

What's New In Ultrasonic Scaling..... Are You Tuned In Or Tuned Out?

Course Description - Half-day Program

Once viewed as an adjunct to hand instrumentation, ongoing research supports using ultrasonic scaling in both maintenance procedures and initial periodontal therapy. Smart clinicians are questioning tradition. Should we use ultrasonic scalers on most patients? Has ultrasonic scaling really changed, or is this just marketing hype?

Emerging research on plaque biofilm is changing our views of ultrasonic debridement dramatically. Shed the shame of being a “Cavitron” queen and embrace the magic of today’s micro-ultrasonic scaling technologies utilizing magnetostrictive and piezo electric units.

Course Objectives:

- Power driven scalers – the good, the bad and the ugly
- Magnetostrictive versus piezo electric – Is there a power struggle?
- Appropriate ultrasonic tips for specific clinical challenges
- Effective micro-ultrasonic instrumentation
- Periodontal debridement without anesthesia
- Infection control issues – sensible containment
- Ergonomic benefits and risks of power scaling
- Manage hypersensitive and/or apprehensive patients
- Equipment selection and care
- Practice-building strategies implementing power driven instrumentation
- Home care practices with power brushes that extend ultrasonic scaling benefits