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 microultrasonic scaling technologies.

INSTRUCTIONAL OBJECTIVES

After participation in this course participants will be able to:

- Learn the difference between sonic and ultrasonic scalers, automatically tuned and manually tuned units.
- Identify the various factors necessary for effective ultrasonic instrumentation.
- Understand how to perform periodontal debridement procedures minimizing or eliminating anesthesia.
- Determine which ultrasonic tip is appropriate for each clinical challenge.
- Understand the unique benefits of microultrasonic scaling.
- Evaluate both infection control and ergonomic benefits/risks.
- Learn how to reduce operator fatigue created by various handpiece designs.
- Understand how to select a quality ultrasonic scaler and appropriate inserts.
- Manage apprehensive and hypersensitive patients.
- Learn how to properly care for ultrasonic units and inserts.
- Understand clinician, the patient and the dental practice benefits.
Utilize practice-building strategies for positive patient acceptance of new technologies.