



Vermont DENTAL CONFERENCE

September 19 - 20, 2024

DoubleTree by Hilton ♦ 870 Williston Road ♦ South Burlington, VT

Innovate. Collaborate. Elevate.

In-Person Programs

Thursday,
September 19
&
Friday,
September 20

Award
Winning
New
Speakers

Virtual CE Sessions

Live Virtual Sessions
Tues., August 27
Thurs., August 29
*also On-Demand
thru September 30*

WELCOME

Greetings from the VSDS President!



On behalf of the Vermont State Dental Society and our Executive Board, I would like to welcome you all to the 2024 Vermont Dental Conference! The VSDS staff and conference committee have been hard at work to bring you another excellent conference with up-to-date continuing education and great opportunities to network and meet your colleagues from across the state.

I would encourage you to attend all the events offered at this year's conference, including the VSDS Annual Business Meeting on Thursday. This is a chance for you to get important society updates, learn about the initiatives for the upcoming year, and meet your board of directors. As always, we also encourage you to please visit our vendor booths and see the newest and best products and services they have to offer.

We hope that you and your dental team will enjoy this year's offerings while meeting, socializing, and collaborating with your colleagues from across the state. Being part of a small and intimate dental community is a special opportunity, and we can't wait to share it with you once again.

Yours in service,
Justin Hurlburt, DMD

SPEAKER TESTIMONIALS

Meet Our *High Quality Educators!*

Peter Auster, DMD



"Uplifting, Inspiring & Educational - Excellent Speaker!"

Jacob Dent, DDS



"Special needs topics should be taught to all dental professionals."

Sam Shamardi, DMD



"The content and delivery were exceptional! Thorough & informative!"

Tom Viola, R. PH., CCP



"So much practical information! So many laughs. You had my attention every second."



Helpful Tips for Online Registration

1) Select Registration Type

- ADA/VSDS Member Dentist & Staff*
- or-
- Non-Member Dentist & Staff

*see eligibility in General Information

2) Select Day or Days of Attendance

- Full Conference: Thurs. 9/19 & Fri. 9/20 + virtual option
- Thursday Only: 9/19 plus virtual
- Friday Only: 9/20 plus virtual
- Virtual Sessions Only:
Live Sessions on 8/27 & 8/29
On-Demand Sessions available thru 9/30

NEW in 2024...

Register Your Whole Team

When you register SIX or more team members, receive a refund of the cost of one program fee.
(Refunds will be issued post-conference)

Plus... Early Bird Pricing

Register thru Sunday, August 18 for our deepest discounts
The first 100 registrants are entered to win a \$100 gift card!

Location & Hotel Reservations

DoubleTree by Hilton
870 Williston Road, So. Burlington, VT 05403

- **Thursday, September 19, 2024, 9:00am – 4:30pm**
Half day programs offered & VSDS Annual Business Meeting
- **Friday, September 20, 2024, 9:00am – 4:30pm**
Full day registration only, with a choice of programs

Hotel Reservations are available using this Event Room Block Link: [DoubleTree Reservations](#). The conference discounted rate is \$209 per night. **The deadline to register is August 28 and space is limited so reserve early.** You may also call the hotel at 802-865-6600 and request the Vermont Dental Conference room block rate. (Note: the website pre-populates with 3 nights. Once you get to "Step 3 - Payment and Guest Details", click the "Edit Stay" link at top right. Change the dates in blue and click the "Update" button to the right of the dates. That should change the dates and the price for your choices.) Free parking is available on the premises for attendees and hotel guests.

Additional Virtual Sessions

VS1 - 2024 Live Digital Virtual & On-Demand:
Samuel Shamardi, DMD "Game Changers: Transformative Innovations in Dentistry"

- **Live Digital:** Tuesday, 8/27/2024, 6:00pm – 8:30pm
- **On-Demand:** Weds. 8/28/2024 – Monday, 9/30/2024 (only)
(Recording link sent 8/28/24 directly to registered attendees.)

VS2 - 2024 Live Digital Virtual & On-Demand:
Jacob Dent, DDS "How to Be a Sensory Friendly Dental Provider"

- **Live Digital:** Thursday, 8/29/2024, 6:00pm – 8:30pm
- **On-Demand:** Friday, 8/30/2024 – Monday, 9/30/2024 (only)
(Recording link sent 8/30/24 directly to registered attendees.)

- **Live Digital Zoom** links will be sent directly to registered attendees email the week prior to the scheduled date
- **Virtual Sessions** include access to both Live Digital & On-Demand (limited) presentations
- **Post-event Quiz** required for Virtual Sessions. The quiz link will be included with your program Zoom link

Event Fees

Save! Register by August 18 for deepest discounts!

Program fees apply to all CE (continuing education) programs and include lunch. There is a non-refundable registration fee that applies to all participants attending the conference. Registration and badges are required for EVERYONE in the Conference Center (including business meeting). Registration based on Members/Non-Members. Membership is verified.

Member Rate Eligibility:

- Dentists:** VSDS or ADA active 2024 Membership
- Hygienists:** VDHA, ADHA, or staff of VSDS/ADA Member (defined above)*
- Assistants:** ADAA or staff of VSDS/ADA Member (defined above)*
- General Office:** Staff of VSDS/ADA Member (defined above)*

* Staff of Member Dentist Primary Office

Non-Member Rates: Apply to non-ADA dentists and their staff.

Miscellaneous Event Items

- Exhibitor Trade Show:** Thursday: 8:00am-6:00pm; Friday: 8:00am-1:30pm
- Thursday Evening Mixer:** Open to all registered attendees as a complimentary event. Cash bar, please RSVP when registering online. Hours are 4:30pm - 6:00pm in the Exhibit Hall.



Exhibit Guest Pass

Dental professionals NOT registered for the conference are welcome to obtain a complimentary **GUEST PASS** at the registration desk to visit the Exhibitor Trade Show during off-peak hours. **Available hours:** Thursday: 9:30am-11:00am and 2:00pm-3:30pm. Friday: 9:30am-11:00am only. **GUEST PASS** does not include lunch, CE programs, VSDS Business Meeting, or Social Mixer.

Registration

Registration is Online Only for this event; no printed forms are available. Each registrant must provide a unique email. Contact [Junapr Events](#) if you need assistance, **802-556-2934**. **Deadline to pre-register is Sunday, September 15.** (See ad on Page 2)

Group Registration is an available option. Discount for large groups.

- Select a Group Leader and follow registration to last page before payment
- Use Add Group Member button to continue adding team members
- When finished adding group members, complete transaction with payment
- Individuals receive a single confirmation; Group Leader receives a confirmation for each group member

[Online Registration Link](#)

Confirmation

Once you register online you will receive an email confirmation. If not received within 24 hours, email [Junapr Events](#). Group Leaders will receive confirmations for all group members.

Note: if you opt-out of receiving (CVENT) emails you will not get important event details and links.

Payments

We accept **VISA, MasterCard, Discover, AMEX and Checks** (the off-line payment option). For check payment, print the payment invoice provided with your confirmation and send to **VSDS: 1 Kennedy Drive, L-3, So. Burlington, VT 05403**. Check payments are due within 14 days of registering or by September 6, whichever comes first.

Handout/Verification/Evaluation Forms & Quizzes

Handouts, Verification Forms & Evaluations will be posted on the **conference website** for download closer to the event. **Please note, some speakers do not provide them. Available handouts will be posted on [Conference Handouts Page](#)**

Virtual Sessions are the only sessions that will require a post-event quiz to obtain credit. Quizzes are sent via email directly to participants. **Evaluations** VSDS encourages completion of evaluations for feedback on the Vermont Dental Conference.

PRICING, DEADLINES & DISCLAIMERS

Conference Pricing

MEMBER PRICING			
	Virtual Sessions	Thursday	Friday
Early Bird Thru 8/18	\$150 Per Session	\$165 Per Session	\$330 Full Day Only
Regular Thru 9/16	\$180 Per Session	\$195 Per Session	\$390 Full Day Only
NON-MEMBER PRICING			
	Virtual Sessions	Thursday	Friday
Early Bird Thru 8/18	\$270 Per Session	\$325 Per Session	\$650 Full Day Only
Regular Thru 9/16	\$335 Per Session	\$365 Per Session	\$730 Full Day Only

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 * Staff of Member Dentist Primary Office

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Notes:

- Lunch is included with program fees.
- A \$25 registration fee per person is non-refundable.
- Early Bird Savings...**
Register by August 18th and SAVE!

Modification/Cancellation Policy & Refunds

Modifications or cancellations to an agenda by the attendee/registrant must be made **on or before August 30** and will incur a \$10 processing fee per-changed-CE-session. All changes after **August 30** will be reviewed by VSDS post conference. Refunds at that time will be at the discretion of VSDS and returned in the form of the original payment (CC or Check). **The \$25 registration fee is non-refundable.**

Contact Information & Deadlines

CONTACT US:

For all questions regarding this event contact our Conference Planning Team @ **Junapr Events**
 Email: mail@vsds.org Phone: 802-556-2934

Checks should be payable to and mailed to:

Vermont State Dental Society
 1 Kennedy Dr., Suite L-3
 So. Burlington, VT 05403

IMPORTANT LIVE LINKS:

[Register Now](#)

[Conference Participant Page](#)

[Dental Conference FAQs](#)

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- The Vermont State Dental Society and its Annual Conference Committee make every effort to provide high caliber speakers in their respective areas of expertise. The presentations of the speakers in no way imply endorsement of any product, technique, or service discussed during these programs.
- Speaker conflict of interest or financial support is listed in the brochure and announced during the program.
- Participants are cautioned about using limited knowledge when incorporating techniques and procedures into their practices, especially in circumstances where they have not had supervised clinical experience in the technique or procedure.
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Session VS1 - Live Digital/On Demand – August 27, 2024

VIRTUAL SESSION – Tuesday, August 27, 2024, Live Digital.
Post-Event Recording for On-Demand Presentation (Recording available August 28 – September 30)

Live Digital:
6:00pm-8:30pm

On Demand:
Aug. 28 - Sept. 30



VS1-2024 ZOOM
Game Changers: Transformative Innovations in Dentistry
 Samuel Shamardi, DMD **Educational Sponsors: Prexion, NSK, DEKA, PerioProtect, Kettenbach, Slate**
 Suggested Audience Code: D, H, A, O 2.5 CEUs/Clinical Lecture

FORMAT: Live Digital Lecture Program presented on date and time with recorded on-demand access after the event. Zoom link will be provided one week prior to the Live Digital session. Recording link will be provided 24 hours after the live presentation.

Dentistry continues evolving, presenting groundbreaking innovations in diagnostic, clinical, surgical, and maintenance therapy that fundamentally change the way we provide treatment. This course examines the most impactful technologies, products and platforms that revolutionize our profession.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the newest and most influential products and technologies in the dental industry and how they can transform your patient care and productivity
- Review the evolution in technologies for diagnosis, treatment, and long-term maintenance care and how they can be applied by your team
- Understand how to incorporate new innovations immediately to differentiate your practice from the rest



Session VS2 - Live Digital/On Demand – August 29, 2024

VIRTUAL SESSION – Thursday, August 29, 2024, Live Digital.
Post-Event Recording for On-Demand Presentation (Recording available August 30 – September 30)

Live Digital:
6:00pm-8:30pm

On Demand:
Aug. 30 - Sept. 30



VS2-2024 ZOOM
How to Be a Sensory Friendly Dental Provider
 Jacob Dent, DDS *Dr. Dent is a shareholder in Dental Desensitization Systems*
 Suggested Audience Code: D, H, A, O 2.5 CEUs/Clinical Lecture

FORMAT: Live Digital Lecture Program presented on date and time with recorded on-demand access after the event. Zoom link will be provided one week prior to the Live Digital session. Recording link will be provided 24 hours after the live presentation.

Understanding how each individual views the world through their own unique perspectives and perceptions is critical in being a sensory friendly dental provider. Our eight senses are the basis for how we see the world, and how we process that information can be the difference between a great and horrible dental visit. This course will define the basics of the human senses, how they are processed and what makes going to the dentist one of the most challenging experiences when it come to sensory overload.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the eight human senses
- Determine how perspective and perception affect our sensory input
- Identify how bias and stereotypes affect our perception and perspectives
- Recognize that everyone has a unique sensory input
- Describe ways to reduce the sensory overload caused in the dental office
- Define sensory processing disorder
- Leave with strategies for personal ergonomic protection and improved clinical effectiveness

Thursday Agenda – September 19, 2024

8:00am–9:15am **Continental Breakfast & Visit Exhibitors** - Exhibit Hall

8:00am–1:45pm **Registration** – Conference Center Foyer

8:00am–6:00pm **Trade Show Exhibitor Display Hours** – Please use your free time to visit exhibits

Thursday Programs – September 19, 2024

9:00am-12:00pm

Meeting #1

The 148th Vermont State Dental Society Annual Business Meeting

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Julie Spaniel, presenting on Wellness and Wellbeing. Plus, Leadership from the University of Detroit Mercy join us to discuss progress on the Dental School Clinic in VT.



9:15am-12:15pm



Program #2

Thomas Viola, R.P.H., C.C.P.

Sugar? Yes Please! Diabetes: Dental Consideration and Patient Care Planning

Audience Code: H, A, O

3 CEUs/Clinical Lecture

While millions of Americans with diabetes have been diagnosed, a significant number remain undiagnosed. Diabetes and its co-morbidities remain a leading cause of death and their systemic complications have a significant impact on dental therapy. Would you know the symptoms if you saw them? This program explores diabetes, the arsenal of medications used in its treatment and the impact of both the disease and its treatment on dental therapy. Participants will explore patient management strategies essential for successful treatment planning and proper care of our diabetic patients. Special emphasis will be placed on the complex interplay between diabetes and the oral-systemic connection.

Learning Objectives:

- Identify the different types of diabetes, including symptoms and differential diagnosis
- Describe the complex interplay of diabetes and the oral-systemic connection
- Review the classes of medications used in the treatment of diabetes and its co-morbidities
- Explore patient management strategies essential for successful treatment planning & proper patient care



9:15am-12:15pm



Program #3

Samuel Shamardi, DMD

Opening the Curtain: Fighting the Mental Health and Wellness Crisis within Dentistry

Audience Code: H, A, O

3 CEUs/Non-Clinical Lecture

Educational Sponsors: NSK, Prexion

Dentistry has long been synonymous with physical breakdown, burnout and mental health issues, yet an open discussion on these realities and their impact on our lives has continued to be ignored. The constant pressure we face over decades of practicing leads to systemic health issues, disability, and the often stigmatized subject of suicide. We need to better understand the importance of overall wellness in our careers. This course sheds light on the mental health challenges we face and introduces solutions that can help prolong our careers and improve our overall work/life balance.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the detrimental health risks we face due to constant stress and burnout
- Review signs/symptoms of burnout and provide solutions for prevention
- Know the reality of suicide within dentistry & how to better manage work/life challenges through our careers

Make Time to Visit Our Exhibitors

They Make Our Meeting Possible

Place Show Orders

Take advantage of Show Specials from Conference Exhibitors and save your supply orders to place at the Vermont Dental Conference!



Win An Office Lunch

When you place an order of \$200+ at the Vermont Dental Conference receive a Golden Ticket for a chance to win a lunch party for your office.

Audience Code: D-Dentist H-Hygienist A-Assistant O-Office Team *Programs are open to all.*

THURSDAY LUNCHES:

12:00pm – 1:15pm

Main Lunch is served in the Exhibit Hall - *Lunch included with all CE program registrations*

12:15pm – 1:30pm

VSDS Past Presidents' Luncheon - *Invitation Only - Willsboro Room*

Use your free time to visit and speak with Exhibitors

1:30pm-4:30pm



Program #4

Thomas Viola, R.Ph., C.C.P.

Hurts So...Swell! Management of Acute Dental Pain and Appropriate Opioid Prescribing

Audience Code: D, H, A

3 CEUs/Clinical Lecture

Every day, more than 115 Americans die after overdosing on opioids. (National Institute on Drug Abuse) Management of acute odontogenic pain is accomplished through a clinical approach that successfully incorporates both opioid and non-opioid analgesics. However, moderate to severe dental pain often occurs well after office hours and away from our immediate supervision. Thus, it is critical for clinicians to be able to accurately identify a patient's need for pain control, develop an individualized pain management plan and assess the efficacy of analgesic agents employed. This program will provide strategies for effectively managing dental pain with opioid and non-opioid analgesics and analgesic adjuvants, while also mitigating associated risks. Special emphasis will be given to appropriate practices for prescribing analgesics as well as identification and treatment of opioid analgesic abuse.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the pharmacology and mechanism of action of opioid and non-opioid analgesics, as well as their potential for abuse
- Identify the intended roles of these analgesics in the treatment of acute dental pain, as well as situations which may preclude their use
- Discuss best practices for prescribing opioid analgesics as part of individualized patient pain management plan
- Describe techniques useful in recognizing & identifying potential addiction as well as avoiding potential drug diversion
- Learn current protocols for the management and treatment of opioid addiction
- Examine guidelines for proper storage and disposal of unused dosages

**This program meets the dental opioid training criteria credit requirement for VT license renewal.*

1:30pm-4:30pm



Program #5

Peter Auster, DMD

On to 2024! Great New Options to Improve Our Dental World

Audience Code: D, H, A, O

3 CEUs/Clinical Lecture

Educational Sponsors: VOCO, Tokuyama

Dentistry is changing...really fast! This rapid-moving info-driven presentation will send attendees home with LOTS of pearls, new techniques, ways AI can inflation-proof your practice, fabulous new products, great new Indirect and Direct materials, and tips to make our dental world happier. They all come together in a fun, interactive session.

Learning Objectives:

- Learn when and how to use great new translucent zirconias
- Learn to incorporate 30 better, more economical products into your practice
- Why you should throw out your old cements and use brand-new options
- How to get on the exciting train of AI-assisted dentistry
- Introducing: 1 second light-curing
- Concrete ways to change your negative mindset to excitement about dentistry



Thursday Programs – September 19, 2024

1:45pm-4:45pm



Program #6

Samuel Shamardi, DMD

Take the Reins: Leadership Essentials for the Dental Professional and Practice

Audience Code: D, H, A, O

3 CEUs/Clinical Lecture

Educational Sponsors: NSK, Prexion

Dentistry is a complex job consisting of artistry, psychology, business, marketing, and communication, but leadership is the most essential factor. Between the Great Resignation of employees during Covid to the daily management of patients, each practitioner experiences numerous challenges that require strong leadership skills and the right office culture in order to flourish. This course addresses the primary factors required to be a good leader within the office and how to create a positive work culture for your patients and team.

Learning Objectives:

- Learn the common leadership characteristics found in thriving practices
- Identify important traits for creating positive work culture and higher employee retention
- List ways leadership contributes to higher case conversion
- Understand patient psychology factors & body language cues that make an impact on case acceptance in daily practice

Please Join Us for...

Vermont through the Seasons

Thursday Evening Mixer

September 19, 2024

4:30 PM - 6:00 PM ♦ Exhibit Hall

Music • Food • Drinks • Conversation • Fellowship

Prize Drawings for Each Season

Thank You!

Conference Planning Committee

Jeffrey Berkowitz, DDS	Brian Shuman, DMD
Diane Dumas, TDA, VSDS Administration	David Solomon, DDS
Patrick Gallivan, VSDS Executive Director	Cyndee Trahan, RDH, BA
Jenny Pitz, VSDS Administration	Dixie Vallie, CDA, COA, EFDA

Audience Code: D-Dentist H-Hygienist A-Assistant O-Office Team *Programs are open to all.*

Friday Agenda – September 20, 2024

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8:00am–9:15am Continental Breakfast – Exhibit Hall

8:00am–10:00am Registration – Conference Center Foyer

8:00am–1:30pm Trade Show Exhibitor Display Hours – Please use your free time to visit exhibits.

Friday Programs – September 20, 2024

9:15am-12:15pm



Program #7

Peter Auster, DMD

Be Your Own Prosthodontist: Keep Big Cases In-House

Audience Code: D, A

3 CEUs/Clinical Lecture

Educational Sponsors: Bisco

We face difficult cases every day in our offices. We must determine where we “want to go” and how to reach that goal. A long-time Academy leader shares the tips and pathways to becoming the dentist you always dreamed you would be. Gain confidence today as we review multiple cases.

Learning Objectives:

- Learn a systematic way to simplify and treat ANY case
- Understand how to phase cases for any budget with injection molding
- Know how to determine which indirect material to use for each case
- Identify when to use deprogrammers as a diagnostic and therapeutic tool
- Understand how to attract more cosmetic patients and get your staff excited to encourage them
- Find appropriate uses for today’s new Zirconias and brand-new cements

9:00am-12:00pm



Program #8

Samuel Shamardi, DMD

Dentistry’s Missing Link: Periodontal Diagnosis and Treatment Planning

Audience Code: D, H, A

3 CEUs/Clinical Lecture

Educational Sponsors: NSK, Prexion, DEKA, PerioProtect, Kettenbach, Slate

Over 80% of the population has some form of periodontal disease, yet practices routinely overlook periodontal treatment. Why? Primarily because doctors and hygienists are not trained to diagnose and treatment plan periodontal therapy. This course reviews in detail clinical and diagnostic factors for periodontal disease along with criteria necessary for identifying cases for different forms of periodontal therapy and long-term maintenance.

Learning Objectives:

- Define all diagnostic and clinical factors essential in properly identifying periodontal disease
- Determine what factors should be considered in referring cases and how such cases present themselves clinically
- Examine various forms of non-surgical maintenance options crucial to long-term success

9:15am-12:15pm



Program #9

Jacob Dent, DDS

Treating Patients with Special Needs

Audience Code: D, H, A, O

3 CEUs/Clinical Lecture

Dr. Dent is a shareholder in Dental Desensitization Systems

This course will educate providers and their auxiliary team on the seven most common special needs they will encounter in their office. The instructor will review each in detail and how it relates to oral and systemic health. Attendees will learn treatment options, behavior modification techniques, and office level plans to incorporate treating special needs patients in their offices on a daily basis in a simple and practical approach.

Learning Objectives:

- Define various forms of special needs and their common characteristics
- Understand associated behaviors and dental concerns of each covered disability
- Determine the best treatment options for each special needs patient, based on individual disability and level
- Establish office-level plans for patients with special needs to incorporate into your practice
- Provide tools and treatment options that will allow patients and the patients’ parents or caregivers to have a good dental experience and a successful long-term dental care plan

Audience Code: D-Dentist H-Hygienist A-Assistant O-Office Team Programs are open to all.

FRIDAY LUNCH OPTIONS:

12:00pm – 1:15pm **Main Lunch is served in the Exhibit Hall - Lunch included with all CE program registrations**

Use your free time to visit and speak with Exhibitors

1:30pm – 4:30pm



Program #10

Peter Auster, DMD

AI and More...Growing Trends in Dentistry

Audience Code: D, H, A, O

3 CEUs/Clinical Lecture

Educational Sponsors: Bisco

Dr. Peter Auster charts new ground in today's dentistry from artificial intelligence, heating your composites, injection molding, electronic anesthesia, laser curing lights, and today's newest and best products to defy dental inflation.

Learning Outcomes:

- Experience Dental AI programs which will pick up your dentistry AND your bottom line
- Learn about a NEW answer to stop decay in its tracks in 5 minutes
- Discover excellent products that cost LESS than what you use today
- Implement Injection Molding: the best way to get treatment started NOW
- Learn about the first product created to be used EXCLUSIVELY when heated
- The BEST retraction pastes, the BEST pulp capping agents, the coolest new lasers, the finest cements and curing lights were released recently. Understand what makes them different
- Discover a new electronic anesthesia system that makes palatal injections painless
- Know what separates today's digital scanners from others on the market
- Learn about new techniques to create 6 beautiful composite veneers simply and in less than 2 hours

1:30pm – 4:30pm



Program #11

Samuel Shamardi, DMD

Dentistry's Deafening Silence: Noise-Induced Hearing Loss

Audience Code: D, H, A

3 CEUs/Clinical Lecture

Educational Sponsors: NSK, Prexion, DEKA, PerioProtect, Kettenbach, Slate

Dental professionals are exposed daily to chronic levels of damaging sounds that result in permanent and irreversible loss of hearing over the course of their careers along with significant systemic health repercussions. This course will show how each dental professional's career and quality of life are at risk due to our working environment and a novel solution which can prevent this from happening.

Learning Objectives:

- Assess how your career as a dental professional jeopardizes your hearing
- Examine literature and statistics to understand why hearing loss is inevitable for dental professionals without proper protection
- Demonstrate how hearing loss causes significant systemic health issues

1:30pm-4:30pm



Program #12

Jacob Dent, DDS

How to Be a Sensory Friendly Dental Provider

Audience Code: D, H, A, O

3 CEUs/Clinical Lecture

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Learning Objectives:

- Determine how perspective and perception affect our sensory input
- Identify how bias and stereotypes affect our perception and perspectives
- Recognize that everyone has a unique sensory input
- Describe ways to reduce the sensory overload caused in the dental office
- Define sensory processing disorder

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Save the Date!

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See You Next Year!

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Peter Auster, DMD

Dr. Peter Auster continues thirty-five years of cosmetic and reconstructive dentistry in his private practice in Pomona, NY. He has lectured from Portland, Maine, to Portland, Oregon, and internationally. He has written dozens of articles for major dental publications. His article, "Groundbreaking Composite Dentistry" was the cover story of Dentistry Today Magazine in February 2019, and he was named the cover story again in April 2022. Dr. Auster is a Fellow of the International College of Dentists and the American College of Dentists. Dr. Auster has spent twelve years in leadership positions at the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry (AACD), including the 2022 chair of their Professional Education Committee. He also founded their New York affiliate, the Greater New York Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry (GNYACD). He is a speaker for Catapult Education's Speakers Bureau. He takes great pride in twelve years of volunteer dentistry abroad and an ADA award for international voluntary service.



Samuel Shamardi, DMD

Dr. Sam Shamardi is an established leader, educator, clinician, author, and dental entrepreneur. He has a passion for providing solutions to significant unaddressed problems for dental professionals via educational programs and his faculty position at Harvard, while providing transformative changes for the periodontal health of his patients. Dr. Shamardi earned his DMD at Tufts University, where he served as Class President for four years, and his Periodontal certificate at the University of Pennsylvania. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology and Implant Surgery and practices full-time in Boston while teaching part-time at the Harvard Division of Periodontics for the last decade. He lectures nationally and internationally on a wide array of topics and is a speaker for Catapult Education's Speakers Bureau. He has been recognized as a dental entrepreneur for his revolutionary EarAid product, has published numerous articles, and is the author of The Financial Survival Guide for Dentists.



Jacob Dent, DDS

Dr. Jacob Dent is an outside-the-box general dentist and speaker. In practice for 20 years and a multi-practice owner, Dr. Dent has built a successful career treating patients of all ages and disabilities in a non-conventional way using desensitization. Dr. Dent is a fellow of the Academy of Dentistry International, clinical director for Special Olympics Special Smiles, and co-founder of Dental Desensitization Systems. He is married to his wife Jennifer, father to his daughter Jayden and son Ethan, who has Autism. As a professional speaker, Dr. Dent has given presentations and workshops around the country for the past 8 years to dental professionals, health care providers, students, and families.



Thomas Viola, R. Ph., C.C.P.

With over 30 years of experience as a pharmacist, educator, speaker and author, Dr. Viola has earned his reputation as the go-to specialist for delivering quality CE content through his informative, engaging presentations. His sellout programs provide an overview of the most prevalent oral & systemic diseases and the most frequently prescribed drugs used in their treatment. Special emphasis is given to dental considerations and strategies for effective patient care planning. As a clinical educator, Tom is a member of the faculty of twelve dental professional degree programs and has received several awards for outstanding teacher of the year. Tom instructs dental hygiene students and practicing dental hygienists in pharmacology and local anesthesia in preparation for national board exams.

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05/2024 V2

Thursday, September 19, 2024

Meeting #1
9:00am - 12:00pm

**148th VSDS
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Executive Board &
VSDS Membership

Program #2
9:15am-12:15pm

**Sugar? Yes, Please!
Diabetes: Dental
Consideration & Patient
Care Planning**

Thomas Viola, R. Ph., CCP

Audience Code: H,A,O
3 CEUs/Clinical

Program #3
9:15am-12:15pm

**Open the Curtain: Fighting
the Mental Health &
Wellness Crisis Within
Dentistry**

Sam Shamardi, DMD

Audience Code: H,A,O
3 CEUs/Non-Clinical

Thursday, September 19, 2024

Program #4
1:30-4:30pm

**Hurts So Swell:
Management of Acute
Dental Pain & Appropriate
Opioid Prescribing**

(meets VT standards for Opioid training)

Thomas Viola, R. Ph., CCP

Audience Code: D,H,A
3 CEUs/Clinical

Program #5
1:30-4:30pm

**On to 2024! Great New
Options to Improve our
Dental World**

Peter Auster, DMD

Audience Code: D,H,A,O
3 CEUs/Clinical

Program #6
1:45-4:45pm

**Take the Reins:
Leadership Essentials for
the Dental Professionals
& Treating Patients**

Sam Shamardi, DMD

Audience Code: D,H,A,O
3 CEUs/Clinical

Friday, September 20, 2024

Program #7
9:15am-12:15pm

**Be Your Own
Prosthodontist: Keep Big
Cases In-House**

Peter Auster, DMD

Audience Code: D,A
3 CEUs/Clinical

Program #8
9:00am-12:00 pm

**Dentistry's Missing Link:
Periodontal Diagnosis and
Treatment Planning**

Sam Shamardi, DMD

Audience Code: D,H,A
3 CEUs/Clinical

Program #9
9:15am-12:15pm

**Treating Patients with
Special Needs**

Jacob Dent, DDS

Audience Code: D,H,A,O
3 CEUs/Clinical

Friday, September 20, 2024

Program #10
1:30-4:30pm

**AI and More...
Growing Trends
in Dentistry**

Peter Auster, DMD

Audience Code: D,H,A,O
3 CEUs/Clinical

Program #11
1:30-4:30pm

**Dentistry's Deafening
Silence: Noise-Induced
Hearing Loss in Dentistry**

Sam Shamardi, DMD

Audience Code: D,H,A
3 CEUs/Clinical

Program #12
1:30-4:30pm

**How to Be a Sensory
Friendly Dental Provider**

Jacob Dent, DDS

Audience Code: D,H,A,O
3 CEUs/Clinical

Additional Virtual Sessions of the Vermont Dental Conference

**zoom link provided one week prior*

Virtual Session 1
August 27, 2024

**"Game Changers: Transformative
Innovations in Dentistry"**

Sam Shamardi, DMD

Live Digital Program

August 27, 2024 - 6:00PM - 8:30PM

On-Demand Available Post Live Program

Audience Code: D,H,A,O
2.5 CEUs/Clinical

Virtual Session 2
August 29, 2024

**"How to Be a Sensory
Friendly Dental Provider"**

Jacob Dent, DDS

Live Digital Program

August 29, 2024 - 6:00PM - 8:30PM

On-Demand Available Post Live Program

Audience Code: D,H,A,O
2.5 CEUs/Clinical

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