

January 10, 2025

Health/Stress Management Full Day Lecture

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM • Adams Pointe Conference Center of Courtyard by Marriott
1400 NE Coronado Dr. • Blue Springs, MO 64014

Ms. Karen Davis
7 CE Credit Hours



Karen Davis is owner of her own continuing education company, *Cutting Edge Concepts*® capitalizing on her breadth of experience in navigating the rewards and challenges dental professionals face.

She is a practicing dental hygienist in Dallas, TX and has enjoyed being a part of the same progressive dental practice for over 35 years. She is a previous trainer for the *JP Institute* whose mission is to transform dental hygiene care into comprehensive care with advanced clinical training, team continuity and business acuity.

Dentistry Today has recognized Karen as a "Leader in Continuing Education" since 2006, and she is the 2023 recipient of the *Gordon Christensen Speaker Recognition Award*.

Karen is an accomplished author for diverse industry publications and serves as a Key Opinion Leader to an array of corporations while maintaining memberships in numerous professional organizations. Her passion includes inspiring colleagues to practice on *The Cutting Edge* of the profession.

Morning Session 1: INVISIBLE PAIN...Realities Within the World of Autoimmune Diseases

Looking good on the outside can be deceptive when living with chronic pain on the inside. Within the world of autoimmune diseases our patients may present with varying degrees of pain, fatigue and altered lifestyles as a result. Increased risk of periodontal diseases and dental caries are common hallmarks of many autoimmune conditions fueled by chronic inflammation, a suppressed immune response, and behavioral challenges. Explore risk factors for autoimmune diseases and methods to reduce oral complications.

Upon completion of this course, attendees will learn how to:

- Recognize how dental professionals can help improve the journey for autoimmune patients
- Identify oral considerations of living with an immune system that attacks itself
- Begin facilitating lasting health change behavior in children and adults

Morning Session 2: The Magic of Air for Managing Dysbiotic Biofilms Around Implants & Teeth

Dysbiotic biofilms fuel diseases within and outside of the oral cavity. Novel technology and compelling scientific evidence incorporating Guided Biofilm Therapy (GBT) warrants careful understanding of how this method of biofilm management benefits the patient, the practice and the clinician. GBT requires a shift in traditional methods, but the rewards are minimally-invasive, comfortable and safe eradication of dysbiotic biofilms from implants, teeth, and periodontal pockets.

Upon completion of this course, attendees will learn how to:

- Explore the vast clinical benefits of Guided Biofilm Therapy to eradicate pathogenic biofilms
- Appraise the technological shifts and rationale for managing biofilms differently

Afternoon Session 1: Cannabis, Cancer & Chronic Pain – Exploring the Connections

Do you know how many of your patients living with cancer or suffering with chronic pain use various forms of cannabis regularly? Is cannabis therapeutic for cancer or pain management and if so, is it evidence-based data? Dental professionals need a robust understanding of the potential pros and cons within the oral cavity of chronic cannabis usage. Various forms of cannabis, and methods of usage yield different pharmacological and clinical outcomes. This course unpacks oral implications for new and chronic cannabis users and equips clinicians with strategies to help protect the oral environment.

Upon completion of this course, attendees will learn how to:

- Examine evidence surrounding therapeutic use of cannabis in the management of cancer and chronic pain
- Explore the short and long-term oral implications of cannabis usage

Afternoon Session 2: Making Lemonade... and Other Strategies to Navigate Life's Adversities

Life, and dentistry itself, are a tapestry of rewards and challenges, but some challenges become life-altering. How do we wear our professional hat while simultaneously grieving, struggling with unexpected life challenges or heartache? Why are some people better lemonade-makers from the lemons of life? Within the family of dentistry, most of us have faced, or will face significant setbacks and difficulties. What are effective strategies to navigate life's challenges? What can be gleaned from those in the business of not only making lemonade, but benefitting from it? This lemonade recipe may surprise you.

Upon completion of this course, attendees will learn how to:

- Identify the science supporting savoring and gratefulness to promote wellness
- Appraise the impact of the mind-body connection for managing life's challenges

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February 14, 2025

Head & Neck Cancer Half-Day Lecture

8:30 AM - 11:30 AM • Adams Pointe Conference Center of Courtyard by Marriott
1400 NE Coronado Dr. • Blue Springs, MO 64014

Dr. Omar Karadaghy, MD, MSCI
3 CE Credit Hours



Dr. Omar Karadaghy is originally from St. Louis, MO. He received his BA/MD at the combined program at the *University of Missouri - Kansas City* and completed his residency in Otolaryngology at the *University of Kansas*. Following this, he underwent additional fellowship training in Head and Neck Oncology and Microvascular Reconstruction at the *Massachusetts Eye and Ear - Harvard University Medical Program*. He is now an assistant professor at the *University of Kansas*. Dr. Karadaghy has a background in clinical outcomes research having published more than 20 peer review papers and contributed to more than ten textbook and clinical instruction videos. He is committed to provided excellent patient care and looks forward to corresponding with like-minded colleagues.

Upon completion of this course, attendees will learn how to:

- To increase familiarity with the evolving understanding of Oral Oncology
- To be familiar with management/treatment of this entity
- To understand the available resources for Head and Neck Cancer patients in the Kansas City area

March 21, 2025

Restoration Full Day Lecture

Dr. Marcos Vargas, DDS

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM • Adams Pointe Conference Center of Courtyard by Marriott
1400 NE Coronado Dr. • Blue Springs, MO 64014

7 CE Credit Hours



Dr. Vargas received his DDS from *Cayetano Heredia University* in Lima, Peru in 1985. He attended a two year AEGD program with emphasis on restorative dentistry at the *Eastman Dental Center* in Rochester, New York. He received a Certificate in Operative Dentistry and Master of Science degree from the *University of Iowa* in 1994.

Dr. Vargas is a professor in the Department of Family Dentistry at the *University of Iowa*. He teaches undergraduate and graduate students and has published in the areas of dental materials, adhesion, resin composites, and ceramics. He participates extensively in continuing education, nationally and internationally with many hands-on seminars with resin composites. He has published more than 100 articles in peer review journals and other clinical cases.

Dr. Vargas maintains a private practice limited to restorative dentistry with emphasis in esthetic dentistry.

Morning Session: Wow Your Patients with Your Resin Composites, the Easy, Predictable, and Profitable Way

This very practical and clinically-oriented presentation will provide you with the tools to allow you to do anterior resin composites in a fast and predictable way that will wow your patients. A step-by-step approach which includes: shade selection, cavity preparation for esthetics, material placement and contouring and polishing will be presented. Diastema closures, Class IV and resin veneers will be discussed.

Upon completion of this course, attendees will learn how to:

- Select the perfect shade within 15 seconds
- Prepare cavity preparation with an esthetic result in mind
- Know when and how to use layering for maximum esthetics
- Contour and polish resin composite to mimic tooth structure

Afternoon Session: Posterior Resin Composite Restorations and Bulk Fill – Make it Easy for Yourself

Taking too long? Not getting proximal contacts? Bad contours? Not getting gingival seal? Difficulty dealing with deep restorations?

If you answered yes to any of the questions, this presentation is for you. Get the knowledge to recognize what matrices, wedges, and rings to use, as well as get the knowledge to speed your procedures, maximize efficiency, predictability, and profitability.

Upon completion of this course, attendees will learn how to:

- Bulk-fill resin composites and how to use them
- Prep cavity preparation to facilitate placement and prevent white lines
- Deal with deep and extensive caries lesions
- Contour and polish posterior resin composites

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June 13, 2025

OSHA Half-Day Lecture

Mary Govoni, CDA, RDH, MBA

8:30 AM - 11:30 AM • Adams Pointe Conference Center of Courtyard by Marriott
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3 CE Credit Hours



Mary is an internationally-recognized speaker, author and consultant on a variety of topics in dentistry, including infection control, OSHA and HIPAA compliance, ergonomics and team development. She brings over 40 years of experience to her speaking and coaching clients, including clinical assisting and hygiene, as well as practice administration and education.

Mary is a life member and past president of the *American Dental Assistants Association*, a member of the *American Dental Hygienists Association*, the *National Speakers Association*, the *Speaking and Consulting Network* and the *Organization for Safety, Asepsis and Prevention*. She has published numerous articles and continuing education courses serves as a key opinion leader for many dental companies.

What's New with OSHA, CDC and Infection Prevention and Control?

OSHA requires that employees in dental practices participate in annual safety training, which includes general workplace safety, bloodborne pathogens, hazard communication, hazardous waste compliance requirements and any additional information that is pertinent to current infection prevention recommendations. This course will enable participants to review their safety protocols and make any necessary updates.

Upon completion of this course, attendees will be able to:

- Identify the OSHA regulations that apply to their dental practice
- Discuss documentation and training requirements for compliance with OSHA regulations
- Implement strategies for compliance with all federal, state and local safety standards
- Assess the practice's compliance with CDC infection control guidelines

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September 12, 2025

Practice Management Full Day Lecture

Steven Anderson

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM • Adams Pointe Conference Center of Courtyard by Marriott
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Steven J. Anderson, as an author, entrepreneur, presenter, philanthropist, and success coach, is often referred to as dentistry's "Yes Man". He has worked with thousands of top dental teams around the world to transform their team case acceptance success. Get ready for a practice-transforming day that will take your team results to the top!

Why Dental Teams Fail: Secrets of Creating a Culture of Success for More New Patients, Better Case Acceptance, and World-Class 5-Star Online Reviews.

Have you ever considered that your clinical expertise does not come into play until the patient says "Yes!"? Give your entire team the ideas, techniques and system to take your new patient and case acceptance success to the top!

Upon completion of this course, attendees will be able to:

- Double new patient flow at no extra cost
- Unlock the secret to unlimited case acceptance success
- Apply the proven phase for more same-day treatment acceptance
- Learn to become the "Yes" Practice and the essential skills it takes to become
- Recognize the myth of the online review and what you can do to make it work for you
- STOP cancellations/no shows with proven strategies for patient commitment treatment
- Discover the most overlooked element in repeat and referral dentistry and how you can tap into it
- Realize the most neglected document in your practice that will change your case acceptance success

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October 10, 2025

Restoration Half-Day Lecture

Dr. Paul Hansen, DDS

8:30 AM - 11:30 AM • Adams Pointe Conference Center of Courtyard by Marriott
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3 CE Credit Hours



Dr. Hansen received his DDS in 1975 from the *University of Nebraska* and a certificate in prosthodontics in 1984 at *Wilford Hall Medical Center*, San Antonio, Texas. Dr. Hansen directed the Graduate Program in Prosthodontics at the *UMKC School of Dentistry* from 1995 to 2002. He previously taught at the *University of Nebraska* for over a decade. He is currently faculty as a clinical professor and assistant director of the AEGD program at *UMKC SOD*.

The Dental Wear Patient, Diagnosis and Treatment

The severe wear patient has multiple etiologies. We want to know and understand the cause of the wear and how to tailor our restorative efforts to the patient's needs.

Initial examination of a new patient occasionally reveals a severely worn dentition characterized by extensive wear and loss of tooth structure. Function and esthetics are compromised, and the prognosis for one or several teeth may be jeopardized if the problem is not corrected. The complex nature of this condition, and its multifactorial etiology, often overwhelms the restorative dentist in treating such widespread tooth destruction.

Loss of tooth structure may be a result of mechanical wear (attrition, abrasion) or chemical attack (erosion). We will review the various etiologies and the risks associated with each when we try to reconstruct the patient. A brief review of dental occlusion will be included as a point of orientation.

We will review the new materials on the market for restoring these patients. The use of zirconia or lithium disilicate will be reviewed. We will discuss material properties and how best to use them for the dental wear patient. Concentration will be on the full mouth reconstruction of these cases.

This program is a clinically-orientated program reviewing over 30 years of cases and follow-up documented by Dr. Hansen.

Upon completion of this course, attendees will be able to:

- Describe the etiologies for the worn dentition
- Identify the types of tooth wear
- Describe how to perform an accurate diagnostic mounting to evaluate wear
- Explain the use of the diagnostic mounting in diagnosis and treatment planning
- Understand the proper sequence for restoring extensive wear cases
- Understand the various new materials used to restore difficult cases

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November 14, 2025

Periodontics/Implants Full Day Lecture

Dr. David Barack, DDS

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM • Adams Pointe Conference Center of Courtyard by Marriott
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7 CE Credit Hours



Dr. Barack studied Biomedical Engineering at *Northwestern University* before being accepted to the *University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry* in 1978. After completing his doctoral studies, Dr. Barack opted to pursue further education in the field of Periodontics, completing a residency at the *University of Illinois at Chicago* in 1984. He received his *Diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology* in 1991. While at the *University of Illinois at Chicago*, Dr. Barack served as an assistant clinical professor for the college of dentistry from 1984 to 1997.

While in private practice, Dr. Barack incorporated implant surgical techniques into his practice beginning with Implant Surgical Training at the *University of Texas – San Antonio* in 1987. For the past 30 plus years, Dr. Barack has focused his periodontal practice on implant surgery and supportive reconstructive surgical procedures.

In addition to his teaching duties at the *University of Illinois College of Dentistry*, Dr. Barack has authored clinical papers and lectured nationally and internationally on implant surgical techniques, regenerative procedures and related topics.

Morning Session:

Strategies for Excellent Implant Health and Aesthetics

The success of an implant treatment is defined not only by function, but also by esthetics and the maintenance of peri-implant health. Much of this success is a function of how the surrounding hard and soft tissues are constructed and maintained following placement of the implant and the supported restoration. While a properly planned surgical approach is critical, the design of the implant and abutment plays a critical role for achieving predictable results.

The era of placing implants with disregard to esthetic outcomes is over. Treating sites with soft and hard tissue loss may be challenging, but is often necessary to ensure a successful outcome and meet patient expectations. This program will focus on surgical and restorative protocols for implant placement in extraction and healed sites, utilizing a variety of materials. Abutment design plays a critical factor in tissue health and we will illustrate with scientific evidence and clinical case presentations, the impact of restorative design on esthetic outcomes along with the maintenance of form and function.

Upon completion of this course, attendees will be able to:

- Understand the value of robust peri-implant tissues
- Have explored the techniques required to generate healthy and robust tissues in different clinical scenarios
- Understand the impact of timing for delivering stock and custom abutments
- Understand the role of abutment and crown design on the stability of peri-implant tissues

Afternoon Session:

Protecting Crestal Bone Around Dental Implants: Strategies for Long-Term Health

We are now facing a wave of ailing and failing implants with progressive bone loss and implant loss. While this has been perceived as implant failure, we must consider bone graft failure as a large part of that reality. To combat graft failure, new technologies have emerged that help us create a vital, healthy and robust environment for future implants, immediate implants and even repair diseased sites. This talk reviews the current beliefs and suggests strategies to construct a more vital and durable peri-implant bone and tissue environment, in both healed and fresh extraction sites.

Upon completion of this course, attendees will be able to:

- Have explored graft failure and causes
- Understand the difference between older graft options and the products developed with newer technologies
- Learn applications for these newer regenerative options and best to apply them
- Observe the limits and potential of bone regenerative techniques of ossification of materials before and around existing implants

Dentsply Sirona is a partial sponsor of this program.

Holiday Social Event Evening Meeting

Friday, December 5, 2025

No CE Program - Bring your significant other and join your colleagues for a holiday dinner and social evening! There will be a cash bar and a very short business meeting to officially install newly-elected officers. The activity for the evening is yet to be determined; watch for further announcements regarding location, and fee for spouse/guest and non-Season Underwriter dentists. Cost of evening included in Season Underwriter fee.



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2025 Continuing Education Programs

2025 CONTINUING EDUCATION LOCATION & TIMES

- I. All CE programs will be at *Adams Pointe Conference Center of Courtyard by Marriott* located at: 1400 NE Coronado Dr, Blue Springs, MO 64014 (816) 220-4400. Meetings will be scheduled for all day Fridays, with the exception of the February, June and October programs, which will be mornings-only. The December Holiday Social location is TBD.
- II. Our full day meeting schedule will be as follows:
8:00 - 8:30 a.m. Registration (No breakfast)
8:30 - 12:00 p.m. Program, Part One
12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch/Business Meeting
1:00 - 4:30 p.m. Program, Part Two
- III. Our half day meeting schedule will be as follows:
8:00 - 8:30 a.m. Registration/Continental Breakfast
8:30 - 10:00 a.m. Program, Part One
10:00 - 10:15 a.m. Break
10:15 - 11:30 a.m. Program, Part Two (No lunch)

Become a 2025 Season Underwriter and SAVE!

Season Underwriters will receive four full days plus three half days of continuing education and the holiday social event (including all meals) for only \$695.00, which is a discount of nearly 60% off the eight events priced individually. A minimum of 50 hours of continuing education credit is required between December 1, 2024 and November 30, 2026 for licensure renewal of dentists in Missouri and the Season Underwriter program is an economical and efficient means of meeting the required credits. These programs offer a convenient opportunity to experience internationally-known clinicians without the cost and hassle of airfare, rooms, meals and lost time from your office. Sign up today and become informed!

Individual Program Fees:

All Underwriters: \$695.00 for four full day programs plus three half day programs and holiday social event. You may immediately pay in full (\$695) or make two payments of \$347.50 with the first payment due January 1, 2025 and the second payment due June 1, 2025.

Retired or New Dentist Discount: If you are fully retired and an ADA member, you may be a Season Underwriter for half price (\$347.50)! Also, new dentists (graduated ten years ago or less), you may take advantage of the same offer of half price of the Season Underwriter subscription!

Full Day Individual Meetings will be priced as follows:

Staff members, spouse, guests, including lunch	\$75
Member Dentists, including lunch	\$275
Non-Member Dentists, including lunch	\$375

Half Day Individual Meetings will be priced as follows:

Staff members, spouse, guests, etc., including continental breakfast	\$55
Member Dentists, including continental breakfast	\$105
Non-Member Dentists, including continental breakfast	\$130

Make your check payable to the Greater Kansas City Dental Society and mail to:

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