

# Saturday 5.17.25

## CE Course

8:00 AM – 11:00 AM | CE: 3 hrs. Practice Management

## Healers vs. Stealers: "How to Outsmart the Thief in Your Dental Practice" (Dentists & Dental Students Only)

**Speaker:** David Harris

**Bio:** David Harris is a Dental speaker, author, and CEO of Prosperident. With 34 years of experience investigating dental embezzlement David is a master storyteller who harnesses his personal experiences (with a spicy dash of humor) in a way that both entertains and inspires his audience to take action! David's mission to eradicate embezzlement in dental practices began inauspiciously. After some youthful misadventures that almost landed him in jail, David's investigative abilities first shone through in military and financial environments. David's career as dentistry's premier crimefighter started when a dentist friend asked for David's help with a suspected embezzlement. David quickly discovered his passions; catching embezzlers, bringing them to justice, and helping dentists protect themselves from theft in their practices. In solving that first case, and thousands more that followed, David cemented his reputation as the leading authority in his field and one of the most respected voices in dentistry.

**Course Description:** David uses noteworthy embezzlement cases his team has worked on to bring the topic of embezzlement to life, and to derive practical lessons for his audience, who will leave with a toolbox of proven and easily implementable protection strategies. David's real-life examples, urbane deliver, and witty presentation style make this lecture both informative and entertaining. Dentists will leave well-equipped to identify embezzlement and address vulnerabilities in their practices.

Attendees will learn:

1. How would-be embezzlers assess their victims.
2. Telltale behaviors exhibited by dental office thieves.
3. Simple rules for dividing duties between team members properly.
4. How to oversee the finances of your practice in much less time than you thought.

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8:00 AM – 5:00 PM | CE: 8 hrs. Academic or Clinical | \$650 per person | Lunch Provided

*(This course has been approved by the SD Board of Dentistry for the purpose of obtaining a permit to monitor patients under anesthesia or sedation.)*

## Sedation & Anesthesia Monitoring in the Dental Practice

**Speakers:** Dr. Jay Crossland & Rick Ritt

**Bios:** **Dr. Crossland** joined Black Hills Oral Surgery in 2006. He earned a B.A. degree from the University of Massachusetts. He then received his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the Baylor College of Dentistry, a member of the Texas A & M University System Health Science Center. Dr. Crossland completed his specialty training in oral and maxillofacial surgery at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center, a level-one regional trauma center serving Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana.

**Rick Ritt** is the president and consultant for Dental Simulation Specialists. Rick has a vast foundation of acute critical care experience as a paramedic for over 25 years. He served thirteen years as a Paramedic Officer with the Chicago Fire Department. For 20 years he directed the second largest American Heart Association Clinical Training Center in the country. Rick developed a great understanding of equipment by establishing a parts and service distributorship with Laerdal. In 2014, he established Dental Simulation Specialists Inc. to serve the growing need to increase awareness, patient safety, and outcomes in the dental office.

**Course Description:** This eight-hour seminar covers the general principles of patient care during mild, moderate, and deep sedation. The content is designed for auxiliary healthcare providers and includes preoperative assessment, pharmacology, management of pediatric patients, geriatric patients, and management of complications.

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## Anesthesia Emergency Management for the Dental Team

**Speaker:** [Rick Ritt](#)

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**Course Description:** This unique and challenging program provides a didactic and hands-on clinical simulation experience that addresses the proper assessment and management of patient complications associated with minimal to moderate sedation. This course will explore simulations for the dental team as a method to improve patient safety and outcomes. Case studies will be presented where you will be engaged interactively to determine critical decisions and therapies for those patients. A look at In-Situ Simulation, its importance, frequency and effects will be reviewed. Participants will be given the opportunity to participate and demonstrate the appropriate patient management with a variety of hands-on simulations with Sim Man.

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## Drug-Related Problems in Dental Practice: "It's A Minefield Out There!"

**Speaker:** [Professor Karen Baker](#)

**Bio:** Professor Karen Baker has been on the Dental College faculty at the University of Iowa for over 40 years and occupies a unique role in dental practice and education. She is a clinical pharmacist with a Master's degree in clinical pharmacology and therapeutics, and is focused on patient-specific dental drug therapy. She has given well over 1000 invited programs nationally and internationally and holds memberships in many dental and clinical pharmacology and therapeutics organizations. Her dental education-based pharmacy and drug therapy consultation center is the only one in the United States. She has authored many articles, abstracts, and lectures extensively in pre-doctoral and graduate courses at the University of Iowa.

**Course Description:** Increasing numbers of dental patients are uncontrolled hypertensives or on multiple medications with complex oral health problems. Many new cardiovascular and central nervous system drugs can interact with dental drugs or affect bleeding or wound healing. Patient self-medication with cannabinoids or psilocybin has recently been recognized as potentially risky in dentistry. Consequently, more and more patients report chemical and drug allergies and intolerances. Dental professionals are frequently faced with medically complex and chemically challenged patients and need practical strategies for providing safe and appropriate care. The purpose of this course is to identify new drug-related problems encountered in dental practice and to outline practical management solutions. Extensive handouts will supplement discussion of intro-oral drug effects and treatment modifications involving medicated, xerostomic or allergic patients. Throughout the program, primary emphasis will be placed on developing consistent strategies for treatment medically complex dental patients. An extensive and current handout will greatly enhance the chair-side value of this fast-paced and practical course.

Objectives:

1. Recognize the specific dental treatment modifications necessary to prevent complications in patients with major cardiovascular or central nervous system disorders.
2. Modify dental treatments for patients on new chronic medications for diabetes, osteoporosis, and collagen vascular diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis.
3. Identify which new biologics or targets therapies can predispose to MRONJ.
4. Recognize and manage drug-induced oral problems and harmful drug-drug interactions.

**Social**

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Awards Brunch**

**Room:** Black Hills Ballroom

**NOTE:** If only attending the Awards Brunch, please contact office to register at 605.609.1152. Thanks

Join us in celebrating the 2025 Guest of Honor, Dr. Monty Bechtold, at the Awards Brunch, located at the DoubleTree Inn. In addition, we will honor the following award recipients for their dedication to dentistry.

Young Dentist of the Year: Dr. Blake Ridgway

Distinguished Service Award: Dr. Laura Davies

Humanitarian Award: Dr. Aaron Studer

Award of Commendation: Ms. Connie Halverson

Honorary Member: Ms. Nicole Pahl

Presidential Citations: Dr. Michael Fuchs, Dr. Monty Bechtold, Dr. Fred Garrett and Mr. Paul Knecht