



2026

*Hawaii Dental Association*  
**CONVENTION**  
**PROGRAM BOOKLET**

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JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup> - 16<sup>TH</sup>

*'Alohilani Resort Waikiki Beach*  
HONOLULU, HI

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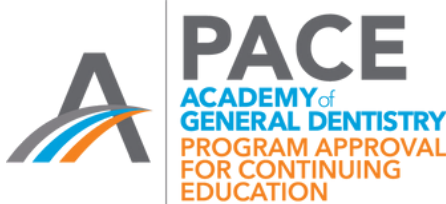
**122nd Annual Convention and Exhibition  
of the Hawaii Dental Association**

January 14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
*'Alohilani Resort Waikiki Beach*

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# Aloha!

Welcome to the Hawaii Dental Association Convention 2026. The Hawaii Dental Association is excited to host the premier dental convention in the Pacific. We invite you to join us for a unique and exclusive three-day meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii, from **Wednesday to Friday, January 14 – 16, 2026**, at the beachfront Alohilani Resort.

Continuing dental education sessions will be held by prominent speakers to provide you with the most current scientific and technological information pertaining to dentistry today.

Exhibitors are ready to share with you new information, products, and equipment. Complete details about the speakers, meeting schedule and registration are included in this kit.

Mahalo,

*Jeffrey Sonson*

Jeffrey Sonson, DDS, Chair  
HDA Continuing Education Program

*Jaclyn Lum*

Jaclyn Lum, DDS, Chair  
HDA Convention Program



# HAWAII DENTAL ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

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## *at a Glance*

### EVENT LOCATION

The Hawaii Dental Association Convention & Exhibition 2026 will be held at the  
**'Alohilani Resort Waikiki Beach**  
2490 Kalakaua Ave. Honolulu, HI 96815





HAWAII DENTAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

# *Pani Hana* & HDA AWARDS



'ALOHI LANI RESORT, FLOOR 3 | STINGRAY



THURS, JAN 15, 2026



4:15 PM - 6:15 PM

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2026 HDA Convention

# Shuttle Service

Complimentary shuttle  
between Ala Moana Hotel  
and 'Alohilani Resort

Hop on our dedicated HDA  
Convention shuttle to travel  
easily between venues!

## Shuttle Details



**January  
14-16, 2026**



**Morning:  
6:30 – 8:00 AM**

**Evening:  
4:30 – 6:00 PM**



**Meeting Point:  
Mahukona St.**

Between Ala  
Moana Hotel and  
Ala Moana Center

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JOIN US AT OUR

# Members' LOUNGE

*Relax & recharge in our members' lounge with light refreshments & drinks*

Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

'Alohilani Resort, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor | Yellowtail

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Optimizing Care with Patient Education and Team Training



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This seminar focuses on essential risk management strategies, empowering dentists with the skills and resources to address key factors that optimize patient outcomes and mitigate potential liabilities. Through evaluation of actual TDIC cases, this seminar explores the importance of establishing protocols to enhance patient safety. It also covers best practices for obtaining current and past health histories, insights on essential staff roles and training, and steps for responding to office emergencies.

Date: January 16, 2026  
Time: 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (HST)  
Location: In person at Alohilani Hotel

After completion of this course, you will be able to:

- Understand the significance of establishing and adhering to protocols and the importance of staff training for medical emergencies.
- Recognize your role in providing patient education to achieve optimal levels of care and patient compliance.
- Incorporate controls and procedures to reduce the potential for errors in documentation and increase patient safety.

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## Daniel C. Freeman, DDS

Dr. Freeman earned his dental degree in 1984 from the University of the Pacific, Dugoni School of Dentistry, San Francisco. From 1989 – 2018, he held various professional positions, including Chairman of the Public Affairs Committee, Dental Care Committee, Consultant/Instructor Basic Life Support Committee and as a Board Member at Large, with the Marin County Dental Society. For 38 years Dr. Freeman maintained a successful private solo general practice, while also dedicating his time to volunteering in organized dentistry at both local and state levels. Dr. Freeman was concurrently on the dental faculty at the University of the Pacific school of Dentistry for twenty-two years. He continues to nurture his passion for teaching and education. Since 1994, he has served as an expert consultant, educator and dental mentor.



## Art Curley, Esq.

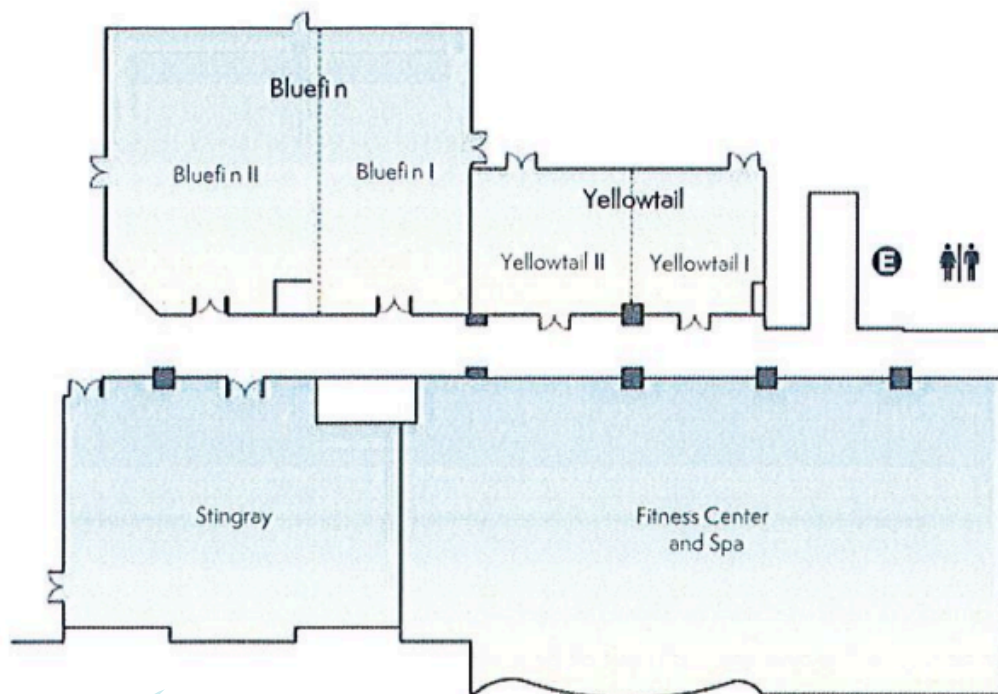
Mr. Curley is a senior trial attorney in California. After graduating from the University of California, Berkeley with honors in 1970, he obtained his J.D. in 1974 from the UC College of Law, San Francisco. He is currently an Assistant Professor of Dental Jurisprudence at the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry in San Francisco and an Adjunct Faculty Professor at the University of California, San Francisco. As a trial attorney, he has been defending doctors for over 49 years and has presented risk management courses throughout the United States and Canada. He is an associate of the American Board of Trial Advocates. Mr. Curley has published several articles on risk management and authored chapters in numerous text books on oral surgery, endodontics and periodontics.

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# 'Alohilani Map

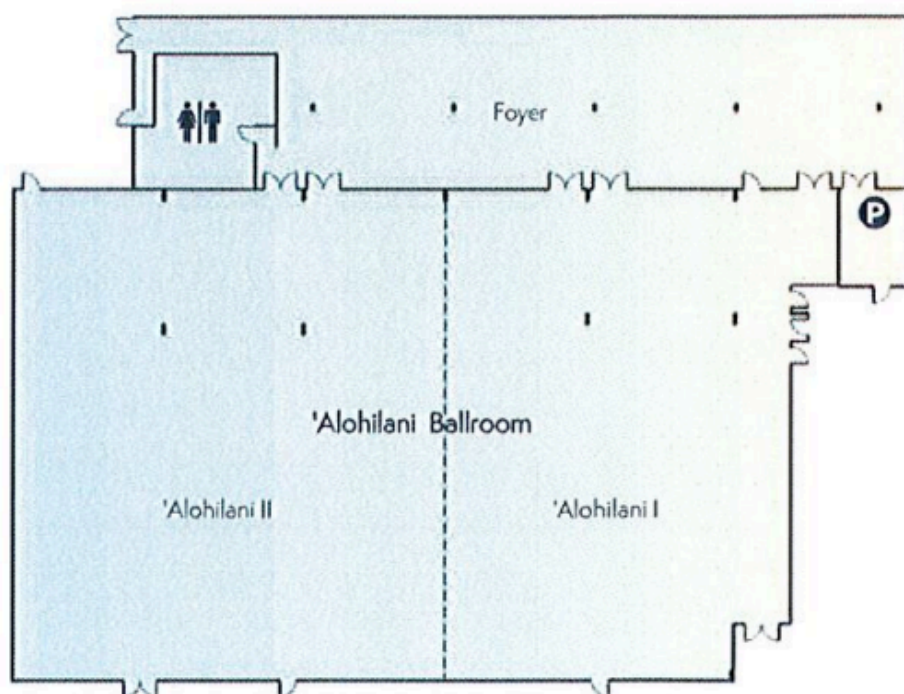
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## LEGEND

- Parking elevator
- Elevator
- Restroom

## SIXTH FLOOR



# 2026 EXHIBITORS

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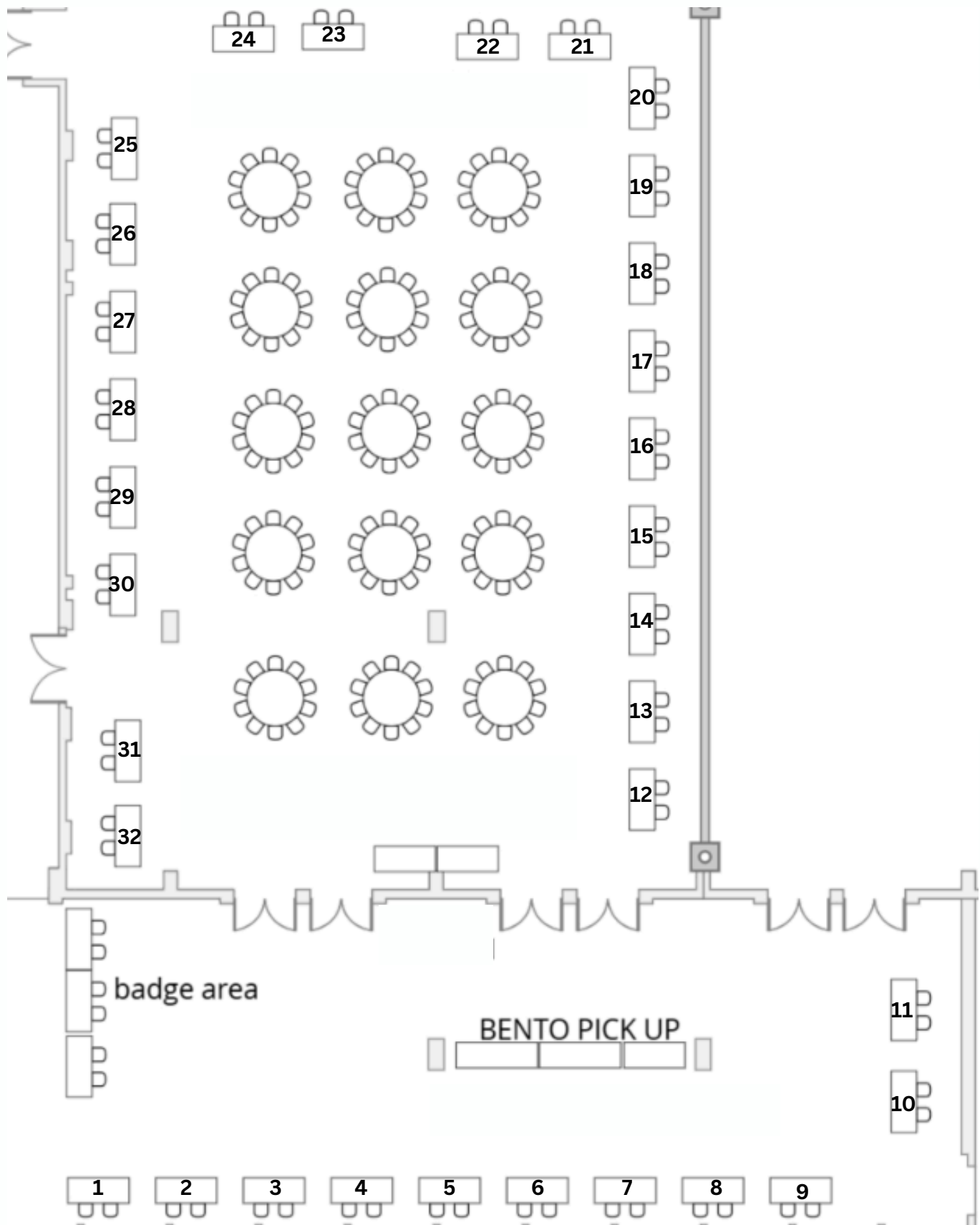
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# 2026 EXHIBITORS

## BALLROOM 1, FLOOR 6 (TABLE MAP)



# SCHEDULE

*at a glance*

**DAILY LUNCH PICK UPS**  
**10:45 AM - 1:30 PM**

START TIME - END TIME	SPEAKER	LECTURE	ROOM
<b>Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026</b>			
7:30 am - 10:30 am	Fast CPR	Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers	Yellowtail
8:00 am - 11:30 am	Mr. Sean Murphy	Helping the Modern Dental Practice Recognize Certain Ethical Issues	Ballroom 2
8:30 am - 10:30 am	Mr. Chris Yeh	From Hire to Separation: Managing the Employment Life Cycle	Bluefin
9:00 am - 11:00 am	Dr. Ryan Yim	Airpolishing for Non-Surgical Periodontal Therapy	Stingray
11:30 am - 1:30 pm	Dr. Mestisa Gass	Dental, Mental, Mindful: Promoting Understanding and Healing In Our Personal and Professional Lives	Bluefin
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Mr. Anthony Lang	Preventing Workplace Violence in Hawaii-Based Dental Practices: To Do and What Not To Do	Stingray
12:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Mr. Sean Murphy	Helping the Modern Dental Practice Recognize Certain Ethical Issues	Ballroom
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Fast CPR	Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers	Yellowtail
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Mr. Kevin Ramirez	808NoVape: Ending the Youth Vaping Epidemic	Bluefin
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Dr. Eva Kiezik	Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office: Prevention, Preparedness, and Protocols	Stingray

*All 3-hour courses include a 30-minute break.*



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*at a glance*

**DAILY LUNCH PICK UPS**  
**10:45 AM - 1:30 PM**

START TIME - END TIME	SPEAKER	LECTURE	ROOM
<b>Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026</b>			
8:00 am - 10:00 am	Dr. Steve Wilhite	The Clinical Introduction to Sleep Apnea and Oral Appliance Therapy	Ballroom 2
8:00 am - 11:30 am	Dr. Jonathan Ng	Digital Impressions Explained - Compare, Contrast & Master the Critical Foundation of Precision Dentistry	Bluefin
9:00 am - 11:00 am	Dr. Barry Taylor	Green Dentistry: Cannabis & Oral Health	Yellowtail
11:00 am - 1:00 pm	Dr. Steve Wilhite	Medical & Dental Sleep Medicine: Current Breakthroughs & Controversies	Ballroom 2
1:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Dr. Jonathan Ng	Everything You Need To Know About Digital Dentistry To Transform Practice For the General Dentist	Bluefin
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Dr. Barry Taylor	Wellness for the Oral Health Care Provider	Ballroom 2
2:30 - 4:00 pm	Dr. Sean Holliday	Orthodontics in Collaborative Dental Care: Leveraging AI & Advanced Technology for Interdisciplinary Treatment Planning	Yellowtail

*All 3-hour courses include a 30-minute break.*

# SCHEDULE

*at a glance*

**DAILY LUNCH PICK UPS**  
**10:45 AM - 1:30 PM**

START TIME - END TIME	SPEAKER	LECTURE	ROOM
<b>Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026</b>			
7:30 am - 10:30 am	Fast CPR	Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers	Yellowtail
8:00 am - 11:30 am	Dr. Alan Atlas	Elevating Your Posterior Composite Restorations: An Evidence Based Workflow System for Consistent Clinical Excellence	Ballroom 2
8:00 am - 10:00 am	Ms. Amber Auger	RDH Toolkit	Bluefin
8:30 - 11:30 am		TDIC Risk Management*	Stingray
11:00 am - 1:00 pm	Ms. Amber Auger	Profitable Collaborative Care	Bluefin
12:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Dr. Alan Atlas	From Planning to Placement: Step-by-Step Workflows to Restorative Excellence	Stingray
1:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Mr. Arthur Curley	Dental Ethics	Ballroom 2
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Fast CPR	Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers	Bluefin

*\*This course is independent of HDA; see additional flyer for information  
All 3-hour courses include a 30-minute break.*

# COURSE INFORMATION

## *Descriptions*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

### BASIC LIFE SUPPORT FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

7:30 am - 10:30 am  
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
*Fast CPR*

This comprehensive on-site Basic Life Support (BLS) training provides you with critical emergency medical skills. Our instructor will deliver a hands-on, interactive training to prepare you to respond effectively to medical emergencies.

#### Training Highlights

- Meets American Heart Association (AHA) certification standards
- Includes comprehensive CPR and emergency response techniques
- Practical, scenario-based learning with professional medical equipment
- Certification valid for two years upon successful completion

#### What Participants Will Learn

- Adult, child, and infant CPR techniques
- Automated External Defibrillator (AED) usage
- Choking rescue procedures
- Team dynamics and two men rescue skills.

*AHA BLS Provider Ebook included with training.*

This comprehensive AHA digital resource is designed specifically for healthcare professionals seeking to obtain or renew their Basic Life Support (BLS) certification. The ebook provides a comprehensive, user-friendly guide that breaks down critical life-saving techniques, protocols, and best practices for emergency cardiovascular care.

**AGD Subject Code: 142**  
**Delivery Method: Participation**  
**CE Credits: 3.0**

*Please note that this course repeats Wednesday and Friday*

### HELPING THE MODERN DENTAL PRACTICE RECOGNIZE CERTAIN ETHICAL ISSUES

8:00 am - 11:30 am  
12:30 pm - 4:00 pm  
*Mr. Sean Murphy*

This course discusses some of the ethical issues currently facing dental practices, and provides attendees with options to consider for these various ethical issues. The format for the course, which involves real world hypotheticals, is meant to be both entertaining and engaging.

**Learning Objectives:** Learning objectives include, but are not limited to, options to consider for such issues as: requests for inappropriate treatments, furnishing dental records, disclosing conflicts of interest, and dental marketing.

**AGD Subject Code: 555**  
**Delivery Method: Lecture**  
**CE Credits: 3.0**

*Please note that the afternoon course is a repeat of the morning course.*



# COURSE INFORMATION

## *Descriptions*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 - CONTINUED

### **FROM HIRE TO SEPARATION: MANAGING THE EMPLOYMENT LIFE CYCLE**

**8:30 am - 10:30 am**  
**Mr. Chris Yeh**

This course addresses considerations and practice pointers in managing the hiring process (e.g., job interviews, pre-hire medical examinations, “working interviews”), employment agreements (e.g., arbitration, confidentiality, non-solicitation), legal issues that might arise during employment (e.g., harassment complaints, leave of absence, accommodation requests), and separation (e.g., termination, job references). This course will also address the assessment of whether a worker is an employee or an independent contractor.

Learning Objectives: Attendees will learn how to minimize employment-related legal risks in their dental practices.

**AGD Subject Code: 550**  
**Delivery Method: Lecture**  
**CE Credits: 2.0**

### **AIRPOLISHING FOR NON-SURGICAL PERIODONTAL THERAPY**

**9:00 am - 11:00 am**  
**Dr. Ryan Yim**

This course explores the role of air polishing technology in non-surgical periodontal therapy, with a focus on its integration into contemporary biofilm management strategies. Participants will learn how advances in air polishing powders, delivery systems, and clinical protocols have transformed patient care—offering minimally invasive, efficient, and comfortable alternatives to traditional debridement methods. Through evidence-based discussion and case applications, the course highlights how guided biofilm therapy principles enhance outcomes for periodontal maintenance, supportive therapy, and peri-implant health.

Learning Objectives: Attendees will understand the scientific basis of air polishing in periodontal and peri-implant therapy, including mechanisms of action and biofilm disruption. They will differentiate between air polishing powders (e.g., glycine, erythritol, sodium bicarbonate) and their indications, contraindications, and effects on hard/soft tissues. Attendees will learn about the efficacy and applications for using an air polisher. They will also learn a general protocol for use of an air polisher for non-surgical periodontal therapy.

**AGD Subject Code: 490**  
**Delivery Method: Lecture**  
**CE Credits: 2.0**

# COURSE INFORMATION

## *Descriptions*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 - CONTINUED

### **DENTAL, MENTAL, MINDFUL: PROMOTING UNDERSTANDING AND HEALING IN OUR PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LIVES**

**11:30 am - 1:30 pm**  
**Dr. Mestisa Gass**

The slides will use a simple 4 color template with an overarching theme of sharks. The shark theme represents, and will be briefly discussed at the start of the presentation and throughout, a creature that brings things from the depths into the light. So we will be learning about mental health, assessing ourselves for places of growth, learning skills to use with ourselves or someone in crisis, and identifying who to call when in need. The shark will help us identify our own depths and need for self-care.

Learning Objectives: Attendees will: 1) Briefly discuss the current landscape of mental health and the impact on the dental profession. 2) Introduce a framework for assessing and improving mental health. 3) Identify key changes to foster a mental health culture and gain skills. 4) Review national and state specific crisis supports.

**AGD Subject Code: 770**  
**Delivery Method: Lecture**  
**CE Credits: 2.0**

### **PREVENTING WORKPLACE VIOLENCE IN HAWAII-BASED DENTAL PRACTICES: TO DO AND WHAT NOT TO DO!**

**12:00 pm - 1:30 pm**  
**Mr. Anthony Lang**

This discussion will analyze actual case studies to address workplace violence indicators and possible offenders who may commit acts of violence in a Hawaii-based dental practice. Then, we will look at action/flash points which may trigger workplace violence and the appropriate steps to address these hot spots. We will then conclude with talking points on intervention practices and ultimate prevention steps, culminating in a possible workplace violence action plan.

Learning Objectives: 1) identifying signs of potential violence; 2) understanding the different types of violence and perpetrators; 3) recognizing escalating situations; 4) de-escalating possible conflicts; 5) implementing appropriate response strategies; and 6) reporting incidents properly - all with the goal of creating a safe environment within a dental institution.

**AGD Subject Code: 550**  
**Delivery Method: Lecture**  
**CE Credits: 1.5**

# COURSE INFORMATION

## *Descriptions*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 - CONTINUED

### **808NOVAPE: ENDING THE YOUTH VAPING EPIDEMIC**

**2:30 pm - 4:00 pm**  
**Mr. Kevin Ramirez**

Youth vaping in Hawai'i peaked among high school students in 2019 and has continued to remain prevalent in 2026. While e-cigarette use continues at the high and middle school levels, in the past two years the issue has become rampant in our elementary schools. This presentation will cover the beginning of the tobacco epidemic in the United States from its inception with cigarettes over 100 years ago, up to today's most popular tobacco product for youth, the electronic cigarette. The course will also cover some of the strategies used by the Coalition For A Tobacco-Free Hawai'i to reduce the impact of tobacco products on our community.

Learning Objectives: Participants will learn: 1) About the history of tobacco prevention and control work. 2) The history of the e-cigarette and the various innovations in the technology over the years. 3) About different tobacco products and how their use can negatively impact oral health. 4) About the current policy and advocacy efforts of the Coalition For A Tobacco-Free Hawai'i.

**AGD Subject Code: 158**  
**Delivery Method: Lecture**  
**CE Credits: 1.5**

### **MEDICAL EMERGENCIES IN THE DENTAL OFFICE: PREVENTION, PREPAREDNESS, AND PROTOCOLS**

**3:00 pm - 4:30 pm**  
**Dr. Eva Kiezik**

Medical emergencies can occur unexpectedly in any dental setting, making preparedness essential for patient safety. This presentation reviews the concepts and skills to identify and manage the most common medical emergencies encountered in practice, including syncope, allergic reactions, seizures, hypoglycemia, and cardiac events. Participants will review emergency protocols, proper use of emergency drugs and equipment, and strategies for effective team response and prevention.

Learning Objectives: By the end of this presentation, participants will be able to recognize, assess, and manage the most common medical emergencies that may occur in a dental setting, with emphasis on prevention strategies, emergency protocols, and the effective use of emergency equipment and medications.

**AGD Subject Code: 142**  
**Delivery Method: Lecture**  
**CE Credits: 1.5**



# COURSE INFORMATION

## *Descriptions*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

### THE CLINICAL INTRODUCTION TO SLEEP APNEA & ORAL APPLIANCE THERAPY

8:00 am - 10:00am  
Dr. Steve Wilhite

This introductory lecture provides dental professionals with a foundational understanding of obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) and the role of oral appliance therapy in its management. Participants will explore the clinical basics of OSA diagnosis, review the legal framework governing dental treatment of OSA in Hawaii, and trace the historical development of oral appliances, including their origins in Honolulu. The session will also compare the various types of oral appliances currently used to treat OSA, highlighting differences in design, function, and patient suitability.

The course emphasizes evidence-based practice, regulatory compliance, and practical application, equipping attendees with the knowledge needed to evaluate oral appliance therapy as part of comprehensive patient care.

#### Learning Objectives:

At the conclusion of this course, participants will be able to:

- Identify the clinical features and diagnostic criteria for obstructive sleep apnea (OSA).
- Summarize Hawaii state laws and regulations relevant to dentists treating OSA.
- Describe the historical development of oral appliances, with emphasis on their early use in Honolulu.
- Differentiate among the major types of oral appliances used in OSA therapy and assess their clinical indications.

AGD Subject Code: 730  
Delivery Method: Lecture  
CE Credits: 2.0

### DIGITAL IMPRESSIONS EXPLAINED - COMPARE, CONTRAST AND MASTER THE CRITICAL FOUNDATION OF PRECISION DENTISTRY

8:00 am - 11:30 am  
Dr. Jonathan Ng

Whether you are new to digital workflows or looking to refine your technique, this course equips the general practice with the knowledge and practical skills to confidently master digital impressions in daily practice. This lecture demystifies digital impressions for the general practice, offering a clear comparison with traditional methods and a deep dive into the latest scanning technologies. Attendees will explore how digital impressions serve as the bedrock of precision dentistry, enhancing workflow efficiency and clinical outcomes. The session will also highlight the growing role of artificial intelligence (AI) in digital impression systems, including automated steps and scan optimization.

Learning Objectives: Upon completion, participants will be able to: Compare and contrast digital and traditional impression techniques, understanding their respective advantages and limitations for general dentistry. Identify and evaluate different intraoral scanners and their applications across a range of general dental procedures. Describe the impact of AI-driven features in digital impression systems on accuracy, efficiency, and diagnostic capability. Apply best practices and clinical tips for capturing accurate, reliable digital impressions in routine and complex cases.

AGD Subject Code: 610  
Delivery Method: Lecture  
CE Credits: 3.0

# COURSE INFORMATION

## *Descriptions*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 - CONTINUED

### GREEN DENTISTRY: CANNABIS & ORAL HEALTH

9:00 am - 11:00 am  
Dr. Barry Taylor

Marijuana, also known as Cannabis, is the most common used illicit drug in the United States. Thirty-five states currently have legalized marijuana for medicinal purposes, while over 20 states have legalized it for recreational use. It is estimated that over 10% of the US population uses marijuana at least once a year.

This course is an unbiased and evidence-based presentation of marijuana and its role in dentistry. We will present an introduction to the history of marijuana and trends pertaining to its use. Next, we will provide a basic science review regarding the Cannabis plant, the drug marijuana, and the Endocannabinoid System. We will review how marijuana use affects oral and general health. Finally, we will address areas of possible dental research related to cannabinoids.

At the conclusion of the course the participants will:

1. Comprehend the Endocannabinoid System, what cannabinoids are, and how marijuana is connected.
2. Understand how marijuana affects oral health – specifically detailing oral pathology, dental caries, and periodontal disease
3. Understand how marijuana affects our patient's general health and provide information of possible interactions of marijuana with commonly prescribed medications
4. Learn how to communicate with patients regularly using marijuana
5. Explore future areas of research with cannabinoids in regard to anxiolysis, bone metabolism, wound healing, and inflammation.

**AGD Subject Code: 346**  
**Delivery Method: Lecture**  
**CE Credits: 2.0**

### MEDICAL & DENTAL SLEEP MEDICINE: CURRENT BREAKTHROUGHS & CONTROVERSIES

11:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Dr. Steve Wilhite

This advanced lecture explores the evolving intersection of medical and dental approaches to sleep medicine, highlighting both innovations and ongoing debates. Participants will examine the role of consumer wearables in tracking sleep patterns, review in-office diagnostic technologies for obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) and consider the integration of combined treatment strategies. The session also addresses emerging interventions such as rapid palatal expansion, the management of bruxism, and mandibular advancement techniques.

The course emphasizes evidence-based practice, critical evaluation of new technologies, and interdisciplinary collaboration, equipping attendees to navigate the rapidly changing landscape of dental sleep medicine.

Learning Objectives:

At the conclusion of this course, participants will be able to:

- Evaluate the utility and limitations of consumer wearables for sleep tracking.
- Identify in-office diagnostic equipment options for OSA and assess their clinical applications.
- Discuss the rationale and challenges of combining medical and dental treatments for sleep disorders.
- Explain the principles and controversies surrounding rapid palatal expansion, bruxism management, and mandibular advancement therapies.

**AGD Subject Code: 730**  
**Delivery Method: Lecture**  
**CE Credits: 2.0**

# COURSE INFORMATION

## *Descriptions*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 - CONTINUED

### EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DIGITAL DENTISTRY TO TRANSFORM PRACTICE FOR THE GENERAL DENTIST

1:00 pm - 4:30 pm  
Dr. Jonathan Ng

This comprehensive lecture is designed for the general dentist eager to embrace the digital transformation sweeping the dental profession. Covering the full spectrum of digital technologies—from diagnostics and treatment planning to CAD/CAM restorations and 3D printing—this session demonstrates how digital workflows can elevate patient care and practice efficiency. Special emphasis will be placed on the integration of artificial intelligence (AI) in digital dentistry, including AI-powered diagnostics, treatment planning, and restorative design. General dentists will leave with actionable strategies and a clear roadmap for integrating digital and AI innovations into their own practices.

Learning Objectives: Upon completion, participants will be able to: 1) Identify the essential components of the digital dental workflow, including imaging, design, and fabrication technologies relevant to general dentistry. 2) Evaluate the clinical and operational benefits of digital and AI integration in preventive, restorative, and prosthetic dental care. 3) Discuss current and emerging applications of AI in digital dentistry and their impact on diagnostics, planning, and patient outcomes. 4) Develop a personalized implementation plan for adopting digital and AI-driven solutions to enhance practice efficiency and patient care.

**AGD Subject Code: 610**  
**Delivery Method: Lecture**  
**CE Credits: 3.0**

### WELLNESS FOR THE ORAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDER

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Dr. Barry Taylor

According to the 2021 ADA Wellness survey, 16% of dentists experience anxiety. Dentists younger than 40 years old were more likely to score higher on the depression risk assessment questions than older dentists and have lower self-competence. Dr Barry Taylor uses his own personal story and journey through depression to wellness in this evidence-based presentation on wellbeing. In addition to learning about how mental illness can affect a dentist's clinical ability, Dr. Taylor will discuss many preventive measures that one can take to get to and stay in a healthier environment. Additionally, Dr. Taylor will discuss how to communicate and help others who may be experiencing a mental health crisis.

#### Course objectives

1. Understand how mental health affects clinical decisions
2. Understand the role of nutrition and exercise in maintaining good mental health
3. Learn how to address stress and maintain a healthy lifestyle
4. Learn how to communicate with others who are experiencing a mental health crisis

**AGD Subject Code: 770**  
**Delivery Method: Lecture**  
**CE Credits: 2.0**



# COURSE INFORMATION

## *Descriptions*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 - CONTINUED

### **ORTHODONTICS IN COLLABORATIVE DENTAL CARE: LEVERAGING AI & ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY TREATMENT PLANNING**

**2:30 pm - 4:00 pm**  
**Dr. Sean Holliday**

This comprehensive lecture examines how modern orthodontic practice leverages cutting-edge digital technologies to facilitate collaborative care with restorative dentists and specialists. Attendees will learn how AI-powered tools, digital smile design workflows, and remote patient monitoring systems are transforming interdisciplinary treatment planning and enhancing patient outcomes. The presentation will demonstrate practical applications of these technologies through real case studies, showing how multidisciplinary teams can better coordinate with restorative dentists, periodontists, orthodontists, and oral surgeons using digital platforms. Participants will gain actionable insights into implementing these digital workflows to improve communication, treatment predictability, and patient satisfaction in complex multidisciplinary cases.

Learning Objectives: Upon completion of this lecture, participants will be able to:

1) Identify key digital technologies (CBCT, intraoral scanning, AI tools) that enhance communication between orthodontists and interdisciplinary team members in complex treatment planning. 2) Describe how digital smile design (DSD) workflows integrate orthodontic treatment with restorative and esthetic outcomes to improve collaborative case management. 3) Evaluate the role of AI-powered diagnostic and monitoring tools in orthodontic treatment planning and their impact on interdisciplinary care coordination. 4) Implement patient monitoring systems and digital communication protocols to enhance treatment efficiency and patient compliance in collaborative care settings. 5) Develop strategies for integrating digital workflows into practice while maintaining effective communication with interdisciplinary teams of restorative dentists, orthodontists, and other specialists. 6) Apply technology-enhanced patient communication tools to improve treatment acceptance and understanding in complex interdisciplinary cases.

**AGD Subject Code: 370**  
**Delivery Method: Lecture**  
**CE Credits: 1.5**

# COURSE INFORMATION

## *Descriptions*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

### BASIC LIFE SUPPORT FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

7:30 am - 10:30 am  
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
*Fast CPR*

This comprehensive on-site Basic Life Support (BLS) training provides you with critical emergency medical skills. Our instructor will deliver a hands-on, interactive training to prepare you to respond effectively to medical emergencies.

#### Training Highlights

- Meets American Heart Association (AHA) certification standards
- Includes comprehensive CPR and emergency response techniques
- Practical, scenario-based learning with professional medical equipment
- Certification valid for two years upon successful completion

#### What Participants Will Learn

- Adult, child, and infant CPR techniques
- Automated External Defibrillator (AED) usage
- Choking rescue procedures
- Team dynamics and two men rescue skills.

*AHA BLS Provider Ebook included with training.*

This comprehensive AHA digital resource is designed specifically for healthcare professionals seeking to obtain or renew their Basic Life Support (BLS) certification. The ebook provides a comprehensive, user-friendly guide that breaks down critical life-saving techniques, protocols, and best practices for emergency cardiovascular care.

**AGD Subject Code: 142**  
**Delivery Method: Lecture**  
**CE Credits: 3.0**

*Please note that the afternoon course is a repeat of the morning course.*

# COURSE INFORMATION

## *Descriptions*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 - CONTINUED

### **ELEVATING YOUR POSTERIOR COMPOSITE RESTORATIONS: AN EVIDENCE BASED WORKFLOW SYSTEM FOR CONSISTENT CLINICAL EXCELLENCE**

**8:00 am - 11:30 am**  
**Dr. Alan Atlas**

Direct Class II posterior composite restorations remain among the most technique-sensitive procedures in restorative dentistry. Despite their widespread use, outcomes often fall short of the longevity associated with traditional amalgam restorations, largely due to the absence of standardized, evidence-based clinical protocols.

This course bridges the gap between emerging scientific research and practical, real-world application. Participants will explore a streamlined, evidence-based workflow designed to enhance the predictability, efficiency, and long-term success of posterior composite restorations. Clinical techniques will be demonstrated with high-definition dental microscope video, offering an immersive, detailed view that supports both understanding and implementation. By the end of this course, attendees will be equipped with the knowledge and skills to optimize their Class II composite restorations, improve patient outcomes, and elevate practice profitability.

Learning Objectives: 1) Analyze current scientific evidence identifying key factors that contribute to the failure of direct Class II posterior composite restorations. 2) Apply advanced clinical protocols—from preparation through final polish—to consistently achieve precise margins, ideal proximal contacts, and eliminate post-operative sensitivity. 3) Incorporate innovative, research-supported techniques to optimize the workflow for direct Class II restorations, with applications extending to Class I and Class V restorations. 4) Improve clinical efficiency and profitability by adopting evidence-based methods and eliminating reliance on materials lacking robust clinical validation. 5) Develop effective patient communication strategies to educate on maintenance, manage expectations, and reduce the risk of dissatisfaction or litigation.

**AGD Subject Code: 250**  
**Delivery Method: Lecture**  
**CE Credits: 3.0**



# COURSE INFORMATION

## *Descriptions*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 - CONTINUED

### RDH TOOLKIT

8:00 am - 10:00 am  
Ms. Amber Auger

How we decontaminate the oral cavity matters. The demands of fast-paced lifestyles have increased our patient's oral diseases. In order to be effective in our chairside treatments, having updated technologies is requisite. This course is designed for attendees to review the latest techniques, how they improve patient care, and how they reduce stress on the clinician.

Learning Objectives: Review 5 steps to increase case acceptance and behavior change for enhanced treatment outcomes. Discover how the latest technologies are used to decrease the stress on the body of the RDH and refine the patient experience. Identify products to meet the patient's needs.

**AGD Subject Code: 149**  
**Delivery Method: Lecture**  
**CE Credits: 2.0**

### PROFITABLE COLLABORATIVE CARE

11:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Ms. Amber Auger

Dental hygienists hold the key to your practice's success, with nearly 80% of the practice revenue coming from their chairs. This program aims to develop a foundation for exceptional leadership skills to create a true partnership with the dental hygienist. This program will encourage a unique method of partnership to transform employees into practice stakeholders.

Learning Objectives: Attendees will: 1) Learn techniques to create a positive culture of trust and respect. 2) Learn how to be sure your hygienists and dentists are aligned. 3) Evaluate how to establish an effective communication style with the RDH. 4) Identify the critical components of an effective workflow for preventive care. 5) Discover five best practices in "hand-offs." 6) Learn how to effectively set goals and action plans to maximize revenue. 7) Review how to create and implement a schedule to maximize revenue.

**AGD Subject Code: 550**  
**Delivery Method: Lecture**  
**CE Credits: 2.0**

# COURSE INFORMATION

## *Descriptions*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 - CONTINUED

### FROM PLANNING TO PLACEMENT: STEP-BY-STEP WORKFLOWS TO RESTORATIVE EXCELLENCE

12:30pm - 4:00 pm  
Dr. Alan Atlas

This course explores the transformative role of digital technologies in dentistry, with a focus on CAD/CAM fabrication of ceramic restorations. While digital advancements have revolutionized efficiency in design and fabrication, long-term success depends on a comprehensive understanding of factors unique to these technologies. Participants will explore evidence-based strategies for treatment planning that integrate contemporary ceramic materials with both digital and conventional workflows. Step-by-step techniques for achieving predictable esthetic and functional results will be illustrated through high-definition dental microscope video. Grounded in the latest scientific research, this course offers a comprehensive and practical approach to crown and bridge workflows—covering every stage from tooth preparation, conventional or digital impressions to final cementation—for ceramic crowns, bridges, inlays, onlays, and veneers as well as traditional PFM and full cast gold crowns.

Learning Objectives: By the end of this course, participants will be able to: 1) Identify key factors within the digital workflow that impact marginal fit and contribute to the premature failure of indirect ceramic restorations. 2) Demonstrate comprehensive clinical protocols for anterior and posterior ceramic and metal-based restorations—including treatment planning, tooth preparation, conventional or digital impression options, and final cementation. 3) Understand the appropriate materials and techniques for foundational core buildups to ensure structural reinforcement prior to tooth preparation. 4) Evaluate risk factors, select appropriate post-and-core systems and restorative materials, and apply crown preparation guidelines for restoring severely compromised endodontically treated teeth. 5) Implement innovative, efficient, and tooth-preserving workflows that integrate restorative treatment seamlessly with endodontic therapy. 6) Master step-by-step preparation techniques for all-ceramic crowns, veneers, inlays, and onlays, utilizing high-definition dental microscope video to ensure precise and clearly defined finish lines. 7) Apply evidence-based smile design principles to guide esthetic treatment planning for veneers and comprehensive full-mouth rehabilitations.

**AGD Subject Code: 250**  
**Delivery Method: Lecture**  
**CE Credits: 3.0**

### DENTAL ETHICS

1:00 pm - 4:30 pm  
Mr. Arthur Curley

This Dental Ethics Program is based on the ADA Principle of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct. The speaker will review topics that include patient autonomy, beneficence, justice and veracity principles and will comply with the Hawaii Board of Dentistry every two-year requirement, per Hawaii Revised Statutes 448-8.5. The speaker will offer tips and guidance on compliance with ethical requirements.

Learning Objectives: Course attendees will learn to: 1) Recognize the scope of current ethical issues in a dental practice. 2) Avoid or prevent clinical ethical problems in practice. 3) Educate associates and staff on how to resolve clinical ethical issues or problems if they occur.

**AGD Subject Code: 555**  
**Delivery Method: Lecture**  
**CE Credits: 3.0**

*Please note that this is a different course from the Wednesday sessions.*

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# Speakers



## ALAN ATLAS, DDS

Dr. Alan Atlas maintains a full time private practice dedicated to comprehensive and esthetic dentistry located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He is Director of Restorative Microscopy and holds a dual appointment as Clinical Professor in the departments of Endodontics and Preventive/Restorative Sciences at Penn Dental Medicine. His presentations span worldwide and continually at all major meetings in the United States.



## AMBER AUGER, MPH, RDH

Amber Auger, MPH, RDH, has 25 years of experience in the dental hygiene industry. She is a practicing dental hygienist, corporate consultant, and RDH coach. Amber is the creator of Thrive in the OP®, a membership course that includes both on-demand sessions and weekly coaching. Thrive in the OP® equips dental hygienists with clinical, business, and leadership capabilities outside of their traditional hygiene degree.

Amber is the recipient of the 2019 Award of Distinction for her work in public health. She has been to 5 different countries to provide preventive dental hygiene services. Amber is a monthly columnist with RDH Magazine, fractional hygiene director, and an international lecturer. Amber is known for incorporating humor into her educational content and a practical approach to implementing the latest science into your workflow. The vast content that Amber provides through virtual, in-person events and group and one-on-one coaching will leave you inspired, empowered, and equipped to conquer your career goals. She can be reached at [ambraugerrdh@gmail.com](mailto:ambraugerrdh@gmail.com)



## MR. ART CURLEY

Mr. Curley is a senior trial attorney in the California healthcare defense firm of Bradley, Curley, Barrabee & Kowalski, PC. After graduating from the University of California, Berkeley with honors in 1970, he obtained his J.D. in 1974 from the UC Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco. He is currently an Assistant Professor of Dental Jurisprudence at the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry in San Francisco and an Adjunct Faculty Professor at the University of California, San Francisco. As a trial attorney, he has been defending doctors for over 46 years and has presented risk management courses throughout the United States and Canada. He is an associate of the American Board of Trial Advocates. Mr. Curley has published several articles on risk management and authored chapters in numerous text books on oral surgery, endodontics and periodontics.



# Speakers

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### **MESTISA GASS, PsyD**

Mestisa C. Gass, PsyD, is the Program Director for Mental Health America of Hawai'i (MHAH). She is a member of the Mental Health Task Force, the Statewide and Oahu Suicide Prevention Task Forces, and a board member for the Waipahu Aloha Clubhouse and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention-Hawai'i Chapter. She is passionate about bringing education, support, and resources to rural communities, like those in which she spent her childhood, in the Appalachian Mountains.



### **SEAN HOLLIDAY, DDS**

Dr. Sean Holliday earned his dental degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City and his orthodontic certification and master's degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago. Dr. Holliday is a board-certified Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics, a published author, and a public lecturer. He is a contract advisor for Align Technology, clear aligner treatment educator, and is involved in various clinical research in digital orthodontics. He is a Journal of Clinical Orthodontics Clinical Advisory Council Member, Fellow of the American College of Dentists, serves on the boards of several dental organizations, leads and operates four orthodontic offices on the island of Oahu.



### **EVA KIEZIK, DMD**

Eva P. Kiezik, DMD, was born in Poland and immigrated to Manhattan when she was 10 years old. She prides herself on her empathy and feels that her biggest strength is her ability to adapt to her patients' needs. With a lifelong passion for helping people and a love for mission trips and travel, pursuing a career in medicine was a natural fit for her. She decided to go into oral surgery because oral surgery is the most challenging level of dentistry you can pursue, and Dr. Kiezik loves to be challenged by a career that demands continuous learning.

Dr. Kiezik is rewarded every day by her ability to transform people's lives for the better with life-altering treatments and is thrilled to be practicing in Hawaii with the Oral Surgery Hawaii team. She loves the food, the community, and the incredible diversity of cultures here. She would like her Oral Surgery Hawaii patients to know that having come from a multicultural background, she is able to understand where a lot of people are coming from and anticipate their needs and help them with any anxiety they may be feeling about their procedures, and she is willing to take the time to address her patients' questions and concerns. For Dr. Kiezik, it's all about providing an outstanding patient experience, so she is committed to giving you all the time and information you need to feel as comfortable and at ease as possible.



### MR. TONY LANG

Tony Lang serves as the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Chief Division Counsel (CDC) and Supervisory Special Agent (SSA) for the Honolulu Division. Tony previously served as the CDC/SSA for the FBI Seattle Division and as the Senior Field Legal Counsel for the FBI Office of the General Counsel in Washington, D.C. He began his career as an FBI Special Agent in November 1996 at the Washington D.C. Field Office where he investigated counterterrorism, criminal, and counterintelligence cases. He holds legal bar memberships in the state of Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia; and graduated from the Johns Hopkins University and the University of Chicago. Tony is an avid cyclist and swimmer!



### SEAN MURPHY, CAE

Sean Murphy is a Certified Association Executive (CAE) who currently serves as the CEO for the Harris County Medical Society (HCMS). HCMS is the country's largest county medical society, representing approximately 15,000 Texas physicians in the Houston area. In his role, Sean works with the 24-person HCMS team to provide advocacy, financial savings, informational resources, continuing education, and valuable benefits to Texas physicians and their practices. Prior to joining HCMS, Sean served as the Executive Director for the Arizona Dental Association (AzDA) and previously as the Vice President of Advocacy and the General Counsel for the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO), and as a result, brings with him a wealth of association and advocacy experience. Sean has lectured throughout North America on various dental topics, many involving the business and legal aspects of running a practice. Sean obtained his Juris Doctor (JD) from Saint Louis University School of Law, where he also obtained his Health Law Certificate.



### JONATHAN NG, BMedSc, DDS, MSc, Dip. Pros., FRCD(C)

Dr. Ng is a Certified Specialist in Prosthodontics. He is currently an Assistant Clinical Professor at the UBC Department of Dentistry and is also on staff as a clinical Prosthodontist at the BC Cancer Agency in Vancouver delivering multifaceted prosthodontic care and oral and facial rehabilitation to medically complex patients.

Dr. Ng's private practice is on West Broadway in Vancouver, Canada. He focuses his private practice on esthetic and functional reconstruction ranging from the single tooth situation to complex prosthodontics. His practice includes the surgical placement and restoration of dental implants. He has a passion for the area of digital dentistry such as digital impressions and the digital workflow and has been invited to speak both nationally and internationally on these topics. He has published articles on the subject area.

Dr. Ng has been involved in international aid missions with a strong desire to help those in underdeveloped countries. When not practicing dentistry, he enjoys photography, playing the guitar and snowboarding.

# Speakers

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### **MR. KEVIN RAMIREZ**

Kevin Ramirez joined the Hawai'i Public Health Institute in January 2017 as the coordinator of the 808NOVAPE Prevention Campaign and provided youth vaping prevention services, support, and resources to Honolulu County schools, educators, and community members. Since 2023, Kevin has been the program manager for the Coalition For A Tobacco-Free Hawai'i, managing the statewide coalition of organizations and individuals to coordinate policy, advocacy, and educational efforts.



### **BARRY TAYLOR, DMD, CAE**

Dr. Barry Taylor is the Executive Director of the Oregon Dental Association (ODA) and is a volunteer Clinical Assistant Professor at the Oregon Health & Science University School of Dentistry. Prior to attending the OHSU School of Dentistry, he worked as a research assistant for two years in the field of Neuropsychopharmacology at the U.S. Veteran's Hospital in Portland, Oregon. Dr. Taylor practiced full-time for over 15 years as a general practitioner before joining the OHSU Faculty in 2012. He continued to practice part-time while at the School, before becoming the Executive Director of the ODA in 2020.



### **STEVE WILHITE, DDS**

Dr. Steve Wilhite received his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from Indiana University and completed a dental residency at the Queen's Medical Center. A long-standing member of the American Dental Association and the Hawaii Dental Association, Dr. Wilhite has also completed a Fellowship in the Academy of General Dentistry. He has served as the past President of the Hawaii Dental Association. As one of the most experienced sleep dentists in the world, Dr. Wilhite is the only dentist in Hawaii who has the Diplomate designation with the American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine. Dr. Wilhite serves as a staff dentist for Queen's Medical Center, Queen's Medical Sleep Center, and Kaiser Medical Center.



# Speakers

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### MR. CHRIS YEH

For more than 25 years, Christopher Yeh has been practicing labor and employment law. This includes advising companies on a wide range of employment matters and successfully representing employers in proceedings before private arbitrators as well as state and federal courts and agencies. Mr. Yeh has taught at both Hawai'i Pacific University and the University of Hawai'i William S. Richardson School of Law. He is a graduate of Harvard University and Harvard Law School.



### RYAN YIM, DDS

Dr. Yim was born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii. He received a Bachelor of Science in Biology and his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from Creighton University. In pursuing his studies, he found that he was drawn towards the esthetics and regenerative aspects of periodontics. Dr. Yim completed his training through the Periodontics Residency at Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) in Portland, Oregon, where he was fortunate to provide dental care to both the general population at OHSU's School of Dentistry as well as our country's veterans at the VAH Portland. He returned to Hawaii to continue practicing periodontics and implants.





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