

About the Speaker

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Title Identifying Orofacial Myofunctional Disorders from Infancy to Adulthood And The Oral-Sleep Connection

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Time/credits 2 Hours CE

Course Description

This course aims to equip participants with the knowledge and skills to identify and understand orofacial myofunctional disorders (OMDs), encompassing their signs, symptoms, potential impacts, and appropriate interventions, ultimately enabling them to effectively assess and address these conditions. The course will also help dental professionals understand the connection between sleep disorders and oral health.

Objectives. Participants will...

- define orofacial myofunctional disorders and understand their underlying causes and potential impacts on various functions.
- recognize the signs and symptoms of OMDs, including abnormal tongue and lip postures, breathing patterns, and swallowing habits.
- understand how OMDs can affect speech, breathing, swallowing, and overall oral health and development.
- understand the importance of a multidisciplinary approach in diagnosing and treating OMDs.
- recognize sleep-related issues in dental patients
- understand the impact of sleep health on overall well-being
- develop strategies for follow-up care
- perform screenings
- recognize the oral signs and symptoms of conditions, such as snoring, excessive daytime sleepiness, and tooth wear