



Beyond The Basics Skills Series

YOUR GATEWAY TO BETTER DENTISTRY

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The Beyond the Basics Skills Series Curriculum teaches the concepts and clinical skills needed to implement the Physiologically Driven Treatment System. As a result of taking this series, you should be able to evaluate and treat most functional, restorative, esthetic, and TMD problems with confidence.

Each course in this curriculum is consistent with the ancient Chinese philosopher Confucius' statement that "To hear is to forget... To see is to remember... To do is to understand." Therefore, each course in this series is designed to not only teach you the concepts, but to give you realistic and practical hands-on clinical experience. As a result, you should leave with a level of understanding and confidence that will allow you to incorporate what you have learned into your practices.

We believe you'll appreciate the experience. We know your patients will value the difference.

BEYOND THE BASICS 101

One Day Course

If your goal is to provide care that includes significant esthetic or functional restorative treatment, facial pain, or TMD problems, the Beyond the Basics curriculum is for you. At the core of this curriculum are the DATA[®] (Diagnosis And Treatment Assisting) Appliance and the Physiologically Driven Treatment System. Combined, they guide you through the evaluation and delivery of even the most challenging of these treatments - *with concepts and methods that are easier, more logical and predictable than ever before.*

BEYOND THE BASICS SKILLS I

FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS OF BIOMECHANICAL EVALUATION AND TREATMENT PLANNING

Two Day Course

This is where your journey to better dentistry begins. In this two-day course you will learn how to utilize the Physiologically Driven Treatment System and DATA[®] Appliance to evaluate patient biomechanical status and determine appropriate treatment based on this status. Whether providing occlusal correction, TMD therapy, or comprehensive restorative or esthetic treatment, appropriate care must consider patient biomechanical status - *the most misunderstood yet critical factor in dentistry today.*

In Course I, you will learn about each fundamental biomechanical element (TM-Joint Stability, the Functional Occlusion, and Parafunctional Activity) and how they guide appropriate treatment. Next, you will learn how to seat and adjust a DATA[®] Appliance and then interpret your patients' response to the Appliance. For most patients, this response represents the single most valuable source of information regarding each biomechanical element. It also provides other important structural psychosocial information that affect treatment decisions.

Finally, you will use the DATA[®] Appliance to locate, record, and verify your patients' most physiologic mandibular position and precisely mount their casts in this relationship - ***the starting point for any biomechanically & functionally sound treatment.***

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BEYOND THE BASICS SKILLS II THE REMOVABLE OCCLUSAL SPLINT

One Day Course

Course I taught the concepts and skills needed to determine and record a patients' most physiologic mandibular position and then accurately mount a set of casts in this relationship. Course II teaches the skills needed to fabricate and adjust a removable occlusal splint in this relationship - the primary purpose of this appliance being to reduce pain by allowing coordinated masticatory muscle activity and reduced joint loading. However, it may also be used to confirm TMJ structural stability (or instability) and protect the teeth.

You will first learn which patients can most benefit from occlusal splint therapy. Contrary to what is commonly believed, not all patients with occlusal problems require a splint. Many can actually receive more benefit from a definitive occlusal adjustment (taught in Beyond the Basics Skills III). However, for those patients where splints are indicated, this course teaches the rationale and methodology of designing and delivering an effective, well-proven appliance. Fundamental to this design is the appliance being in harmony with the patients' most physiologic closure as well as all excursive jaw movements.

In this course, you will fabricate, seat, and adjust an occlusal splint that meets these requirements on a fellow dentist attendee. They in turn will do the same for you. As a result, not only will you learn how to fabricate and seat an ideal removable occlusal splint, but also experience the benefits it can provide.

BEYOND THE BASICS SKILLS III FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS OF REDADDIBRATION

Two Day Course

In Course III, by applying the concepts and methods of Course I & II, you advance your skills to the next level by performing a definitive occlusal adjustment. This begins with refining your diagnostic and treatment planning skills. As a result, you will be able to select those patients that can benefit from definitive occlusal correction utilizing reductive and conservative additive reshaping (RedAddibration). You will also be able to identify those patients who would be better served with other treatment choices. You then learn the clinical skills needed to actually perform a RedAddibration.

To achieve this, you first observe the evaluation, planning, and live RedAddibration of a demonstration patient utilizing a DATA Appliance. Then, under the watchful eye of an instructor, you will perform a live RedAddibration on a patient you have previously evaluated at your office. With RedAddibration completed, biomechanical harmony and a Stable Biomechanical Foundation have been created.

Virtually everyone who has learned these skills agrees that RedAddibration is one of the most valuable services they can provide their patients. It can also be one of the most profitable. RedAddibration not only assures patient comfort, but may also serve as a foundation for predictable restorative and esthetic treatment. As a result of taking this course, we want you to gain the confidence to go home and make RedAddibration a routine procedure in your practice.

UPDATED COURSE CONTENT AND DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED