Managing Dental Conditions of a "Boomer" Generation

The "over sixty" population will increase significantly during the next decade.

With that comes an increased frequency of oral conditions associated with the "Baby Boomer" generation.



Two primary areas of concern around chronic inflammation are periodontitis with over 40% having tooth loss disease and Xerostomia with the compromised lifestyle associated symptoms and root caries. In this course we will review these primary diseases from diagnosis to management for a lifetime. We will review the generational characteristics of this age group with emphasis on understanding the population to enhance motivational interviewing and gaining positive case acceptance.

Learning Objectives:

- Standardizing the collection of periodontal data in an efficient manner and reviewing successful parameters to determine tooth survival in short and long term prognosis.
- Developing "realistic" non-surgical therapies and the respective reevaluation with emphasis on "new" anti-inflammatory systems including micro-ultrasonic and laser technology, and nutraceuticals as probiotics and anti-oxidants.
- Understanding the etiology of Xerostomia from medications to Sjogrens.
- Creating management strategies including local and systemic therapies for "dry mouth" and appreciating oral conditions as caries activity as a result of the condition.
- Establishing techniques to communicate with the Boomer generation.



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