

The Epidemics!

Each time we pick up a mouth mirror changing demographics, shifting social mores, diverse cultures, emerging diseases, complex medical histories and our aging population challenge the judgment and clinical skills of even the most seasoned dental professional. Physical disease and social phenomena create new epidemics that transform how we practice. Get down to basics with news you can use on Monday.

Switch on your investigator antennae, heighten your sixth sense of intuition and develop effective diagnostic and communication skills for a diverse set of issues. Toss out the myths and learn how a variety of problems can have similar impacts on oral health, delivery of care and treatment outcomes. Identify effective ways to work with some of this century's most complicated patients.

- Autism – Unlocking the doors, connecting and communicating.
- Can you hear me now? – Maximizing moments with hard-of-hearing patients.
- Meth mouth – The addiction that melts teeth and destroys lives.
- Soft drink junkies – Teeth, bones and body fat.
- Working in pain? Playing victim or surviving your circumstances.
- Body art and piercings – Non-judgmental straight talk.
- Is your grandmother going to college or forgetting what she ate five minutes ago? Working with senior patients.
- Oral lesion detection – Failing to see reality.
- Xerostomia - The ultimate *desert storm* battle.
- Sickening facts - Diabetes, obesity, osteoporosis and eating disorders.