



Underground: 3D Study Club 2026–27

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GETTING TO THE ROOT: THE MODERN PERIODONTAL PLAYBOOK

Date: September 8, 2026

Speaker: Dr. Mustafa Tattan, DDS, MS

Topics:

- Gingival recession
- Periodontal diagnosis
- Regenerative treatment planning

Location: Birmingham Pub

Time: 6:00 PM – Dinner & Gather, 6:30 PM – Program Starts

Lecture Summary:

Periodontal disease impacts nearly every practice, yet many clinicians still struggle with diagnosis, recession management, and understanding when regenerative treatment may be appropriate. This practical, case-based session will simplify periodontal decision making and help attendees recognize opportunities to preserve teeth, improve patient outcomes, and communicate treatment recommendations with greater confidence. Attendees will leave with practical tools they can immediately apply to everyday patient care.

Learning Objectives:

- Identify key clinical findings used to diagnose and stage periodontal disease.
- Differentiate recession defects and determine appropriate treatment pathways for various clinical presentations.
- Evaluate when regenerative therapy may improve long-term prognosis and treatment outcomes.



WHAT EVERY DENTIST SHOULD NEVER MISS

Date: October 13, 2026

Speaker: Dr. Colonya Calhoun-Burns, DDS, PHD

Topics:

- Oral pathology
- Third molar decision making
- Managing surgical complications

Location: The Underground @ Lakeshore Dental Specialists

Time: 6:00 PM – Dinner & Gather, 6:30 PM – Program Starts

Lecture Summary:

Some of the most important decisions we make involve recognizing what doesn't look right. This session focuses on pathology recognition, third molar management, and handling complications when treatment doesn't go according to plan. Attendees will leave with practical frameworks for recognizing red flags, making better referral decisions, and preventing common mistakes before they happen.

Learning Objectives:

- Recognize common oral pathology findings that require referral, biopsy, or additional evaluation.
- Assess third molar cases and determine appropriate intervention timing based on patient presentation.
- Implement strategies to prevent and manage common surgical complications.



GROWTH, AIRWAY & ORTHODONTIC TIMING

Date: November 10, 2026

Speaker: Dr. Richard Frenchi, DDS

Topics:

- Expansion and airway
- Primary extraction decision making & Space Maintenance
- Orthodontic timing and referrals

Location: The Underground @ Lakeshore Dental Specialists

Time: 6:00 PM – Dinner & Gather, 6:30 PM – Program Starts

Lecture Summary:

When should we intervene? When should we watch? When should we refer? Through a practical discussion of growth, airway development, expansion, and extraction decisions, attendees will learn how to identify opportunities earlier and make more confident recommendations for their patients. This course focuses on helping dentists recognize orthodontic concerns before they become larger problems.

Learning Objectives:

- Identify growth and airway findings that influence orthodontic treatment planning.
- Evaluate when expansion or extraction therapy may be indicated.
- Develop referral protocols based on age, growth patterns, and clinical presentation.



THE TERMINAL DENTITION PLAYBOOK

Date: December 8, 2026

Speakers:

Dr. Robert Stewart, DDS, MS

Dr. Mustafa Tattan, DDS, MS

Topics:

- Identifying terminal dentition
- Save versus extract decision making
- Full-arch treatment planning

Location: The Underground @ Lakeshore Dental Specialists

Time: 6:00 PM – Dinner & Gather, 6:30 PM – Program Starts

Lecture Summary:

One of the most challenging conversations in dentistry is determining when a patient has reached terminal dentition. Through both restorative and periodontal perspectives, this session will explore how to identify terminal cases earlier, navigate difficult conversations with confidence, and build comprehensive treatment plans that create transformational outcomes for patients. This interdisciplinary discussion is designed to help clinicians make better decisions when the stakes are highest.

Learning Objectives:

- Identify clinical indicators associated with terminal dentition.
- Compare restorative and extraction-based treatment options for compromised dentitions.
- Develop interdisciplinary treatment plans for full-arch rehabilitation patients.



BEYOND CLINICAL EXCELLENCE

Date: January 12, 2027

Speaker: Dr. Whitney Weiner, DDS, MS

Topics:

- Understanding your P&L
- Difficult conversations and leadership
- Private practice in a changing dental landscape

Location: The Underground @ Lakeshore Dental Specialists

Time: 6:00 PM – Dinner & Gather, 6:30 PM – Program Starts

Lecture Summary:

Dental school taught us dentistry. It didn't teach us leadership, hiring, difficult conversations, financial literacy, or how to navigate today's rapidly changing dental landscape. This practical session focuses on the business side of practice ownership and provides actionable tools that attendees can immediately implement within their teams and practices. Whether you're an owner, associate, or future leader, you'll leave with practical strategies to help your practice thrive.

Learning Objectives:

- Interpret key components of a dental practice profit and loss statement.
- Apply leadership and communication strategies to challenging team situations.
- Evaluate opportunities and challenges facing private practice dentistry in today's market.



FUNCTION FIRST: TOOTH POSITION, VERTICAL DIMENSION & RESTORATIVE SUCCESS

Date: February 9, 2027

Speaker: Dr. Robert Stewart, DDS, MS

Topics:

- Tooth position for function
- Vertical dimension
- Restorative treatment planning

Location: The Underground @ Lakeshore Dental Specialists

Time: 6:00 PM – Dinner & Gather, 6:30 PM – Program Starts

Lecture Summary:

Beautiful dentistry that doesn't function ultimately fails. This course focuses on practical restorative principles that help clinicians improve outcomes, avoid common pitfalls, and create dentistry that lasts. Through real-world examples and treatment planning discussions, attendees will gain a deeper understanding of how function drives long-term success and influences restorative decision making.

Learning Objectives:

- Describe the relationship between tooth position, occlusion, and long-term restorative success.
- Evaluate clinical situations that may benefit from changes in vertical dimension.
- Incorporate functional principles into comprehensive restorative treatment planning.



BETTER HUMANS

Date: March 9, 2027

Speaker: John Gifford, CBPM, LMT, CPT

Facilitator: Dr. Rebecca Schwarcz, DDS, MS

Topics:

- Physical longevity in dentistry
- Stress management
- Sustainable career wellness

Location: The Underground @ Lakeshore Dental Specialists

Time: 6:00 PM – Dinner & Gather, 6:30 PM – Program Starts

Lecture Summary:

Dentistry is physically demanding, mentally demanding, and often exhausting. This highly interactive session focuses on helping dental professionals improve physical resilience, reduce pain, manage stress, and develop sustainable habits that support long-term success. The goal is simple: help attendees feel better, perform better, and enjoy longer careers.

Learning Objectives:

- Identify common physical stressors associated with dental practice.
- Apply practical techniques to reduce musculoskeletal strain and improve ergonomics.
- Implement daily wellness strategies that support long-term career longevity.



BUILDING HIGH-PERFORMING TEAMS

Date: April 13, 2027

Speaker: Lisa Joppie, RDH

Facilitator: Dr. Zainab Afzal

Topics:

- Team communication
- Leadership
- Culture and accountability

Location: The Underground @ Lakeshore Dental Specialists

Time: 6:00 PM – Dinner & Gather, 6:30 PM – Program Starts

Lecture Summary:

The strongest practices are built on strong teams. This session explores practical strategies for improving communication, creating accountability, developing leaders, and building cultures where people genuinely enjoy coming to work. Attendees will leave with actionable tools that can immediately improve team performance, team retention, and overall practice culture.

Learning Objectives:

- Recognize communication styles that influence team performance and workplace culture.
- Apply leadership strategies that improve accountability and engagement.
- Develop systems that foster stronger collaboration and retention within the dental team.



PEARLS & CELEBRATION

Date: May 11, 2027

Facilitators:

Dr. Whitney Weiner, DDS, MS

Dr. Robert Stewart, DDS, MS

Location: Birmingham Pub

Time: 6:00 PM – Dinner & Gather,
6:30 PM – Program Starts

Lecture Summary:

Our season concludes with a celebration of our members and the lessons learned throughout the year. Through audience participation, treatment planning discussions, favorite pearls from each speaker, and member case presentations, we will revisit the most impactful takeaways of the season while celebrating another incredible year of growth together.

Learning Objectives:

- Review key interdisciplinary concepts presented throughout the season.
- Apply treatment planning principles across multiple clinical disciplines.
- Utilize collaborative discussion to improve clinical decision making and patient outcomes.