practice. His main interest is developing a practice model that incorporates private and public health dentistry.

Lisa Thompson, DMD

Dr. Lisa Thompson is the Program Director of the Geriatric Program at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine and part-time Clinical Instructor in their Department of Oral Health Policy and Epidemiology. She is a general dentist who specializes in treating older adults, providing portable oral health services in an interdisciplinary practice setting.

Alessandro Villa, DDS, PhD, MPH

Dr. Alessandro Villa is an Associate Surgeon in the Division of Oral Medicine and Dentistry at Brigham and Women's Hospital/Harvard School of Dental Medicine where he also serves as the Program Director of the Oral Medicine Residency program. He served as a post-doctoral fellow at the National Cancer Institute, where he studied the oral HPV prevalence in a large population and methods of early detection of oral cancer. He obtained his Master of Public Health from AT Still University, MO and his Certificate in Oral Medicine from the BWH/HSDM. Dr. Villa's research interests are focused primarily on leukoplakia and oral complications from cancer treatment. His clinical interest includes treatment of oral mucosal diseases, salivary gland disorders and oral complications from cancer therapy. Dr. Villa co-authored a chapter in UpToDate on the topic of Palliative Care Dentistry.