COURSE TITLE: New Perspectives on Evidence-Based Dentistry

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: The course will review the principles of Evidence-Based Dentistry and challenge the audience to consider a patient-centered approach to oral health education for their patients with natural teeth and implants. Application of the principles of Evidence-Based Dentistry will be applied to oral health recommendations using Colgate Total Toothpaste as an example. The science behind Colgate Total toothpaste along with the safety data and regulatory oversight will be reviewed.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this continuing education program, course participants will be able to:

1. Understand the principles of Evidence-Based Dentistry.
2. Know how to apply EBD principles to develop patient-centered approaches or oral health education.
3. Be familiar with the science and safety data behind triclosan/copolymer toothpaste.

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WHAT IS EVIDENCE-BASED DENTISTRY?

“EBD is an approach to oral health care that requires the judicious integration of systematic assessments of clinically relevant scientific evidence relating to the patient’s oral and medical condition and history, with the dentist’s clinical expertise and the patient’s treatment needs and preferences.”

• EBD is an approach to practice to make clinical decisions
• Patient-centered
• Provide personalized dental care based on the most current scientific knowledge

Locating Best Evidence


National Guideline Clearinghouse (part of AHRQ)  http://www.guideline.gov

Turning Research Into Practice (TRIP) Database  http://www.tripdatabase.com

The Cochrane Collaboration  http://www.cochrane.org/cochrane-reviews


Evidence-Based Dentistry (journal subscription)  http://www.nature.com/ebd/index.html


DHNet (National Center for Dental Hygiene Research & Practice)  http://dent-web01.usc.edu/dhnet


References for Triclosan Efficacy and Safety

Efficacy


Safety


