Occlusal splint therapy — The Dawson Academy Way
Rationale, indications and fabrication workshop now being offered

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t. Petersburg, Fl. — The Daw-
son Academy wants to teach its
students how to develop an
individualized management plan by
understanding the basic concepts of
anatomy, physiology and neuromus-
cular relationships.

The Dawson Academy will teach
this and other concepts in its new
hands-on course entitled Occlusal Splint
Therapy: Rationale, Indica-
tions and Fabrication Workshop.
The two-and-a-half day hands-on
course will be given by Henry Gre-
million, DDS, and DeWitt Wilker-
sen, DMD, and will take place Nov.
20–22, 2008 at the University of
Florida Seminole Dental Clinic in St.
Petersburg, Fl.

About the hands-on course

Occlusal splint therapy is one of
the most commonly utilized treat-
ment modalities for temporoman-
dibular disorders, yet is often given
over to other modalities. Proper
design and carried out, an occlusal
osseous is one of the most important
and predictable effective tools available
for the management of masticatori
muscle and temporomandibular
joint pathologic conditions — as
well as in cases of nocturnal brux-
ism — and before, during and after
therapy in association with cer-
tain restorative cases today.

Because a number of philoso-
phies regarding goals, indications
and design exist, occlusal splint
therapy is often misunderstood and,
therefore, inadequately used. This
hands-on course will review basic
concepts of anatomy, physiology and
neuromuscular relationships that
must be considered in the develop-
ment of an individualized manage-
ment plan of which splint therapy
is a component. The instructors
will discuss individualization of
care, trouble shooting, scheduling,
fee structures and insurance codes
and fabricate (medical and dental)
so participants will be able to effectively and profit-
ably integrate splint therapy into
clinical practice.

The course is $3,400 per student
($995 for a team member). Students
completing the course will receive
20 continuing education credits, but
the course is limited to 20 students.
The Dawson Academy’s Functional
Occlusion — From TMJ to Smile
Design is a prerequisite.

CEREC Discovery Seminar planned at
Scottsdale Center for Dentistry

The free CEREC Discovery Seminar is scheduled for Aug. 28 and 29 at the
Scottsdale Center of Dentistry. This special event will present the latest
developments in CEREC® in-office CAD/CAM. Attendees can earn six AGD
accredited C.E. hours. Dr. Gordon Christensen and Dr. James Klim are
among the speakers.

Included in this free package (a $1,395 value) is a complimentary one-
night stay at the Fairmont Scottsdale Princess Resort on Aug. 28. However,
this is only available to the first 210 registrants. After that, accommodations
will be provided at an alternate property.

For more information or to register, visit www.CERECDiscovery.com.

Meisinger USA again holding
Bone Management Symposium

In Oct., Meisinger USA is hosting its Bone Management Symposium in Ger-
many. The course is limited to only 40 doctors.

Among the speakers will be Prof. Dr. Klaus Benner; Dr. Florian Bauer; Dr.
Ernst Fuchs; Dr. Dwayne Karateev, DDS; Prof. Milan Juric, DDS, MsC, PhD; Dr.
Giles Horrocks, DDS, MS; and Dr. Andrew Johann, DDS, MS.

The attendance fee ($5,495) includes all lectures, hands-on workshops,
accommodations, meals, excursions and airport transfers (to Munich).

For more information, visit www.meisingerus.com or
e-mail info@meisingerus.com.

Want to read up on TMJ disorders?

“Presently an ideal system related
to mastiatory system disorders does
not exist.”

“Two basic categories of TMD
exist, extracapsular (myogenous)
and intracapsular (arthrogenous).”

Dr. Henry A. Gremsillon and Dr.
Ulises A. Guzman published an
excellent three-part series on tem-
poromandibular disor-
derers in Den-
tal Tribune Vol. 3 No. 10, 11 & 12 (the
quotes above are taken
from Part 2). Online sub-
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