

2026 Oral Medicine Conference

Integrating Medicine and Dentistry – the Oral Medicine Perspective

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Special to this conference:
An optional hands-on workshop!
Biopsies for Common Oral Diseases

Learning Objectives:

1. Understand ways that lasers can facilitate treatment in medically complex patients
2. Explore laser applications for performing biopsies and extractions
3. Recognize the cellular and molecular pathways in which laser may relieve pain
4. Review principles of safe use of lasers in dentistry and oral medicine
5. Evaluate implications of cancer therapy on dental treatment planning
6. Understand possible impacts of cancer therapies on oral health
7. Reflect on the current status of oral medicine in the US
8. Increase awareness of professional opportunities in oral medicine in the US
9. Explore principles of managing emerging oral toxicities
10. Become familiar with recent oral medicine innovations
11. Examine ways that oral medicine care can significantly influence patient health outcomes
12. Practice techniques and understand considerations for performing oral tissue biopsies

Educational Objectives:

An overview of contemporary oral medicine for the general practitioner with emphasis on oral complications that arise in cancer patients. Key topics will include laser applications in biopsies and extractions, the mechanism of action of laser for pain modulation (basic science), dental clearance prior to cancer therapy, the impacts of radiotherapy to the head and neck and hematopoietic stem cell transplantation on oral health, Oral Medicine in the US,

management of emerging oral toxicities due to immunotherapy and targeted-therapy, innovations in oral medicine, and transformative clinical cases. Likewise, the conference will provide a review about principles of safe laser usage in the dental practice. The course will allow participants to take an exam for Basic Laser Safety. A hands-on workshop is also offered, which will provide guidance and practice in performing oral tissue biopsies.

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