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Achieving Excellence with Metal-Free Dentistry

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ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE WITH METAL-FREE DENTISTRY WHILE HAVING FUN DOING IT!



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Dr. Ruiz is Course Director of the USC Advanced Esthetic Dentistry Continuum and Clinical Instructor at the USC School of Dentistry. He was named as one of the "Top 100 clinicians in CE" by Dentistry Today in 2006. He is a Fellow of the Academy of General Dentistry, Associate Instructor and Mentor at PCC Utah, teaching with Dr. Gordon Christensen, and an independent evaluator of dental products for CRA. Dr. Ruiz has been practicing General Dentistry in the Film Studio District of Los Angeles for over 13 years, where he treats many stars and entertainers. Dr. Ruiz's esthetic makeovers have been featured on a number of television shows including NBC Channel 4 News, ABC 7 Vista LA and Channel 52 Telemundo, and he is regularly consulted on Esthetic Dentistry. Dr. Ruiz lectures nationally and internationally and has published multiple papers on Cosmetic Dentistry and Team Leadership.

Synopsis

Patients are becoming more interested in restoring their teeth with tooth-color restorations. Porcelain Fused to Metal (PFM) crowns are traditionally used for this purpose but have certain undesirable characteristics, such as aggressive tooth preparation and soft tissue irritation.

Metal-free full crowns, bridges porcelain veneers and onlays are excellent alternatives to PFM crowns. Today, new materials and superior techniques make these types of restorations easier to perform, and more reliable than ever.

In this course, Dr. Ruiz will demonstrate the benefits of metal-free dentistry. He will cover differential diagnosis, indications, principles of tooth preparation for bonded veneers, onlays and metal-free porcelain crowns and fixed partial denture (FPD). In addition, impression, temporization, and different alternatives for a sensitive-free, easy cementation technique will be discussed. Dr. Ruiz will also show you how to educate and motivate your patients as well as dental team for this type of dentistry. If you can, please bring your dental team along to this exciting experience!

Upon Completion of This Course Participants Should Be Able To:

- Recognize the benefits of metal-free dentistry.
- Distinguish between bonded veneers, onlays, and all porcelain crowns systems and identify which one works best in each case.
- Explain biomechanical principles of tooth preparation specific to metal-free dentistry.
- Choose which bonding systems and cements are most appropriate.
- Understand the difference between porcelain and resin-based composite restorative materials, as well as their individual applications.
- Describe a sensitive-free and easy cementation technique.
- Understand the diagnostic and therapeutic considerations of patients who exhibit significant loss of tooth structure.
- Know how to educate and motivate patients for this type of dentistry, by effective use of the dental team.



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HOTEL MARTINO, LA GARITA, COSTA RICA

Hotel Martino is situated in the beautiful tropical area of La Garita, a short 15 minute ride from the San Jose International Airport. The hotel was built in 1999 by the Martino family who also own hotels in Italy. The distinctive hand of the Martinos can be seen everywhere in the hotel with imported Italian tiles, hard wood ceilings, stylish furniture, and elaborately carved wooden bedroom doors. The Italian flair for design is evident in the lovely dining room with an open air balcony so you dine overlooking the large swimming pool and tropical gardens. The year-round daytime temperatures range from 70° - 80°F making the Central Valley of Costa Rica one of the best climates in the world.

After feasting with your eyes, it is time to sample the cuisine. Rich sauces accompany the meat and pasta dishes while the more delicate flavor of Tilapia provides a very different culinary experience. The restaurant staff are polite, attentive, and there to please you.

Perhaps it is now time to relax after such a good meal. Your large room with balcony is air-conditioned and tastefully decorated with lovely comfortable furnishings. However, you may like to work out in the well equipped exercise room or be pampered with a massage in the Spa. For those of you who secretly have to check your email even on vacation, there is a business center.

Close to the main hotel in the grounds is the purpose-built Education Center with classrooms and modern audio-visual aids. Mid-morning and afternoon coffee with savories/pastries are delivered to the Center ensuring your diet is broken but not your concentration. The high quality teaching and air-conditioning ensure your comfort.

The Hotel Martino is ideally situated for tours in the middle of Costa Rica so that no destination is too far to visit. Take your pick – live volcanoes, hot springs, rain forests, beaches, tropical rivers, and more. For the adventurous there is river rafting, bungee jumping, micro-light planes, deep sea fishing, surfing, and golf. Some will find the allure of top class shops and restaurants in Escazu irresistible and only 40 minutes from the hotel. Wherever you visit, you can be assured of a warm welcome on your return back to the Hotel Martino.



Registration Fees

Before March 1, 2007: \$1,595

After March 1, 2007: \$1,690

10 Hours of Continuing Education

Fee include 5 night bed & breakfast for 2 people in a junior suite, shuttle from and to airport, gourmet lunch during course for enrollees, Farewell Party for 2 including buffet dinner, champagne cocktail, and live music. Additional guest tickets for the Farewell Party are available. Additional person in room: add \$15 per night (children under 4 are free)

Deluxe suite: add \$30 per night

*Price does not include flights. Please make your own flight reservations.

To register please contact: USC School of Dentistry Office of Continuing Education. 925 W. 34th St, Room201J. Los Angeles, CA 90089.

Phone: 213-821-2127. Fax: 213-740-3973. Online registration available at www.uscdentalce.org

Travel & Learn Program in Costa Rica - Registration Form

(For additional registration forms please xerox this page and send)

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone () _____ Fax () _____

E-Mail _____

Mastercard Visa Check Enclosed

Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Total Payment _____ Signature _____

Names of others in your party (for children indicate age) _____

Type of Room _____ Junior Suite _____ Deluxe Suite

Additional Guest Tickets for the Farewell Party (\$20 each) _____

Additional Information _____