Clinical Photography

Presenter

Dr Peter Sheridan has a Masters degree in Preventive Dentistry and an order of Australia (AM) for his charity work. He has lectured to undergraduates and postgraduates in diverse fields as anatomy, sedation, hygienist utilisation, mercury toxicity and oral examinations.

In the charity world he was the Senior Vice President and Board Member of Multiple Sclerosis International from 1994-2005 as well as on the Board of Multiple Sclerosis Australia from 1998-2003. He was honoured by the British Multiple Sclerosis Society in 1998 as the Richard Cave medallist and lecturer. He has also featured on the ABC Collectors programme and recently authored a very successful book on the subject.

Brief

Clinical photography is not just about beautiful white teeth or cosmetic artistry. With today's digital technology, every dentist can chronicle what they see in the mouth, whether for general records or whenever the situation warrants photographic documentation. The closest thing to the reality of the mouth is a photograph. X-rays do not show failing restorations, crack lines and wear patterns; notes cannot always clearly indicate the sequence of events in a clinical session; and study models poorly represent the restored nature of teeth and the health of soft tissues.

The routine use of digital photography can significantly enhance record-keeping, validate clinical decisions and provide an impressive tool for patient education and practice marketing. Attendees will see reviews of all types of cameras and the equipment required to take extra and intra-oral pictures. People easily comprehend visual data and this course will show that instant quality images can dramatically improve patient understanding and acceptance of treatment recommendations. This course will be an invaluable experience for general dentists and specialists, and will be useful for general photography as well.

If you wish to use your own camera, please feel free to bring it on the day of this workshop.

Topics

- Photographs as part of records and communication in everyday dental practice
- Images for patient education … ‘I want you to see what I see’
- The essence of exposure, aperture and ISO in digital photography and overcoming the difficulties of hand-held macro photography
- All the information on cameras and recommended systems as well as retractors, mirrors etc.
- The proper technique for taking intra-oral and extra-oral images
- Better patient acceptance of treatment using photography and descriptive statements

Learning outcomes

- Using modern digital camera technology without excessive cost
- Learn how to consistently take outstanding intra-oral and extra-oral images
- Save, store, archive and display images – simplifying work flow and data asset management

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