

***“The Connections Between Periodontal Health
and Systemic Well Being:
What Do They Mean to My Practice?”***

Course Description:

Many patients come into dental offices today with questions about the “Mouth-Body Connection”. They’re reading about these relationships in *Reader’s Digest*, *Redbook*, and *Good Housekeeping*, as well as on the Internet. Referring dentists also have questions about these relationships. What are the facts? What does the evidence tell us about the relationships between inflammatory oral diseases and systemic health? This lecture is designed to review the interrelationships between oral health and systemic conditions such as immune compromise, osteoporosis, cardiovascular diseases, diabetes mellitus, and pregnancy. The goal of the lecture is to have a clinically relevant discussion of our current knowledge in this area, founded on evidence but rooted in daily practice.