

The Vital Role of Dental Hygienists in Chronic Disease Care

Saturday, April 26, 2025 – Atlanta

Time	Event	# of CEs
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Registration & Breakfast	
9:00 am – 9:10 am	Program Introduction from ADHA & Crest + Oral-B	
9:10 am – 11:30 am	<p>Health, Function, Aesthetics – A Comprehensive Model for Ethical Standards of Practice Hazel Glasper, DDS</p> <p><i>Dr. Hazel Glasper is a comprehensive practitioner and expert on oral-systemic links, dedicated to providing dental professionals with the tools to elevate their practice and improve patient outcomes. The role of the hygienist is central to the comprehensive practice model and often the face of the practice. As co-diagnosticians, hygienists not only drive business, the relationships they form with patients elevate treatment outcomes and contribute to a sustainable bottom line.</i></p> <p><i>In this straight-forward session, Dr. Glasper encourages hygienists to consider their impact on patient's health and practice revenues by broadening their scope to consider, not only the mechanics, but also the health, function, and aesthetics of the mouth as the gateway to the body. A thought leader in dentistry, Dr. Glasper invites hygienists to embrace their knowledge, passion and commitment to making an impact and inspires them to look beyond standard protocols and adopt a more aggressive approach to diagnosis and treatment so they can "Sell More Dentistry and Save More."</i></p> <p>Learning Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspire hygienists to view dentistry as a comprehensive practice that embraces the mouth as essential to overall health • Encourage hygienists to be passionate and proactive in their treatment style to elevate their practice and improve patient outcomes • Invite hygienists to take a big picture approach to dentistry that emphasizes health, function and aesthetics as critical components of ethical dental practice 	2.0
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Lunch	
12:30 pm – 3:30 pm	<p>Innovations in Periodontal Care: A Path to Proactive Health Management Machell Hudson-Hoover, RDH, FAAOSH, CHC</p>	3.0



	<p><i>Dental hygienists are acutely aware of the widespread prevalence of periodontal disease, which impacts nearly half of individuals by age 30 and over 70% by age 65. Yet, many patients remain unaware of how this condition fuels systemic inflammation and impacts their overall health. Both metabolic and periodontal conditions are known to drive oral and systemic inflammatory responses, amplifying the risk of cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and other chronic conditions.</i></p> <p><i>This course provides dental professionals with the knowledge and tools to address these interconnected health challenges. Participants will explore the relationship between periodontal disease and systemic conditions, such as metabolic syndrome—a cluster of risk factors including hypertension, visceral fat, low HDL cholesterol, elevated glucose, and high triglycerides. By understanding these links, dental hygienists can elevate their role in delivering proactive, comprehensive care that transforms patient outcomes.</i></p> <p>Learning Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Analyze the shared inflammatory pathways of metabolic and periodontal conditions and their impact on systemic health.</i> • <i>Develop evidence-based strategies to prevent, treat, and manage periodontal disease within a framework of systemic wellness.</i> • <i>Implement comprehensive, patient-centered care that integrates oral and overall health.</i> 	
<p>3:30 pm – 3:40 pm</p>	<p>Closing Remarks by Crest + Oral-B</p>	
<p>3:40 pm</p>	<p>Program Conclusion</p>	