The Hammer and the Nail:
A two part series on the current developments in Oral Implantology.

Day 1 - The Nail
Evolution of dental implants. This will be an entertaining and informative presentation on the evolution of dental implants and the current dominance of the root form dental implants. We will examine the evolution of designs and biomaterial for this application as well as take a brief look into the future of implant biomaterials.

Day 2 - The Hammer
Much of our current successes in oral implantology revolves around our improved understanding of human physiology, biomaterials and surgical techniques. This presentation will look at some of the factors that have contributed to our improved success and examine some future possibilities. As well, we will consider the limitations of Oral Implantology and the ethical challenges they present.

“The problem is that you give someone a hammer and everything becomes a nail” — Charles Shuler.

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The role of dentists in a sleepy world
Oral Appliances: the good and bad news
Presented by Dr. Fernanda Almeida

Oral Healthcare for Patients with Cancer
Presented by Dr. Charles Shuler

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Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 8:00 am - 11:30 am
Wed 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
17 hours of Instruction

Conference Fees:
TUITION:
$1095 Dentist
$695 CDA / RDH technicians, office staff and auxiliaries
Tuition fee includes seminar kit, continental breakfasts, breaks and relevant course materials. 17 hours of instruction

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TRAVEL QUESTIONS?
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Dr. Fernanda Almeida
Efficacy of Dental Appliances in the Treatment of Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA)

OBJECTIVES:
• Discuss the basics of sleep
• Describe the Efficacy of Dental Appliances in the Treatment of OSA
• Understand the differences between oral appliances and their uses

This session will focus on oral appliance efficacy for snoring and sleep apnea patients. In the last 15 years there has been an increased concern regarding sleep apnea and its consequences on overall health. It is well known that the most efficacious treatment for sleep apnea is nasal continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP), but because of its cumbersome nature, compliance rates are lower than what physicians would desire. The second best treatment for sleep apnea is oral appliance therapy. There are now many randomized controlled trials focusing on this type of treatment which has a higher compliance rate, and in some cases, CPAP and other therapies have been poorly discussed. We will discuss a recent publication showing the feasibility of using MAS as an alternative treatment in patients previously established on CPAP who wanted an optional treatment for circumstances such as short trips or camping. Other combination therapies will also be discussed.

The oral appliance field involves many different types of mandibular advancement splints. This session will review different mechanisms of action and efficacy of different oral appliance designs. This session will review tools to help practitioners match therapy to patient preferences with a greater likelihood of adherence.