

Diving into the World of Dental Anomalies: A Clinical Guide for the Dental Hygienist

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Understand the captivating world of dental anomalies where every discovery leads to more comprehensive patient care. In this engaging session, dental hygienists are invited to embark on a transformative journey, departing from the ordinary to explore the extraordinary challenges presented by tooth number, size, shape, and position deviations.

Through an immersive CE, hygienists are equipped with the essential knowledge and skills to expertly identify and manage these anomalies. We will unravel the mysteries of common anomalies such as agenesis, microdontia, macrodontia, supernumerary teeth, and impactions and uncover their fascinating clinical implications.

By shedding light on the origins, diagnostic intricacies, and potential complications associated with each anomaly, this session empowers hygienists to take on a pivotal role in early detection, strategic referral, and comprehensive oral health management.

Armed with newfound insights, dental hygienists emerge ready to confidently navigate the complexities of dental anomalies. This will ultimately enhance the standard of care and promote the holistic well-being of their patients.

Learning Objectives:

1. Identify the most common types of dental anomalies and their key characteristics.
2. Understand the potential causes and associated risk factors for each anomaly.
3. Determine the different clinical signs and symptoms of dental anomalies during patient examinations.
4. Detect the potential impacts of different anomalies on oral health outcomes, including caries susceptibility, periodontal health, and occlusion.
5. Facilitate appropriate plans for patient education, referral, and collaboration with dentists based on the specific anomaly and patient needs.