Management and Prevention of Gingival Recession: The Interactive Seminar
Lecture Format: 3.0 - 3.5 hours
Seminar Leader: George K. Merijohn, DDS

Description
Gingival recession is highly common worldwide with the prevalence and severity increasing with age. In the United States alone, 58% of adults 30 years and older on average have gingival recession on 22% of their teeth.

An unfavorable consequence of gingival recession is the exposure of root surfaces to potentially cariogenic supragingival microbiota. Root caries is a debilitating disease afflicting more than 55% of older adults. Exposed cosmetic restoration margins and exposed sensitive roots are now an unfortunate everyday occurrence in practice as is gingival recession following orthodontic tooth movement.

Knowing what to do about gingival recession can be difficult, but not after this unique interactive seminar!

You will be introduced to and guided in the use of the innovative Gingival Recession Checklist, an evidence-based chairside guide that can facilitate the development of interventions by helping you focus on triage, evaluation, and patient communication regarding modifiable conditions that increase the risk for gingival recession.

Take this seminar and increase the scope of your practice services to include the management and prevention of gingival recession. Course workbook included.

You Will Learn
- The key factors that increase susceptibility to gingival recession
- A systematic approach for developing targeted and personalized action plans for the prevention and management of gingival recession in your practice
- Practical clinical decision-making criteria for when and how to monitor gingival recession and when a patient is a candidate for surgical evaluation or referral to a periodontist

Who Should Attend: This seminar is for general dentists, dental specialists, dental hygienists, and staff

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Dr. Merijohn operated his private periodontal practice in downtown San Francisco for 28 years. He is an Associate Professor for post-graduate periodontics at the University of California San Francisco and the University of Washington. Dr. Merijohn is an appointed Special Expert of the California Dental Board and serves as a consultant to dental schools and to the legal profession. He is also the director of Perio Access® Publishing and KIWImethod® Hands-On Workshops.

An active lecturer in dentistry, Dr. Merijohn is an invited speaker at major U.S. and international meetings. His articles on mucogingival clinical decision-making and risk assessment are published in peer-reviewed journals and he has authored chapters in the textbook, Decision-Making in Periodontology. Dr. Merijohn serves on the Editorial Board of the Journal of Evidence-based Dental Practice and is the founder and director of the Meadowood Dental Study Club in Napa Valley California.

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KIWImethod® Hands-On Workshops

KIWImethod® Minimally Invasive Gingival Grafting

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Gingival recession is on the rise. With the ever-increasing, patient-driven aesthetic dentistry, the enormous popularity of orthodontics, the explosion in cosmetic restoration and increasingly assertive patient self-care oral hygiene and dental bleaching, the need is escalating for gingival recession early detection, wellness/prevention and treatment.

Autogenous gingival grafting remains the gold standard for establishing protective gingival tissue and preventing further recession. However, conventional palatal tissue harvesting is fraught with problems such as patient fear, protracted pain at the palatal harvest site, difficulty chewing and talking and excessive postoperative bleeding and complications. This KIWImethod Hands-On Workshop opens the door to you for minimally invasive recipient site preparation and non-palatal autogenous tissue harvesting that lessens post-op bleeding and improves outcomes. Detailed step-by-step methodologies are presented for both root coverage and non-root coverage procedures.

The KIWImethod Minimally Invasive Gingival Grafting Hands-On Workshop is a fresh new approach to learning. It's a real, live experience—not another cadaver, pig jaw, or artificial model workshop. Using precision surgical instruments preferred by periodontists and the scalpel blades and sutures utilized during live surgery, you learn and practice on fresh Kiwi fruit. Developed by Dr. Merijohn, this special training concept is used in training postdoctoral periodontal residents in precision gingival grafting techniques. Course workbook included.

You Will Learn
□ Practical recipient site preparation
□ Special techniques for minimally invasive graft harvest and preparation
□ Predictable suturing techniques and time-tested postoperative protocols

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Seminars for Periodontists
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Part 1: Gingival Tissue Grafting for the Lingual Aspect of the Anterior Mandible

Description
Bone loss and gingival recession on the lingual aspect of teeth in the anterior portion of the mandible presents diagnostic and therapeutic challenges to dentistry. Learn minimally invasive surgical procedures utilizing non-palatal and palatal autogenous donor tissues for this area often over-looked by referring clinicians. The presentation includes: detailed preoperative, surgical, and postoperative methodologies; and practical clinical decision-making.

Increasing awareness about mandibular anterior lingual gingival recession defects and treatment for this special region is a bright new opportunity for the periodontist to reach out to new and established referring clinicians about new treatments for gingival recession defects. A practical and systematic approach to increase referrals is presented.

Part 2: Non-palatal Minimally Invasive Autogenous Donor Tissue Harvesting for Gingival Recession Defect Surgery

Description
Autogenous gingival grafting is the gold standard for establishing durable gingival tissue and preventing further recession. Learn innovative minimally invasive non-palatal harvesting that will lessen postoperative pain/bleeding and improve outcomes. Highly favored and appreciated by both patients and referring clinicians, these minimally invasive donor site protocols are a valuable addition to the periodontists tool box. A practical and systematic approach to increase referrals is also presented.

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