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COSMETIC PEARLS FOR THE GENERAL PRACTITIONER

SYNOPSIS

This course is designed to help those dentists who are in the process of converting their practices to include more cosmetic dentistry procedures. The lecture gives many tips on how to do cosmetic dentistry better and more efficiently. Often we defer doing cosmetic procedures because we don't know how to fix potential problems, so many suggestions have been included on what to do when things go wrong. This high quality wide screen PowerPoint presentation begins by reviewing basic adhesive dentistry techniques while explaining a unique method of performing microdentistry, and then continually builds on the knowledge gained with each succeeding and more complex subject. Dr. Zase brings a unique teaching foundation since he is one of only eight dentists in the world who has attained both his Mastership in the Academy of General Dentistry and is also Accredited in Cosmetics by the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry. He is also an Accreditation Examiner and was President of the AACD (2006-2007).

Techniques and tips are included in the following topics:

- The Mini-Prep: a minimally invasive technique for restoring incipient carious lesions;
- Posterior Composites: predictable contacts, aesthetic tips, preventing overhangs, achieving zero sensitivity;
- Invisibly Restoring Fractured Incisors: opaquing and adhesive techniques;
- Zero sensitivity tooth whitening utilizing pre-whiteners;
- Porcelain Onlays and Crowns: easy to use cements, repairing and preventing minor marginal defects, opaquing metal, invisible margins;
- Smile Design: visualizing and understanding the principles;
- Porcelain Veneers: modifying shades, laboratory communication to get what you want; repairing (closing) margins
- Natural and Aesthetic Bridges: ovate pontic design, tissue design, repairing fractured porcelain;
- Patient Communication: the principle of asking, cosmetic imaging.
- And countless other pearls to put into your practice tomorrow.