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Presents

The Science Behind the Oral Systemic Links-Oral Bacteremia Lights the Fire of Systemic Disease

Evidence is increasingly making it clear that the health of the mouth directly affects the health of the whole body. Dental professionals need to be invited into the integrated medical model where we treat the person, not just the disease. Physicians should include oral health modules in their practices and refer to dentists as we do other health professionals if we are to maximally empower our patients to create health. This program will 'bridge the oral systemic gap' to inspire dental teams about the value of structuring oral systemic care into their practices; while inspiring collegial collaboration with other health professionals, and educating the community. Participants will learn the science behind the many oral-systemic links, including the biologic plausibility that the common root cause is "oral bacteremia". They will understand that periodontal and endodontic infections in the mouth drive the same inflammatory reactions throughout the body as they do in the mouth. Dental professionals will better understand value of presenting cases from the perspective of its value to prevent disease in the entire body, not just the mouth.

Charles Whitney, M.D. is double board certified in Family Medicine and Sports Medicine. He graduate from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia and completed his family practice residency at David Grant USAF Medical Center. He served as a physician in the United States Air Force before joining the University of Pennsylvania Health System, where he established his Concierge medical practice, Revolutionary Health Services, in 2003. A leading national advocate of bridging the "oral-systemic gap" between dentistry and medicine, Dr. Whitney has been published in leading print and online dental trade journals, including Dentistry Today, Dentaltown, Journal of Cosmetic Dentistry, DentistryIQ.com and Dentalcompare.com. He also authored a four-part online CE course "A Comprehensive Review of Vascular Disease" for PennWell's INeedCE.com continuing education portal. Dr. Whitney is active as a keynote speaker, lecturer, panelist and webinar presenter. He was recognized as one of Dentistry Today's "Top CE Leaders in Dentistry" in 2015, 2016, and 2017. In medicine, Dr. Whitney served on the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Private Physicians, the national trade organization of Concierge practices from 2007-2013, and was Vice-president during his final year. He was twice named a "Top Doc" in Concierge Medicine by Concierge Medicine Today, the only physician in Pennsylvania to earn that distinction. He was twice named "Top Doc" in Philadelphia by Philadelphia Magazine.