Soft Tissue Grafting for the General Practitioner
Two day Hands-On course with Two Live demo surgeries
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Soft tissue grafting is now a necessity in various stages of a dentist’s treatment plan. Soft tissue enhancement prior to Orthodontic treatment or Prosthodontic rehabilitation offers a safer and more stable long term result. Bone grafting surgery sites are poorly planned without the existence of strong keratinized gingiva. The benefits of having resistant keratinized tissues around implants and implant supported crowns are well documented.

Root coverage procedures allows you to offer your patients different options to address root sensitivity, aesthetic concerns, abstractions and abrasions. This course introduces the participants to various aspects of soft tissue grafting and periodontal plastic surgery. Topics covered will include autogenous connective tissue grafts (CTGs), autogenous free gingival grafts (FGGs), utilizing allograft materials from the market, pedicle flaps, etc.

An emphasis is placed on treatment planning and patient selection criteria through evidence based lectures and handouts.

There will be two live demo surgeries by the Course Mentors on their patients along with the impact they have on your treatment plans.

Educational Objectives:

1. learn how to identify various types of recession and mucogingival deficiencies and the impact they have on your treatment plans
2. understand the methodology and rationale for using allograft materials vs. autogenous grafts
3. develop protocols for patient selection and when to refer
4. demonstrate the techniques and skills required for the surgical management of simple FGG and CTG cases
5. learn to maximize the outcome of your implant cases by incorporating soft tissue grafting in your treatment plans
6. learn to identify and manage the postoperative phase and complications

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