



# Vermont DENTAL CONFERENCE

## September 18 - 19, 2025

DoubleTree by Hilton ♦ 870 Williston Road ♦ South Burlington, VT

*Explore ♦ Evolve ♦ Excel*

### In-Person Programs

Thursday, September 18  
Friday, September 19

*Plus...New in 2025  
for the whole team*

Dental Assistant Radiology &  
CPR/AED Training for the Team  
or Individual

### Award Winning New Speakers

Including Opioid &  
Vermont Licensing  
Requirements

### Virtual CE Sessions

Live Virtual Sessions  
Wed., August 20  
Thurs., September 11  
*also On-Demand  
thru September 30*

## Greetings from the VSDS President!



On behalf of the Vermont State Dental Society, it is my distinct pleasure to invite you and your teams to the 2025 Vermont Dental Conference. The planning committee has been hard at work with our VSDS staff putting together an informative and innovative meeting. We have added two unique hands-on programs this year to make it even more valuable for your entire team. We are offering both a RADIOLOGY class for those staff that need certification and CPR/AED training options to get you ready for our Fall license renewal.

In addition to the CE offerings, Thursday's Business Meeting offers a chance for practitioners to inform themselves about the work of the dental society during the past year. The meeting will highlight the advocacy and governance that has sought to guide our profession. Furthermore, the business meeting provides an opportunity to learn more about the Detroit Mercy Dental Program beginning in the Fall of 2027. The Vermont Dental Conference provides a great opportunity to meet face to face with the many vendors whose financial support make our conference possible.

We hope the conference will provide a time to reconnect with friends & colleagues and provide a wonderful structure to strengthen the bonds for you and your team. I look forward to seeing you there.

Warmest regards,

Jeff Blasius DMD, MDS, MPH

President, Vermont State Dental Society

## Bring the Whole Team to the 2025 VT Dental Conference

*"My whole staff and I attended the VSDS annual event this past fall. Not only was it great information for us, but we brought a lot back to our office in being both rejuvenated and reinvigorated in the differences we make in patients' lives. Even though it's a 2.5 hour drive for our staff from Brattleboro, it was well worth it. Each one of our cars had essentially a 5-hour meeting with new ideas and new inspirations we shared when we got back home. There was a lot of camaraderie building for us all. We look back on and it was such a positive experience. Although it was costly to close down for a couple of days and bring the whole staff, the team building, and the knowledge-gaining is paramount for feeling a sense of a team approach, versus Dr. Rediske coming back and trying to explain all of the things I learned individually. Thanks for a great program!"*

Dr. Jared Rediske, Brattleboro, VT

*"We have always found it beneficial to gather with our team outside the office and learn together at the VSDS annual conference. We believe it is an important way to support the efforts of the VSDS who is constantly supporting and advocating for us."*

Drs. Phil & John Lavoie, Burlington, VT

*"I've loved going to the Vermont Dental Conference for years! I started as an assistant, then as a student, and now I go with my own dental team. Bringing everyone along is great for learning, networking, team building, and just plain fun. It's a fantastic investment for the practice."*

Dr. Kasia Dionne, South Burlington, VT



## Online Registration Tips

### 1) Select Registration Type

- ☐ ADA/VSDS Member Dentist & Staff
- ☐ Non-Member Dentist & Staff
- ☐ Dental Assistant Radiology Course
- ☐ Business Meeting Only, (no CE)

### 2) Select Track & Days of Attendance

- **Full Conference:** Thurs. 9/18 & Fri. 9/19 + virtual options
- **Thursday Only:** 9/18 plus virtual
- **Friday Only:** 9/19 plus virtual
- **Virtual Sessions Only:** Live Sessions on 8/20 & 9/11

### Plus...

#### ✓ Bring Your Whole Dental Team

When you register SIX or more team members, you receive a refund of the cost of one program fee.  
(Refunds credited online at time of registration)

#### ✓ New in 2025

Offering CPR/AED Training for the Team or Individual & Radiology Certification for Dental Assistants. (See page 5 for details)

#### ✓ Oldies but Goodies

Early Bird Pricing...thru Sunday, August 17 &  
Register Early...First 100 attendees to register entered to win a \$100 gift card!

**2025 is a Relicensing Year**



## Location & Hotel Reservations

### DoubleTree by Hilton

870 Williston Road, So. Burlington, VT 05403

♦ **Thursday, September 18, 2025, 9:00am – 4:30pm** Half-day programs offered + VSIDS Annual Business Meeting, CE, Exhibition Trade Show & Social

♦ **Friday, September 19, 2025, 9:00am – 4:30pm**

Half-day programs offered + CE and Exhibition Trade Show

**Hotel Reservations** are available using this Event Room Block Link:

[DoubleTree Reservations](#). The conference discounted rate is \$209 per night. **The deadline to register is August 27 and space is limited - reserve early.** You may also call the hotel at 802-865-6600 and request the Vermont Dental Conference room block rate. (Note: the website pre-populates with 3 nights. Once you get to "Step 3 - Payment and Guest Details," click the "Edit Stay" link at top right. Change the dates in blue and click the "Update" button to the right of the dates. That should change the dates and the price for your choices.) Free parking is available on the premises for attendees and hotel guests.

## Additional Virtual Sessions

### VS1 - 2025

**"Redefining Diagnostics and Long-Term Maintenance for Optimal Health & Optimal Restorative Results" with Lou Graham, DDS**

♦ **Live Digital:** Wednesday, 8/20/2025, 6:00pm – 8:30pm

♦ **On-Demand:** Thurs. 8/21/2025 – Tuesday, 9/30/2025 (only)

(Recording link sent 8/21/25 to registered attendees.)

### VS2 - 2025

**"Orofacial Pain, TMD & Dental Sleep: A Practical Approach for General Dentists" with Reimy Evangelista, DDS, CAGS, MS**

♦ **Live Digital:** Thursday, 9/11/2025, 6:00pm – 8:30pm

♦ **On-Demand:** Friday, 9/12/2025 – Tuesday, 9/30/2025 (only)

(Recording link sent 9/12/25 to registered attendees.)

♦ **Live Digital Zoom** links will be sent directly to registered attendees email the week prior to the scheduled date

♦ **Virtual Sessions** include access to both Live Digital & On-Demand presentations

♦ **Post-Event Quiz** required for Virtual Sessions. Quiz link will be included with your program Zoom link

## Event Fees

### SAVE! Register by August 17 for deepest discounts!

Program fees apply to all CE (continuing education) programs and include lunch. There is a non-refundable registration fee applied to all participants attending the conference. Registration and badges are required for ALL in the Conference Center (including Business Meeting). Registration based on Members/Non-Members. Membership is verified.

### Member Rate Eligibility:

**Dentists:** VSIDS or ADA active 2025 Membership

**Hygienists:** VDHA, ADHA, or staff of VSIDS/ADA Member (defined above)\*

**Assistants:** ADAA or staff of VSIDS/ADA Member (defined above)\*

**General Office:** Staff of VSIDS/ADA Member (defined above)\*

\* Staff of Member Dentist Primary Office

**Non-Member Rates:** Apply to non-ADA dentists and their staff.

## Miscellaneous Event Items

**Exhibitor Trade Show:** Thursday: 8:00am-6:00pm; Friday: 8:00am-1:30pm

**Thursday Evening Mixer:** Open to all registered attendees as a complimentary event. Cash bar and Mini Golf. Please RSVP when registering online. Hours: 4:30pm - 6:00pm in the Exhibit Hall.



## Exhibit Guest Pass

Dental professionals NOT registered for the conference are welcome to obtain a complimentary **GUEST PASS** at the registration desk to visit the Exhibitor Trade Show during off-peak hours. **Available hours:** Thursday: 9:30am-11:00am and 2:00pm-3:30pm. Friday: 9:30am-11:00am only.

**GUEST PASS** does not include lunch, CE programs, VSIDS Business Meeting, or Social Mixer.

## Registration

**Registration is Online Only** for this event; no printed forms are available. Each registrant must provide a unique email. Contact the [Conference Planning Team](#) if you need assistance, **802-922-7351**.

**Deadline to pre-register is Sunday, September 14.** (tips on Page 2)

**Group Registration** is an available option. Discounts for large groups.

- ♦ Select a Group Leader and follow registration to last page before payment
- ♦ Use Add Group Member button to continue adding team members
- ♦ When finished adding group members, complete transaction with payment
- ♦ Individuals receive a single confirmation; Group Leader receives a confirmation for each group member

[Online Registration Link](#)

## Confirmation

Once you register online you will receive an email confirmation. If not received within 24 hours, email [Conference Planning Team](#). Group Leaders will receive confirmations for all group members. **Note: if you opt-out of receiving (CVENT) emails you will not get important event details and links.**

## Payments

**VISA, MasterCard, Discover, AMEX and Checks** (the off-line payment option) are accepted. **For check payment**, print the payment invoice provided with your confirmation and send to **VSIDS: 1 Kennedy Drive, L-3, So. Burlington, VT 05403**. Check payments are due within 14 days of registering or by September 5, whichever comes first.

## Handout/Verification/Evaluation Forms & Quizzes

**Handouts, Verification Forms & Evaluations** will be posted on the **conference website** for download closer to the event. **Please note, some speakers do not provide them. Available handouts will be posted on Conference Handouts Page**

**Virtual Sessions** require a post-event quiz to obtain credit. Quizzes are sent via email directly to participants, in-person sessions do not.

**Evaluations** VSIDS encourages completion of evaluations for feedback on the Vermont Dental Conference.

# PRICING, DEADLINES & DISCLAIMERS

## Conference Pricing

### MEMBER PRICING

	Virtual Sessions	Thursday	Friday
<b>Early Bird</b> Thru 8/17	<b>\$175</b> Per Session	<b>\$190</b> Per Session	<b>\$190</b> Per Session
<b>Regular</b> Thru 9/14	<b>\$205</b> Per Session	<b>\$220</b> Per Session	<b>\$220</b> Per Session

### NON-MEMBER PRICING

	Virtual Sessions	Thursday	Friday
<b>Early Bird</b> Thru 8/17	<b>\$295</b> Per Session	<b>\$350</b> Per Session	<b>\$350</b> Per Session
<b>Regular</b> Thru 9/14	<b>\$360</b> Per Session	<b>\$390</b> Per Session	<b>\$390</b> Per Session

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**Assistants:** ADAA or staff of Member\*

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\* Staff of Member Dentist Primary Office

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#### Notes:

Lunch is included with program fees.

A \$25 registration fee per person is non-refundable.

**Early Bird Savings:** Register by August 17 to SAVE!

#### CPR/AED Training/Certification - \$90.00/person

Thurs. 9/18: 5:30 - 7:30pm in person at conference

Fri. 9/19: 7:30am Hybrid\*\* program in-person

Fri. 9/19: 12:30pm Hybrid\*\* program in-person

\*\*Hybrid program requires online course completion certificate prior to conference session.

#### Radiology for Dental Assistants: \$500.00/Student (two part program)

Thurs. 9/18 am & pm classroom sessions (on site)

Fri. AM 9/19 Written Dental Exam

Fri. PM 9/19 hands on clinical + certification (off-site if passed written dental exam)

## Modification/Cancellation Policy & Refunds

Modifications or cancellations to an agenda by the attendee/registrant must be made **on or before August 29** and will incur a \$10 processing fee per-changed-CE-session. All changes after **August 29** will be reviewed by VSDS post conference. Refunds at that time will be at the discretion of VSDS and returned in the form of the original payment (CC or Check). **The \$25 registration fee is non-refundable.**

## Contact Information & Deadlines

### CONTACT US:

For all questions regarding this event contact our  
Conference Planning Team

Email: [mail@vsds.org](mailto:mail@vsds.org) Phone: 802-922-7351

Checks should be payable to and mailed to:

### Vermont State Dental Society

1 Kennedy Dr., Suite L-3

So. Burlington, VT 05403

### IMPORTANT LIVE LINKS:

[Register Now](#)

[Conference Participant Page](#)

[Dental Conference FAQs](#)

## Disclaimers

- The Vermont State Dental Society and its Annual Conference Committee make every effort to provide high-caliber speakers in their respective areas of expertise. The presentations of the speakers in no way imply endorsement of any product, technique, or service discussed during these programs.
- Speaker conflict of interest or financial support will be announced pre-session and listed on the registration website agenda.
- Participants are cautioned about using limited knowledge when incorporating techniques and procedures into their practices, especially in circumstances where they have not had supervised clinical experience in the technique or procedure.
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*FORMAT: Live Digital Lecture Program presented on date and time with recorded on-demand access after the event. Zoom link will be provided one week prior to the Live Digital session. Recording link will be provided 24 hours after the live presentation.*



## Session VS1 - Live Digital/On Demand – August 20, 2025

**VIRTUAL SESSION – Wednesday, August 20, 2025, Live Digital.**

**Post-Event Recording for On-Demand Presentation (Recording available August 21 – September 30)**

**Live Digital:**  
**6:00pm-8:30pm**  
**On Demand:**  
**Aug. 21 - Sept. 30**

**VS1-2025 ZOOM**

**Redefining Diagnostics and Long-Term Maintenance for Optimal Health**

Lou Graham, DDS

Suggested Audience Code: D, H, A

2.5 CEUs/Clinical Lecture



For the last 75 years, the dental profession's periodontal diagnostics have primarily been based on 2D X-rays and periodontal probing. As a result, our treatments are often more "reactionary" after the disease has begun versus a more customized and preventative approach. Additionally, assessment during and after treatment is often reliant on the same diagnostics which again often miss the mark. This course is focused for the clinical team to understand, "we can do far better" in customizing our diagnostics and preventive approaches for our patients.

### Learning Objectives:

- Optimizing 2D AI for your digital radiography for both enhanced diagnostics and patient communication
- The benefits of genetic profiling via a one-time test evaluating biomarkers to determine genetic risk factors for caries and periodontal disease. Yes, it's here!
- When, where, and why to order saliva testing and bacterial testing
- Maintenance protocols and products that truly show superior outcomes versus traditional brushing and flossing



## Session VS2 - Live Digital/On Demand – September 11, 2025

**VIRTUAL SESSION – Thursday, September 11, 2025, Live Digital.**

**Post-Event Recording for On-Demand Presentation (Recording available September 12 – September 30)**

**Live Digital:**  
**6:00pm-8:30pm**  
**On Demand:**  
**Sept. 12 - Sept. 30**

**VS2-2025 ZOOM**

**Orofacial Pain, TMD & Dental Sleep: A Practical Approach for General Dentists**

Reimy Evangelista, DDS, CAGS, MS

Suggested Audience Code: D, H, A, O

2.5 CEUs/Clinical Lecture



In this engaging and practical lecture, we will explore the essentials of diagnosing and managing orofacial pain, with a focus on practical techniques that general dentists can apply in everyday practice.

### Learning Objectives:

- We'll discuss how to use clinical examinations and patient history effectively
- Gain insights into the use of diagnostic tools such as imaging, palpation, and symptom questionnaires
- Explore a range of treatment options from conservative management strategies to more advanced interventions and referral criteria

## Radiology & CPR Training Options

**NEW**  
in 2025

### CPR/AED Certification Course for the Team or Individual

Course presented for dental professionals & office staff by [VT SafetyNet](#)

If your office or staff are in need of CPR/AED certification there are 2 ways to complete that requirement at the Vermont Dental Conference in 2025.

**One 2-Hour In-person Training Session w/American Heart Association Certified Professional offered on Thursday, September 18 from 5:30 - 7:30 PM**



**BLS Hybrid Learning**  
Comprised of an in-advance 1 hr. online learning session + 1 hr. in-person skill session offered Friday, September 19 at 7:30 AM & 12:30 PM

**Pricing and Sign-up at Conference Registration**

### Radiology for Dental Assistants Certification Course

This course is available to Dental Assistants and presented by [Tufts University](#)

Your Dental Assistants can complete their Radiology Certification at the 2025 Vermont Dental Conference. Two-part training consisting of on-site lecture on Thursday then qualifying exam plus off-site training/final certification on Friday.

**Thursday - Day 1**  
Classroom Learning all day - Lunch Included

**Friday - Day 2**  
AM Eligibility Exam on-site plus off-site clinical training & final exam - Lunch Not Included



**Pricing and Sign-up at Conference Registration**

**NEW**  
in 2025

## Thursday Agenda – September 18, 2025

**8:00am–9:15am** Coffee, Networking with Colleagues and Exhibitors - Exhibit Hall

**8:00am–1:45pm** Registration – Conference Center Foyer

**8:00am–6:00pm** Trade Show Exhibitor Display Hours – *Please use your free time to visit exhibits*

## Thursday Programs – September 18, 2025

**9:00am-12:00pm**

### Meeting #1

#### The 149th Vermont State Dental Society Annual Business Meeting

Welcoming Dr. Betsy Shapiro, Interim Executive Director of the American Dental Association and ADA District 1 Trustee, Dr Jonathan Knapp for national and regional updates. Plus, Dean Mert Aksu from the University of Detroit Mercy with program/clinic updates.

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**9:15am-12:15pm**



### Program #2

**Marie T. Fluent, DDS, CDIPC, FACD**

#### OSHA Annual Training: Ensuring Your OSHA Program Runs “Fluently”

Audience Code: H, A, O

3 CEUs/Clinical Lecture

Maintaining OSHA dental office compliance is the responsibility of the entire dental team. Dental offices are required to implement and maintain all the necessary infection control and safety systems as required by OSHA. This class provides valuable information on the regulatory requirements and offers practical suggestions on how the dental team can work together to ensure a mutually safe work environment for employees and patients — and ensure your program runs “fluently”.

#### Learning Objectives:

- Understand the differences between CDC guidelines and OSHA Standards
- Understand the OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard
- Discuss the importance of a written office-specific infection control program and OSHA regulatory documents

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**9:15am-12:15pm**



### Program #3

**Lynda M. Ulrich, DMD**

#### From Chaos to Confidence: How Systems Can Save Your Sanity (and Your Team)

Audience Code: H, A, O

3 CEUs/Clinical Lecture

What if your practice could hum along beautifully—even when someone calls in sick or moves on? In this uplifting and practical session, Dr. Lynda will guide your team in shifting from “person dependent” to “systems dependent,” so your best work doesn’t rely on any one person’s memory or presence. You’ll learn how simple systems can reduce burnout, speed up onboarding, and help everyone shine—no matter who’s out for the day. Expect real-world solutions, a few laughs, and a clear path to more joy, less stress, and better days for the whole team. Because when your systems are strong, your people can thrive.

#### Learning Objectives:

- Clearly distinguish between a person-dependent and a systems-dependent practice—and understand how that shift directly improves daily efficiency and morale
- Explore ways to reduce friction and confusion at the front desk when team members are out, using documentation and checklists to keep patient communication seamless
- Gain tools for cross-training and onboarding that empower new hires to contribute quickly and confidently—even without shadowing a “go-to” person
- Identify small, manageable changes that create more calm, fewer bottlenecks, and allow everyone—from assistants to admin—to work in a state of “flow”
- Leave with a practical plan to start building a systems-based culture that supports team resilience, improves patient care, and restores joy to your practice

## THURSDAY LUNCHES:

12:00pm – 1:15pm

Main Lunch is served in the Exhibit Hall - *Lunch included with all CE program registrations*

12:15pm – 1:30pm

VSDS Past Presidents' Luncheon - *Invitation Only - Willsboro Room*

*Use your free time to visit and speak with Exhibitors*

1:30pm-4:30pm



### Program #4

Lou Graham, DDS

#### Advanced Concepts in Restorative Direct and Indirect Dentistry

Audience Code: D, A

3 CEUs/Clinical Lecture

This course will challenge some of the traditional approaches in restorative dentistry, and these include: treating deep caries, how digital technologies can improve outcomes beyond just capturing an impression and why a restorative driven approach is far superior than a surgical driven approach. This program will review a variety of clinical restorative cases that will include many of the latest materials and treatments for challenging direct posterior casework and indirect casework.

#### Learning Objectives:

- When do you stop drilling? Understanding the guidelines today to safeguard the longevity of teeth
- Treating the deep proximal margin or, the "Elevated margin approach"
- How digital scanners do far more than just capture an impression
- The high smile patient who needs an implant, how to plan, temporize and deliver the final restoration
- Restorative Driven Implants...it's not just where the bone is

1:30pm-4:30pm



### Program #5

Marie T. Fluent, DDS, CDIPC, FACD

#### Hot Topics to Ensure Safety in Dentistry:

#### Taking a Deeper Dive into Dental Unit Waterlines and a Closer Look at Eye Protection

Audience Code: D, H, A

3 CEUs/Clinical Lecture

Ensuring a safe dental visit is a team sport and covers a wide variety of infection prevention and safety considerations. This lecture will delve into two hot topics including dental unit waterlines and eye protection in dentistry. Dr. Fluent will discuss the importance of using clean and safe water and protecting eyes during all phases of dental care. Participants will learn standards, recommendations, and best practices to ensure compliance for both hot topics. Policies and Protocols will be addressed, and tips, tools and techniques will be provided to ensure the team provides a safe dental visit for themselves, their team members and patients.

#### Learning Objectives:

- Discuss rationale and indications for testing dental unit waterlines
- Make evidence-based choices in the selection of waterline treatment products
- Identify guidelines, regulations, and best practices that impact dental unit water quality and compliance
- Describe eye protection for dental personnel and patients during all phases of the delivery of oral healthcare
- Discuss selection criteria, and proper fit of eye protection

## Take Time to Visit Our Exhibitors

### Place Orders at Conference

Take advantage of Show Specials from Conference Exhibitors and save your supply orders to place at the Vermont Dental Conference!



### Win An Office Lunch

When you place an order of \$200+ at the Vermont Dental Conference receive a Golden Ticket for a chance to win a lunch party for your office.

*They Make Our Meeting Possible*



1:45pm-4:45pm

**Program #6****Steven Bookless, DDS, MBA, SA****Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office - Case Studies**

Audience Code: D, H, A, O

3 CEUs/Clinical Lecture

This seminar is a practical presentation designed to expose the participants to diagnosis and treatment of medical emergencies in the dental office. The cases discussed are actual cases treated during Dr. Bookless' residency, in private practice, BU dental school clinics, and the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Clinic at Boston Medical Center. We will discuss several of the most common medical emergencies seen in a dental setting. The course content will be geared to the capabilities of a general dental or hygiene practitioner. Topics will include treatment algorithms, emergency medical equipment, and appropriate emergency drugs and their use.

I. AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION IS WORTH A POUND OF CURE Medical History, Emergency Equipment, Emergency Drugs

II. DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF: Syncope, Angina (Chest Pain), Seizures, Asthma Attack, Reaction to Epinephrine, Hypoglycemia, Cardiac Arrest / MI, Anaphylaxis, CVA

**Learning Objectives:**

- Create an office medical emergency protocol
- Describe the basic and specific emergency medical equipment and necessary drugs
- Understand the common medical emergencies encountered in a dental office and their treatment protocols
- Feel more confident and comfortable diagnosing and treating medical emergencies

*\*This program meets state license requirements*

Please Join Us for the...

# Thursday Evening Social

## September 18, 2025

**Exhibit Hall**

**4:30 - 6:00 PM**

*Music • Food • Drinks • Conversation • Fellowship & Mini-Golf!*

# Thank You!

## Conference Planning Committee

William Archer, DMD	Jenny Pitz, VSDS Admin
Jeffrey Berkowitz, DDS	Brian Shuman, DMD
Elizabeth Carmack, DMD	Mose Snyder, DMD
Adam Fasoli, DMD	David Solomon, DDS
Patrick Gallivan, VSDS Executive Director	Cyndee Trahan, RDH, BA
Katherine Merrick, DMD, MPH	Dixie Vallie, CDA, COA, EFDA

**Audience Code:** D-Dentist H-Hygienist A-Assistant O-Office Team *Programs are open to all.*



8:00am–9:15am Coffee, Networking with Colleagues and Exhibitors - Exhibit Hall

8:00am–10:00am Registration – Conference Center Foyer

8:00am–1:30pm Trade Show Exhibitor Display Hours – Please use your free time to visit exhibits.

## Friday Programs – September 19, 2025

9:15am-12:15pm



### Program #7

Lou Graham, DDS

#### Diagnostically Driven Dentistry: What's the Reasonable Thing to Do? (Part1)

Audience Code: D, A

3 CEUs/Clinical Lecture

Today's standard of care diagnostics dates back 100 years with low sensitivity and yet, dentists are hesitant to change. This course is all about taking out the all too often phenomenon known as the "dental surprise!" You extract an upper molar and there's the sinus, you've begun a root canal and your files aren't going as planned, you remove an old class 1 composite and find proximal caries, or you have been watching unrestored teeth that when treated, present far more issues than thought. These are a few of the surprises that modern-day diagnostics can help prevent and guide us into more predictable procedures and outcomes. This course will take attendees into modern-day general dentistry diagnostics and demonstrate why the GP must be in control of how they integrate these into their treatment planning and clinical procedures.

#### Learning Objectives:

- Understanding why traditional diagnostics continue to fail us daily
- Caries diagnostics...what should we be using?
- Minimally invasive dentistry: Can we really regrow enamel?
- Why CBCTs are NOT just for specialists but even more for general dentists
- Why the future of the FMX is in danger and it should be!
- Clinical casework throughout the presentation



9:00am-12:00pm



### Program #8

Steven Bookless, DDS, MBA, SA

#### Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office - Case Studies

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#### Learning Objectives:

- Create an office medical emergency protocol
- Describe the basic and specific emergency medical equipment and necessary drugs
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- Feel more confident and comfortable diagnosing and treating medical emergencies

*\*This program meets state license requirements*

9:15am-12:15pm

**Program #9****Ronni Brown, DDS, MPH, FADI****Responsibilities and Requirements of Prescribing Schedule II Opioid Drugs**

Audience Code: D, H, A, O

3 CEUs/Clinical Lecture

Opioid misuse and overdose are at an epidemic level in the state and the country, driven by a myriad of factors including COVID, poverty, homelessness, mental illness, and professional overprescribing of opioids. This course aims to address the complex issues associated with substance use disorders and the role of dental professionals in addressing the opioid crisis by screening for substance use disorders, referring patients for sobriety and recovery support, and providing evidence-based pain management. This course satisfies the biennial mandatory course requirement of 2 hours of opioid training for Vermont dental licensees and 2-hours of the DEA MATE requirement for registrant renewal.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Identify patients at risk or with a substance use disorder
- Implement evidence-based strategies of dental pain management, including the use of non-opioid alternatives
- Comply with state and federal laws and regulations as prescribers and dispensers of Schedule II opioids, including how to use the Vermont Prescription Monitoring System

*\*This program meets the dental opioid training criteria credit requirement for VT license renewal.*

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## FRIDAY LUNCH OPTIONS:

12:00pm – 1:15pm

Main Lunch is served in the Exhibit Hall - *Lunch included with all CE program registrations*

*Use your free time to visit and speak with Exhibitors*

1:30pm – 4:30pm



**Program #10**

**Peter Auster, DMD**

**Diagnostically Driven Dentistry: What's the Reasonable Thing to Do? (Part 2)**

Audience Code: D, A

3 CEUs/Clinical Lecture

*See description for Program #7. This program is a continuation of program #7 or can serve as a stand-alone educational presentation.*

### Learning Outcomes:

- Today's initial exam and the flow to success
- Today's recall exam, why it becomes the health of your practice and what diagnostics are the latest to add to your arsenal
- The fastest growing population subset, your patients over 70? Unique approaches to their care utilizing the diagnostics presented throughout the day

1:30pm – 4:30pm



**Program #11**

**Steven Bookless, DDS. MBA, SA**

**Nitrous Oxide Sedation 101 (An Introduction to Passing Gas)**

Audience Code: D, H, A

3 CEUs/Clinical Lecture

This presentation is designed to expose the participants to the use of Nitrous Oxide/Oxygen sedation in their practices. Topics discussed will include, indications and contraindications of nitrous oxide sedation, patient evaluation, delivery systems, monitoring equipment, and the technique for delivery.

### Discussion of Pain and Anxiety Control

• Sedation Techniques • Stages of Anesthesia • Anatomy and Physiology Related to the Delivery of Nitrous Oxide Sedation • Components of the Nitrous Oxide/Oxygen Delivery Systems • Fail Safe Mechanisms • Technique of Delivery • Indications and Contraindications for the use of Nitrous Oxide/Oxygen Sedation

### Learning Objectives:

- Explain the Stages of Anesthesia and their Importance
- Explain the Mechanism of How Nitrous Oxide Exerts its Effects
- Explain the Safety Features of the Delivery System
- Describe the Components of the Delivery System
- Describe the Indications and Contraindications for Using Nitrous Oxide/Oxygen Sedation
- Describe the Critical Areas of the Pre-procedure Physical Evaluation
- Describe the Monitoring Equipment Necessary for Nitrous Oxide/Oxygen Sedation
- Describe the Post-sedation Recovery Procedure



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1:30pm-4:30pm

**Program #12****Ronni Brown, DDS, MPH, FADI****Treating Between the Lines: Understanding Rx and Illicit Drug Abuse – Opioids**

Audience Code: D, H, A, O

3 CEUs/Clinical Lecture

Substance abuse is at an all-time high in this country with an estimated 1 out of every 6 Americans addicted to prescription or illicit drugs. As dental professionals, we must awaken to the reality that many of our patients have substance-use disorders and that our examination findings of advanced caries, severe hyposalivation, and poor plaque control are often the effects of depressant, stimulant, and opioid abuse. Learn how to recognize the clues of substance abuse from a routine dental examination, discuss your concerns and suspicions with patients, develop and deliver safe and effective dental treatment, and manage pain with non-opioid medications. *\*Note: Course content does not include marijuana*

**Learning Objectives:**

- The three categories of drugs (opioids, depressants, and stimulants) commonly abused by patients and dangerous in the dental environment
- The physical, behavioral, and oral clues of substance misuse that can identified during a routine dental examination
- Communication strategies to discuss substance misuse with patients
- Modifications to treatment plans based upon the caries-risk and drug-use profile of the patient

*\*This program meets the dental opioid training criteria credit requirement for VT license renewal.*



1:30pm-4:30pm

**Program #13****Lynda M. Ulrich, DMD****Dentistry in the Gratitude Economy - Creating a Practice Patients & Team Members Never Want to Leave**

Audience Code: D, H, A, O

3 CEUs/Clinical Lecture

In a world where patients are tired of feeling like a number, the most successful dental practices are shifting their focus—from production-driven volume to connection-driven care. Welcome to the Gratitude Economy: a place where trust, loyalty, and word-of-mouth magic create a ripple effect that fills your schedule, lifts team morale, and brings joy back to your workplace. Dr. Lynda, founder of the Goodness Exchange and co-leader of one of New England's most admired dental practices, presents a transformative session on how you can future proof your practice by cultivating genuine patient relationships, a remarkable workplace culture, and an unforgettable patient experience. This interactive session will show you how practices that lead with heart end up creating a welcome "win" for patients, team members and their communities—no discounting, insurance participation, or marketing budget required.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Understand the core principles of the Gratitude Economy and why dentistry is one of the best-suited to thrive
- Identify specific, real-world actions that transform ordinary patient interactions into unforgettable relationship builders
- Learn how to create a practice culture where team members feel deeply valued—and turnover becomes a rarity
- Recognize how relational excellence, not discounts or flashy marketing can generate a steady stream of raving fans & 5-star reviews
- Explore how your online presence can build trust before a patient picks up the phone
- Develop team habits that increase emotional wealth, morale, and positivity throughout the workday
- Discover practical, joy-filled ways to connect with your community that naturally elevate your practice's reputation and reach
- Walk away with a toolkit of sustainable systems, mindset shifts, and team rituals that foster the kind of practice patients never want to leave—and team members never want to leave either





### **Steven Bookless, DDS, MBA, SA**

Dr. Bookless completed his dental education at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. After graduation from UTHSC San Antonio he completed his Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency at the University of Cincinnati

and became an associate in a full scope oral surgery practice. As a practicing Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon and practiced for 38 years. In 2001 he retired from private practice to pursue an academic career, retiring from the staff of Boston Medical Center, and as an Associate Professor at Boston University Goldman School of Dental Medicine, where his duties included teaching outpatient Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery to residents and predoctoral dental students. His interests include outpatient surgery, sedation, management of medically compromised patients, and the treatment of medical emergencies in an outpatient setting.

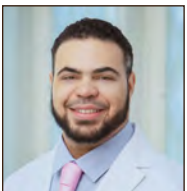
### **Ronni Brown, DDS, MPH, FADI**



Dr. Brown is a leader in dental public health who strives to achieve equitable oral health for vulnerable populations. Her research on the impacts of drug use patterns on caries severity has garnered international interest and positioned her as an expert on the oral

effects of substance-use disorders. In her current role, as the Senior Community Health Planner for San Mateo County, Dr. Brown focuses on community engagement, coalition building, and mass media communication to prevent drug overdoses in the county, reduce stigma, and improve health outcomes for those impacted by substance -use disorders. Dr. Brown is the recipient of the 2025 UCSF Alumni Practitioner Award for her boundless clinical empathy, understanding, and caring across multiple domains of health care.

### **Reimy Evangelista, DDS, CAGS, MS**



Dr. Reimy Evangelista De Leon is a 2nd generation dentist, born and raised in the Dominican Republic. He obtained his degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) at Pontificia Universidad Catolica Madre y Maestra (PUCMM) and completed his Post-Doctoral education

in Orofacial pain at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in Boston, Massachusetts in 2020. Dr. Evangelista is focused on treating all aspects of TMD, Orofacial pain and Dental Sleep medicine. Recently, Dr. Evangelista was awarded his Master of Science (MS) in Healthcare Management by Charlton College of Business at the University of Massachusetts in 2022. Dr. Evangelista's experience includes general dentistry & orofacial pain specialist in both public and private settings, working in academic settings as an orofacial pain provider and Adjunct Professor at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine, and serving as Adjunct Assistant Clinical Professor at University of New England (UNE).



### **Marie T. Fluent, DDS, CDIPC, FACD**

Dr. Marie Fluent is a graduate of the University of Michigan School of Dentistry. Her dental career spans over 35 years and involves lecturing, writing, and consulting on infection control related topics including antibiotic

stewardship and dental unit waterlines. Dr. Fluent is a member of the Michigan Dental Association, American Dental Association, and holds Fellowship in the American College of Dentistry. She is a recipient of the Association for Dental Safety Milton Schaefer and Service Leadership Awards. Dr. Fluent is passionate and deeply committed to improving the safety of dental visits and has educated thousands of dental professionals and students nationally and internationally.



### **Lou Graham, DDS**

For the past 35+ years, Dr. Graham has practiced dentistry in Chicago, Illinois. As dentistry evolved throughout his career, he remained at the cutting edge and incorporated many of these changes into both his multi-group specialty practice and

his clinical courses. Dr. Graham's course offerings incorporate the latest diagnostic technologies into everyday treatment planning and clinical care to ensure the best options and treatments are presented to each and every patient. His courses highlight many of the restorative options in dentistry today along with an emphasis on customized approaches to periodontal care, implants, laser dentistry and treatment for the ever-expanding geriatric population. Dr. Graham is the founder of Catapult Education, a published author and the former Dental Director of the University of Chicago's Department of Dentistry.



### **Lynda M. Ulrich, DMD**

Since 1993, Dr. Lynda and her husband, Dr. Chuck, created a Win/Win business model that allowed their Dental practice to thrive without signing insurance contracts, and without working nights or weekends. And all the while, they attracted

5-7 new patients every week who were intensely loyal and happy to travel long distances for the confidence and connection their entire team inspired in others. The many different courses she teaches are the recipes for joy, success and professional fulfillment that Dr. Lynda now shares with Dentists and their teams all over North America.



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# SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

## Vermont Dental Conference

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### Thursday, September 18, 2025

**Meeting #1**  
9:00am - 12:00pm

**149th VSDS**  
**Annual Business Meeting**  
Executive Board &  
VSDS Membership

**Program #2**  
9:15am-12:15pm

**OSHA Annual Training:**  
**Ensuring Your OSHA**  
**Program Runs "Fluently"**

Marie T. Fluent, DDS, CDIPC, FACP

Audience Code: H,A,O

3 CEUs/Clinical

**Program #3**  
9:15am-12:15pm

**From Chaos to**  
**Confidence: How Systems**  
**Can Save Your Sanity**  
**(and Your Team)**

Lynda Ulrich, DMD

Audience Code: H,A,O

3 CEUs/Clinical

### Thursday, September 18, 2025

**Program #4**  
1:30-4:30pm

**Advanced Concepts in**  
**Restorative Direct and**  
**Indirect Dentistry**

Lou Graham, DDS

Audience Code: D,A

3 CEUs/Clinical

**Program #5**  
1:30-4:30pm

*Hot Topics to Ensure Safety in Dentistry*  
**A Deeper Dive into Dental**  
**Unit Waterlines & a Closer**  
**Look at Eye Protection**

Marie T. Fluent, DDS, CDIPC, FACP

Audience Code: D,H,A

3 CEUs/Clinical

**Program #6**  
1:45-4:45pm

**Medical Emergencies in**  
**the Dental Office -**  
**Case Studies**

*\*meets state license requirement*

Steven Bookless, DDS, MBA, SA

Audience Code: D,H,A,O

3 CEUs/Clinical

### Friday, September 19, 2025

**Program #7**  
9:15am-12:15pm

**Diagnostically Driven**  
**Dentistry: What's the**  
**Reasonable Thing to Do?**

Lou Graham, DDS

Audience Code: D,A  
3 CEUs/Clinical

**Program #8**  
9:00am-12:00 pm

**Medical Emergencies in**  
**the Dental Office -**  
**Case Studies (repeat)**

*\*meets state license requirement*

Steven Bookless, DDS, MBA, SA

Audience Code: D,H,A,O  
3 CEUs/Clinical

**Program #9**  
9:15am-12:15pm

**Responsibilities &**  
**Requirements of Prescribing**  
**Schedule II Opioid Drugs**

*\*meets VT standards for Opioid training*

Ronni Brown, DDS, MPH, FADI

Audience Code: D,H,A,O  
3 CEUs/Clinical

### Friday, September 19, 2025

**Program #10**  
1:30-4:30pm

**Diagnostically Driven**  
**Dentistry: What's the**  
**Reasonable Thing to Do?**  
**(Part 2)**

Lou Graham, DDS

Audience Code: D,A  
3 CEUs/Clinical

**Program #11**  
1:30-4:30pm

**Nitrous Oxide Sedation 101**  
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Steven Bookless, DDS, MBA, SA

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1:30-4:30pm

**Treating Between the Lines:**  
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Ronni Brown, DDS, MPH, FADI

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3 CEUs/Clinical

**Program #13**  
1:30-4:30pm

*Dentistry in the Gratitude Economy*  
**Creating a Practice that**  
**Patients & Team Members**  
**Never Want to Leave**

Lynda Ulrich, DMD

Audience Code: D,H,A,O  
3 CEUs/Clinical



## Virtual CE Sessions

*\*zoom link provided one week prior*

### Virtual Session 1

**August 20, 2025**

**Redefining Diagnostics & Long-Term Maintenance**  
**for Optimal Health and Optimal Restorative Results**

Lou Graham, DDS

*Live Digital Program*

**August 20, 2025 - 6:00PM - 8:30PM**

*On-Demand Available After Live Session*

Audience Code: D,H,A

2.5 CEUs/Clinical

### Virtual Session 2

**September 11, 2025**

**Orofacial Pain, TMD & Dental Sleep:**  
**A Practical Approach for General Dentists**

Reimy Evangelista, DDS, CAGS, MS

*Live Digital Program*

**September 11, 2025 - 6:00PM - 8:30PM**

*On-Demand Available After Live Session*

Audience Code: D,H,A,O

2.5 CEUs/Clinical

## Additional Conference Offerings

**CPR/AED Certification for Team or Individual**  
*Offering options for CPR/AED Certifications - (see p.5)*  
**Hybrid Learning Model or 2 hr class at conference**

**Radiology for the Dental Assistant** *(see p.5)*  
**Lecture on Thursday, qualifying exam Friday AM**  
**followed by off-site Clinical learning and final exam**

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