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Cutting Edge Dental Products for Clinical Excellence

The products you use every day can make or break your clinical results. It is self-evident to clinicians that some products simply work better than others. **The challenge is to know which products truly are superior.** This course is about dental products—to inform the entire dental team of the best found, compared, and tested in actual dental offices worldwide and in CR’s extensive laboratories. This course will include advantages and limitations of:

1. Which zirconia crown brands are acceptable?
2. e.max (lithium disilicate) restorations
3. Which cements are working well
4. Patient education products
5. Which scanners are working well?
6. Digital radiography
7. Diamonds vs. carbides
8. Universal adhesives
9. Magnification and small headlamps
10. Bulk-fill resins vs. resin-based composites
11. Is silver diamine fluoride actually working?
12. In-office and at-home fluoride
13. New caries detection systems
14. What helps sealants last longer?
15. Provisional cements
16. A surface disinfectant that actually disinfects!
17. Making zirconia crowns stay in without bonding
18. Oral cancer screening
19. Lights for resin curing
20. And many more topics, tips, and techniques

This will be a fast moving day dedicated to identifying the products that make “real-world” dentistry more enjoyable for clinicians and better for patients.

**Learning objectives:**

At the completion of this course, attendees should be able to identify the best new materials, devices, and techniques for 2019; determine which products and techniques in the course meet individual practice needs; and integrate the new concepts into his or her practice. Additional learning objectives include:

- Identify the most produced crown type and how it may differ from PFM
- Determine the most appropriate resin curing light for your practice needs
- Compare different zirconia crown types and identify brands that are acceptable or unacceptable
- List steps in predictable cementation technique

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