

Tulsa Study Club

2026-2027



SEPTEMBER	Thursday, Sep 10 6:00pm <i>Dental Surgical Arts</i>	Aligners Unlocked: Pro-Tips for Predictable Results & Fewer Headaches <i>In-person presentation by:</i> Farah Kar, DDS, MS, MSc Orthodontist
OCTOBER	Friday, Oct 2 7:45am <i>Dental Surgical Arts</i>	Optimizing Direct and Indirect Restorative Outcomes: Material Selection and Clinical Application <i>In-person presentation by:</i> Taiseer Sulaiman, DDS, PhD Dentist and Materials Specialist
NOVEMBER	Thursday, Nov 12 6:00pm <i>Dental Surgical Arts</i>	The True Value of Digital Dentistry: A Four Step Revolution for Your Practice <i>In-person presentation by:</i> Joshua Austin, DDS Dentist
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JANUARY	Thursday, Jan 7 6:00pm <i>Dental Surgical Arts</i>	Street-Level Risks Associated with Opioids and other Drugs: What Every Dental Professional Needs to Know <i>In-person presentation by:</i> Officer Jermaine Galloway, BA Law Enforcement Professional
FEBRUARY	Thursday, Feb 11 6:00pm <i>Location TBD</i>	Treatment Planning Presentation <i>In-person presentation by:</i> Tulsa Study Club Members
MARCH	Thursday, Mar 25 6:00pm <i>Dental Surgical Arts</i>	Beauty Beneath the Surface: Aesthetic Outcomes Through Restoratively Driven Endodontics <i>In-person presentation by:</i> Dr. Stephanie Tran, DDS Endodontist
APRIL	Friday, April 16 7:45am <i>Location TBD</i>	In-Office Solutions: Digital Design and Milling <i>In-person presentation and hands-on activity led by:</i> Justin Chi, DDS, CDT Dentist and Dental Technician



SEPTEMBER

Thursday, Sep 10 | 6:00pm
Dental Surgical Arts

Aligners Unlocked: Pro-Tips for Predictable Results & Fewer Headaches
In-person presentation by:
Farah Kar, DDS, MS, MSc
Orthodontist

This clinically focused program empowers clinicians to deliver more predictable, efficient, and streamlined outcomes in aligner therapy. Centered on practical strategies rather than product-specific techniques, the session highlights real-world approaches that can be implemented immediately in everyday practice.

You will explore how to strengthen diagnostic foundations, improve case selection, and anticipate common challenges that often lead to refinements or delays. The program provides a thoughtful overview of key clinical considerations, including understanding functional interferences, evaluating tooth proportions, and recognizing when certain movements may be contraindicated.

This session also addresses communication frameworks that support patient compliance, the thoughtful use of remote monitoring, and protocols that contribute to smoother clinical workflows. With an emphasis on predictability, biomechanics, and treatment efficiency, this program equips attendees with actionable insights and practical pearls that elevate outcomes and enhance the overall patient experience.

Learning Objectives:

- Apply strengthened diagnostic criteria and improved case selection strategies to reduce refinements and increase predictability in aligner therapy.
- Implement communication and workflow protocols that enhance patient compliance and support more efficient clinical delivery.



OCTOBER

Friday, Oct 2 | 7:45am
Dental Surgical Arts

**Optimizing Direct and Indirect
Restorative Outcomes: Material
Selection and Clinical Application**
In-person presentation by:
Taiseer Sulaiman, DDS, PhD
Dentist and Materials Specialist

The first two phases of any restorative care are treatment planning and clinical execution. The third phase – material selection and clinical application – is often underestimated, resulting in failure to serve our patients. The abundance of restorative dentistry materials, such as dental ceramics, adhesives, composite resins, cements, and provisional material, coupled with the constant release of new materials by manufacturers, can be daunting.

When clinicians comprehend the fundamental features and characteristics of each material as well as their precise application, the maximum potential of each material can be achieved, resulting in extraordinary patient care. This course will focus on clinical recommendations and material selection criteria to complement the pursuit of restorative dental excellence.

Learning Objectives:

- Understanding the advancement of adhesive systems, tooth-colored direct restorative materials, and which adhesion technique maximizes bonding to the tooth structure.
- In addition, understanding the relevance of light-curing and the polymerization process, as well as the role it plays in extending restorative therapy.
- Establish criteria for the selection and use of modern ceramics, including bonding, with a focus on monolithic zirconia, its numerous generations, and how an understanding of ceramic material qualities can lead to successful and long-lasting indirect restorative treatment.



NOVEMBER

Thursday, Nov 12 | 6:00pm
Dental Surgical Arts

**The True Value of Digital Dentistry: A
Four Step Revolution for Your Practice**
In-person presentation by:
Joshua Austin, DDS
Dentist

This program will demonstrate how dentists can get the best return on investment with an intra-oral scanner and actually use scanning to change their practices! As clinicians, we often look at digital scanners as replacements for impression materials. While this is a fantastic attribute of digital scanners, this is a short-sighted view. The question should be, "How can you maximize the return on investment of digital scanning?" The answers to this question are astoundingly simple and help you realize the true value and power of digital technology: ease and efficiency of communication.

In this program, you will learn how innovations and enhancements in intra-oral scanning contribute to improved practice workflows and an enhanced patient experience. Discover how these devices can close the gap of patient communication by allowing you to easily share digital images and provide a better understanding of dental procedures to your patients. You'll also realize the true power of digital for your practice and how it can help you work smarter, not harder. Join us and take your dental practice to the next level!

Learning Objectives:

- Explore the latest innovations and enhancements in intra-oral scanning.
- Identify how improved scanning processes amplify practice productivity.



JANUARY

Thursday, Jan 7 | 6:00pm
Dental Surgical Arts

**Street-Level Risks Associated with
Opioids and other Drugs: What Every
Dental Professional Needs to Know**
In-person presentation by:
Officer Jermaine Galloway, BA
Law Enforcement Professional

With decades of field experience, nationally recognized speaker and former law enforcement officer Jermaine Galloway, BA will connect the dots between prescription narcotics, non-controlled drugs, and the dental field. You'll see how emerging substances, drug-seeking behaviors, and community trends directly impact patient care, practice liability, and safety.

From increased patient anxiety and pain sensitivity to deteriorating oral health and suspicious requests for medications, the signs are there...but are you equipped to recognize them? Whether you are in general dentistry, oral surgery, practice management, or other areas in the dental field, this training gives you clear, actionable tools to spot early signs of drug misuse, protect your license/reduce liability, and provide more informed patient care.

Learning Objectives:

- Identify the impact of drugs on dental care and how drugs affect healing, anesthesia response, pain control, and compliance.
- Recognize drug-seeking tactics and what to document and how to respond legally and professionally.



FEBRUARY

Thursday, Feb 11 | 6:00pm
Dental Surgical Arts

Treatment Planning Presentation
In-person presentation by:
Tulsa Study Club Members

Join us for an engaging and collaborative treatment planning presentation designed to deepen your clinical acumen and enhance interdisciplinary case management. This session will focus on comprehensive treatment strategies that integrate multiple dental specialties—including orthodontics, periodontics, prosthodontics, and oral surgery—for optimal patient outcomes.

Through interactive case reviews and facilitated group discussion, participants will evaluate complex scenarios that challenge conventional approaches and emphasize the importance of team-based diagnosis, sequencing, and long-term maintenance in treatment planning. Emphasis will be placed on critical thinking, communication among specialists, and understanding the impact of each discipline on the overall treatment timeline and prognosis.

Learning Objectives:

- Evaluate interdisciplinary cases from multiple clinical perspectives.
- Identify key decision points in treatment sequencing and specialty collaboration.
- Formulate integrative treatment plans that prioritize function, esthetics, and patient-centered care.
- Enhance diagnostic clarity and communication within the dental team.

Whether you're a seasoned clinician or looking to expand your collaborative toolkit, this session will provide practical insights and real-world applications for interdisciplinary success.



MARCH

Thursday, Mar 25| 6:00pm
Dental Surgical Arts

Beauty Beneath the Surface: Aesthetic Outcomes Through Restoratively Driven Endodontics
In-person presentation by:
Dr. Stephanie Tran, DDS
Endodontist

There has been a shift in endodontics in recent years with the recognition that preserving as much tooth structure as possible is a critical component to long-term success. This contemporary endodontic treatment concept allows for maintaining increased tooth structure and goes hand-in-hand with contemporary restorative considerations, including enhancing adhesive dentistry and allowing for increased indirect restoration material options.

Join Dr. Stephanie Tran, endodontist and international speaker, for a discussion of evidence-based approaches to restoratively-driven endodontics that allow for conservation of tooth structure and enhancements in aesthetic outcomes.

Learning Objectives

- Understand the conservative approach for restoratively-driven access design and instrumentation.
- Apply bioceramic and modern technology into root canal obturation techniques.
- Review bleaching options for improved color aesthetic management.
- Understand modern conservative restorative considerations for endodontically treated teeth.



APRIL

Friday, April 16 | 7:45am
Location TBD

In-Office Solutions: Digital Design and Milling

In-person presentation and hands-on activity led by:

Justin Chi, DDS, CDT
Dentist and Dental Technician

Discover how in-office CAD-CAM and the Glidewell digital ecosystem give clinicians greater control over restorative outcomes. This program walks through efficient chairside workflows – from scan to design to mill – highlighting how AI-assisted design and modern materials enable predictable same-day dentistry. Learn how to streamline production, reduce reliance on external labs, and deliver high-quality restorations with speed, precision, and confidence.

This session will include hands-on with FastDesign software. Laptops will be provided for the hand-on exercise.