FAQ’S

What is the history of the UBC—Radiant Advanced Orthodontic Study Club?
2014 – 2015 was the inaugural year of this Advanced Study Club which is offered by UBC. Dr. Witt has been mentoring the UBC Basic Orthodontic Study Club since 1997 and, over the years, the UBC Department of Continuing Dental Education has received numerous requests for Dr. Witt to conduct an Advanced Study Club. With the move to his new office in 2009 providing an updated clinical facility and the subsequent provision of an on-site teaching facility, he is now able to offer such a Study Club with a realistic expectation that patient care and participant instruction can be delivered at the highest standards.

Why participate in the UBC—Radiant Advanced Orthodontic Study Club?
Practical guidance from an experienced practitioner during case selection and orthodontic treatment procedures is invaluable to the learning experience. Orthodontic treatment is an on-going process and evaluation and re-evaluation of treatments is needed: essentially, every treatment appointment is a new opportunity to direct the course of treatment. The pace of change in orthodontic materials and procedures today is so rapid that it is virtually impossible for the non-specialist to keep up-to-date without involvement in a Study Club of this nature. Emphasis is placed upon utilizing the latest technologies and self-ligating appliances.

Who is eligible to join the UBC—Radiant Advanced Orthodontic Study Club?
General dentists who have taken a Basic Orthodontic Course, or who are already including fixed orthodontic appliance treatments in their practice. Without such a background, recent graduates (less than three years since graduation) from UBC, or other undergraduate dental programs with substantial orthodontic components, can participate, but may find the pace and content of the advanced program challenging. If in doubt, contact Dr. Witt, or the Director of Continuing Dental Education. Participation is limited to eight dentists annually.

Who provides the patients?
Participants bring their own patients who must be patients of record in the participant’s practice.

What is the format of the sessions?
The first session will be a lecture/discussion format covering what is expected from the participants in terms of patient selection, patient records, case presentations, informed consent, and the qualities/expectations of treatment that participants will be performing. The first portion of subsequent sessions will involve patient screenings/selection and case presentations moderated by Dr. Witt but involving discussions with the entire group. This will be followed by clinical treatments in the clinic at Radiant Orthodontics where Dr. Witt will work directly with each participant and their patients, with time taken to discuss and demonstrate procedures with and to the entire group. A full-time assistant will be present for operatory set-up and clean-up, but participants may wish to have their own staff attend to assist with procedures depending upon the stage and/or nature of the treatment being performed.

Is it necessary to bring any equipment, instruments, supplies or products to the advanced courses?
No, all instruments and equipment will be available without extra charge. Brackets, wires, bands etc. are available in the clinic. Each practitioner will have an account set up at the beginning of the academic year, and will be invoiced in July for the orthodontic materials (brackets, wires, bands etc) used. Clinic sundries such as gloves, masks, cotton rolls, gauze etc. are also supplied.
COURSE OUTLINE
This course provides instruction in diagnosis, treatment planning, and practical experience in comprehensive orthodontic treatment procedures for general practitioners who already have some familiarity with orthodontics. Participating doctors will provide their own patients and should be prepared to present treatment proposals for group discussions with Dr Witt and the other participants. While it is not necessary, especially initially, that participants orthodontically treat patients, it is anticipated that most participants will choose to become involved in clinical treatments eventually. For those choosing to treat patients, regular attendance at most monthly sessions is necessary to maintain proper continuity of treatment.

CLINICIAN
Paul A. Witt, DDS, Dip Ortho, FRCD(C), received both his dental degree (1974) and a diploma in orthodontics (1979) from the University of Toronto. He has been practising full-time as a Certified Specialist in Orthodontics since 1979 and has been teaching orthodontics part-time since 1981. He is currently a Clinical Assistant Professor with the Graduate Orthodontics Program and the chief lecturer for the Orthodontic Module, both in the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of British Columbia.

TUITION FEE
DENTISTS: $4100.00
Includes breakfast and course materials. Expendable supplies are not included in the course fee.
A non-refundable deposit of $995 is due upon registration.

TIMES
COURSE TIMES: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
Friday or Saturday mornings

LOCATION
Radiant Orthodontics
201-4906 Delta Street, Delta, BC
Phone: 604.946.9771

SESSIONS
SESSION 1  September 22 or 23, 2017
SESSION 2  October 20 or 21
SESSION 3  November 17 or 18
SESSION 4  December 15 or 16
SESSION 5  January 19 or 20, 2018
SESSION 6  February 23 or 24
SESSION 7  April 6 or 7
SESSION 8  May 4 or 5
SESSION 9  June 1 or 2
SESSION 10 June 22 or 23
SESSION 11 July 13 or 14

55 HOURS OF INSTRUCTION

LIMITED ENROLMENT: 8 PARTICIPANTS
Pre-Registration is advised. We require complete information for all registrants.

Please register as early as possible in order to reserve a space!