Speaker Packet
Dr. Ronni Brown’s presentations captivate audiences with her experiences treating “meth mouth” patients at a detention facility. As a clinician, educator, and researcher, she brings a compelling perspective and helps audiences understand the impact of substance abuse on oral health and treatment outcomes.

Meth Mouth: A State of Decay

Discover why methamphetamine is the “hot” street drug and why users will give up their smile for a meth high. Learn how methamphetamine causes a unique and distinct pattern of dental decay known as “meth mouth”. Learn realistic, safe, and effective ways to treat patients who have “meth mouth”.

“Tweaked,” “Cracked” and “Loaded”: Profile of the Addicted Dental Patient

Discover the most frequently abused drugs and how to recognize patients with substance use disorders. Discover effective ways to discuss substance abuse with patients and treat the oral effects of abuse. Learn how to manage pain without opiate-based analgesics and avoid falling prey to drug-seeking patients.

Evidence-Based Dentistry: A Paradigm Shift

Learn how to be a critical consumer of scientific information and obtain the most reliable data for making treatment decisions and improving clinical outcomes for your patients. Shift from “what I learned in dental school” to “what I learned from reliable scientific sources”. Long-standing opinions regarding implant placement, third molar extractions, dental crowding, and prophylactic antibiotics will be weighed against the scientific evidence on these topics.
Meth Mouth: A State of Decay

Are you aware that treating a dental patient who is high on methamphetamine could be fatal? If the next patient who walked into your office was high on methamphetamine, would you know what to do, what to say, and how to treat?

With methamphetamine being the second most widely abused drug in the world, it is likely that you are treating patients who use methamphetamine and have “meth mouth”; teeth that are rotted, blackened, and broken. Many clinicians are not aware of the signs and symptoms of methamphetamine use, or the medical, legal, and ethical issues associated with treating the addicted patient. Being aware of patients’ substance abuse histories is the first step towards patient and practice safety.

With more than 20 years treating “meth mouth” and publishing research, Dr. Ronni Brown understands the behavioral and clinical challenges that the dental team faces when treating the addicted patient. These patients can be treated successfully and the dental team can play a pivotal role in changing the direction of these patient’s lives.

In this interactive, multi-media presentation, discover why methamphetamine is the “hot” street drug and why users will give up their smile for a meth high. Learn how to become aware of methamphetamine use in your practice and how to communicate your concerns to your patients. Receive effective, safe, and realistic strategies for treating patients who have “meth mouth”. Recognize your professional responsibilities and your own personal boundaries in treating the “addicted” patient.

Suggested Format: Partial Day; Lecture, Workshop, Keynote

Suggested Attendees: Dentists, Hygienists and Team Members

“Dr. Brown is a thoughtful and enthusiastic speaker. Our group of dentists, hygienists, and office staff was so impressed with her Evidence-based Dentistry presentation that we invited her back for her Meth-Mouth presentation and were not disappointed. She intersperses research with patient vignettes to provide a unique and evidence-based presentation that keeps all audience members engaged.”
—Jennifer Clemens, DMD, MPH; Dental Director, Capitol Dental Care, Inc.

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“Tweaked,” “Cracked” and “Loaded”
Profile of the Addicted Dental Patient

Have you ever felt that your patient’s substance abuse was the elephant in the room? Are you afraid to discuss your suspicions due to your own discomfort or fear of insulting your patient?

Drug abuse is at an epidemic level with approximately 1 out of every 10 Americans addicted to illegal and prescribed stimulants, depressants and opioids. Dental professionals must be prepared to address substance abuse with their patients that are “tweaked”, “cracked” and “loaded”. Learn who is most at risk for addiction and understand the genetic and environmental risk factors for addiction.

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Discover the “clues” of addiction on a health history form and on a clinical exam. Learn evidence-based guidelines for managing dental pain without resorting to opiate-based analgesics and feel confident in dealing with “drug-seeking” or “under the influence” patients in your practice. Learn how to initiate conversations with your patients about their substance abuse and help them get on a road that will lead to recovery.

“Thank you for the amazing presentation! You are a phenomenal speaker and our team was lucky to have you”.
—Tanya Clark, Administrative Assistant, Capitol Dental Care, Inc.

“The reviews for your course were outstanding. Your presentation was a success at our annual meeting.”
—Amit Desai, DMD, Coordinator
Connecticut State Dental Association

Learning Objectives:
✓ Identify the drugs patients are most likely to abuse
✓ Discover the oral, physical and behavioral clues of substance abuse
✓ Explore the realities of addiction and how to discuss substance abuse with patients
✓ Discover the dos and don’ts of treating substance abusers safely, effectively and with confidence
✓ Learn evidence-based practices for managing dental pain without using addictive analgesics
✓ Learn how not to fall prey to patients who are “drug seeking”

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Evidence-Based Dentistry: A Paradigm Shift

Are you able to keep up with the amount of dental information that comes your way every day? Or, do you base clinical decisions and treatment recommendations on information learned in dental school years ago?

The dental profession has begun a paradigm shift from patient care based upon traditions and opinions towards care based upon the best available evidence. Many clinicians find it difficult to stay abreast of the latest scientific literature and integrate it into their clinical practice. Throw your dental journals away and discover online resources to access the most current scientific information within minutes!

A public health dentist and researcher, Dr. Ronni Brown is among a growing network of dentists nationwide who have been recognized as a “champion of evidence-based dentistry” by the American Dental Association.

In this interactive session, learn how to be a critical consumer of scientific information and obtain the most reliable data that will assist you in making treatment decisions and improve clinical outcomes for your patients. Challenge yourself to change the way you practice dentistry from “what I learned in dental school” to “what I learned from reliable scientific sources”. Long-standing opinions regarding implant placement, third molar extractions, dental crowding, and prophylactic antibiotics will be weighed against the scientific evidence on these topics.

“In Dr. Brown is an excellent speaker who empowers her audience with useful information.”
—Contra Costa County Dental Society

Learning Objectives:
✓ Learn how to navigate on-line databases, such as PubMed and Cochrane Library, to access high-quality scientific evidence
✓ Identify junk science and other low quality sources of information
✓ Explore how to apply scientific data to your daily clinical decisions
✓ Understand how to communicate scientific evidence to patients to assist them in making treatment decisions
✓ Discover how the dental team can become “dental encyclopedias”

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Today, dentists feel overwhelmed by the complexities of their patient’s lives and the amount of new clinical information they need to sort through.

Dynamic, engaging, and influential, Dr. Ronni Brown’s presentations bridge the gap between the fields of dentistry, public health and substance abuse. Her work treating patients with “meth mouth” at a medium security jail brings a compelling perspective to the topic; while her experience in public health helps audiences understand the global implications of methamphetamine abuse. Her research findings have garnered international interest and compliment her multi-faceted professional experience.

Addiction and Dentistry

Dr. Brown is a dynamic, engaging, and influential presenter who captivates audiences with her experiences treating “meth mouth” patients at a detention facility. As a clinician, educator, and researcher, she brings a unique perspective to the topics of addiction and dentistry and helps audiences understand the impact of substance abuse on oral health and treatment outcomes. Her research on the effects of drug-use patterns on the severity of “meth mouth” has garnered international interest, was published in the Journal of the California Dental Association, and has positioned her as a leading national expert on “meth mouth”.

Champion of Evidence-Based Dentistry

Dr. Brown is among a growing network of dentists nationwide who have been recognized as a “champion of evidence-based dentistry” by the American Dental Association. As a public health dentist and researcher, Dr. Brown promotes the application of scientific evidence to guide treatment decisions, enhance patient education, and improve clinical outcomes. She has provided more than a dozen expert opinions for the Dental Board of California (written reports) and has been an expert witness in administrative hearings for the Dental Board, rendering an opinion regarding standard of care based upon scientific evidence.

“Dr. Brown’s passion and depth of knowledge make the course interesting and engaging. Dr. Brown helped me feel more comfortable identifying meth use and talking to my patients about meth. The patient testimonials were informative and helped provide a context for the course. I now feel that I have a practical approach to treatment and a better understanding of these patients.” —Leslie McGarvey, DDS Compliance Liaison UCSF Dental Center
Dr. Brown has lectured extensively at local, state, national and international dental meetings and is a member of several speaker bureaus, including the California Dental Association, the American Association of Public Health Dentistry, Dental Speakers Bureau and the Directory of Dental Speakers. She is a published author and has served as a peer reviewer for several top-tiered dental journals.

Memberships & Associations

• American Dental Association
• American Association of Public Health Dentistry
• California Dental Association
• Alameda County Dental Society

Teaching Experience

• Diablo Valley College, Department of Dental Hygiene; Pleasant Hill, CA
• University of California, Los Angeles, CA; School of Dentistry; Los Angeles, CA
• University of California San Francisco, School of Dentistry; San Francisco, CA

Presentations

• Academy of Cosmetic and Adhesive Dentistry
• Alameda County Dental Society
• Alameda Dental Group
• AmeriCorps Training Day
• American Dental Association FDI World Dental Congress (multiple)
• Angel City Dental Society
• Berkeley Dental Society
• California Dental Association CDA Presents (multiple)
• California Indian Health Service Dental Education (multiple)
• Capitol Dental Care (multiple)
• Central Valley Dental Forum
• Charter Oak Dental Meeting / CSDA
• Contra Costa Dental Society (multiple)
• Delta Study Group
• Fresno Madera Dental Society (multiple)

• Greater Bay Area Dental Society
• Great River Study Club
• Harbor Dental Society
• Humboldt Del Norte Dental Society (multiple)
• Journees dentaires internationales du Quebec (JDIQ)
• Kern County Dental Society
• Louisiana Dental Association
• Marin County Dental Society
• Monterey Bay Dental Society
• National Dental Association Centennial Convention
• Northern California Dental Society
• Rutgers School of Dental Medicine (multiple)
• San Gabriel Valley Dental Society
• Southern Alameda Dental Society
• Star of the South
• University of California, Los Angeles, School of Dentistry (multiple)
• University of California, San Francisco, School of Dentistry (multiple)
• University of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry
• University of Texas Science Center at Houston, School of Dentistry
• Viva Learning Interactive Webinar (multiple)
• VOCO America Webinar
• Wallingford-Meriden-Cheshire Dental Society
• Western Regional Dental Experience
• Yankee Dental Congress

In 2018, ADA selected 12 presenters for the New and Emerging Speakers Series from 109 submissions. Dr. Brown is honored to be one of the two speakers from that event that have been asked back in 2019 to speak in ADA’s regular course lineup.

Testimonials

“Dr. Brown, it was a pleasure to have you. All attendee comments were positive. A few of the comments: ‘Very informative. Interesting subject. Clear information. Excellent topic and the speaker was amazing. Should be mandatory course in all schools.’ Thank you for coming!” —Dan Hinrichs, Executive Director; Humboldt Del-Norte Dental Society

"Thank you for presenting to our members! The subject matter was relevant and of great interest to our members.” —Lee Adishian, RDH: Executive Director of San Gabriel Dental Society

“Dr. Brown was an amazing, intelligent, and passionate speaker and I learned a lot listening to her tonight...her commitment to patient education was very inspiring. She showed that passion plus a well thought out plan can be effective in improving people’s oral health and lives.” —A. Tumanyan, University of California, Los Angeles; School of Dentistry

“The use of video and audio in Dr. Brown’s presentation makes it engaging and informative on a whole new level.”