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February 28 | April 25
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2026 Program



Quint Whipple
CDT



8:30am - 9:50am

Stain Like a Pro: Transforming 3D Pro Zir, AiZir & KrystaFree with Biomic + AI Stain

Learn techniques for achieving lifelike esthetics on next-generation materials. This session covers efficient staining and glazing workflows using Biomic and AI Stain to enhance translucency, texture, and natural character on 3D Pro Zir, AiZir, and KrystaFree. Elevate restorations with predictable, high-impact results.

Instructor Bio

Quint Whipple founded Phoenician Dental Studios in Arizona in 2003, quickly establishing it as a leading cosmetic dental lab. He earned his bachelor's degree in biology from Arizona State University in 1997 and achieved his CDT certification in 2000. Quint has served on the Board of Directors for the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry and has contributed significantly through the Professional Education Committee and multiple ad-hoc committees. He joined the Damaged Goods Affiliates in 2013 and was inducted into the Dental Technicians Guild in 2016. Quint is also a Key Opinion Leader, sharing his expertise within the industry.



Dr. Morley Rubinoff
Prosthodontist



9:50am - 11:10am

Clinical Failures in Dentistry: Lessons for Dentists and Technicians

This is a retrospective view of bad dentistry and how it impacts on the patient and what the dentist and the technician can do to restore our mistakes.

Instructor Bio

Dr. Rubinoff is a graduate of the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Toronto (1974). Dr. Rubinoff completed a post-doctoral program in Prosthodontics from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1984. Dr. Rubinoff has served as the President of the Association of Prosthodontists of Ontario, The Association of the Prosthodontists of Canada and is the founding President of the Canadian Dental Protective Association. He has been awarded the Certificate of Merit by the Canadian Dental Association and received a fellowship from the Academy of Dentistry International. Dr. Rubinoff was an instructor/mentor at the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Toronto in the Graduate Department of Prosthodontics. Dr. Rubinoff is a Senior Fellow of the International Team for Implantology (ITI).



Ali Rezaei
President & CEO, Canadian Dental Labs (Shaw, Protec, and Hallmark)



Julian Kempnich
Vice President of Operations, Swiss N.F. Metals



Karim Sahil
RDT, MDT



Sourena Ghandehari
GM, Dentaureum Canada



Russel Brown
CA, CPA, President and CEO, Durban Dental Lab



11:10am - 12:30pm

Panel Discussion: Status of the Dental Lab Industry in Canada

Instructor Bios

Ali Rezaei, President & CEO, Canadian Dental Labs (Shaw, Protec and Hallmark)

Ali Rezaei is President and CEO of Shaw Lab Group, one of Ontario's leading dental laboratory networks with four full-service locations. Prior to joining Shaw, he held senior executive roles in North American manufacturing, including Vice President of Operations at Gehl Foods and Golden Boy Foods. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Sharif University and a Master's degree in Management from McGill University.

Julian Kempnich, Vice President of Operations, Swiss N.F. Metals

Julian Kempnich is Vice President of Operations at Swiss N.F. Metals, where he has worked since 1991 after graduating from George Brown College. With over 30 years of experience, he specializes in restorative materials, attachments, and implant products, providing technical support and education across Canada and the United States.

Karim Sahil, RDT, MDT

Karim Sahil is a Registered and Master Dental Technologist who earned his credentials at George Brown College and in New York, specializing in occlusion and full-mouth reconstruction. He operates a dental laboratory at Yorkville Village Dentistry and provides cosmetic, implant, and advanced restorative solutions. Karim is also President of the Association of Dental Technologists of Ontario.

Sourena Ghandehari, GM, Dentaureum Canada

TBD

Russel Brown, CA, CPA, President and CEO, Durban Dental Lab

Russel Brown is President and CEO of Durban Dental Lab and a South African-trained Chartered Accountant. Prior to founding Durban, he served as Vice President of Sales and Operations at Henry Schein Canada. He now leads Durban's strategic growth and digital innovation initiatives.



Kaveh Shams
DT

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8:30am - 9:50am

Digital Workflow For Implant Restoration From Data Acquisition To Production

In this presentation, we will walk through the complete workflow involved in producing All-on-X implant restorations, from planning to final delivery. The session will highlight how Zirkonzahn's latest digital tools can streamline each stage of the process, including:

- ZZ Archive - Efficient case management and data organization
- ZZ Face Scan App - Capturing and integrating facial data seamlessly
- Modifier Bar Module - Designing custom bar frameworks with precision
- High-Speed CAM - Optimizing production with advanced milling strategies
- Material Review - Overview of materials used for long-term success

Join us to explore how these tools come together to create a fully integrated digital workflow for All-on-X

Instructor Bio

Kaveh Shams graduated as a Dental Technician from Lambeth College - in London, UK, in 2010. Since then, he has worked in multiple dental laboratories in London and Toronto. In recent years, his passion for digital dentistry has led him to take responsibility as a CAD-CAM Specialist supporting and coaching dental community members across Canada. He continues serving the dental community as Zirkonzahn's ambassador and branch manager.



Ria Mozhina
RDT

9:50am - 11:10am

Understanding Intra-oral Scanning, and Your Role in Excellence!

In this session, you are invited to access the latest in 3D technology, specifically in scanners. What do practitioners go through, what makes an excellent scan, and some topics of discussion you could have so that you have excellent case outcomes. Patient care is of the utmost importance, and we will make sure you're well-prepared to tackle any case. Join us for tools you can use, and tips on how to handle a challenge. You already have the knowledge, just need the confidence!

Instructor Bio

For years, Ria has been Central Dental's go-to technical design enthusiast and support for digital products. Prior to joining the team, she honed her skills across several areas while gaining her Registered Dental Technician designation, working at a boutique lab and graduating from George Brown College. Ria has a passion for learning about new digital products and how they work. Helping maximize and streamline clients abilities in the digital world through her on hand experience is what motivates her the most.





Ryan Swift
Co-Founder,
Onekln, Inc.

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11:10am - 12:30pm

New Developments in Infection Control: Looking Ahead to the Future of Clinical Hygiene

In *New Developments in Infection Control: Looking Ahead to the Future of Clinical Hygiene*, Ryan Swift examines the evolution of current protocols, identifying critical areas for improvement while introducing new concepts that are reshaping clinical hygiene in professional settings. The presentation explores emerging threats driven by changing microbial landscapes, workflow pressures, and material limitations. As new standards and devices enter the market, effective protocols depend not only on availability, but on proper understanding and application. Emphasizing the importance of clinical certainty, this session connects science, process, and compliance to demonstrate how informed, mindful adoption of new developments can improve safety, performance, and confidence in clinical infection control.

Course Outline

- Current protocols
- Areas for improvement
- New Concepts
- Emerging threats
- Standards
- Clinical Certainty
- New concepts

Instructor Bio

Ryan Swift is a product developer and regulatory consultant with over 20 years of experience working at the intersection of science, manufacturing, and regulation in professional healthcare settings. His work focuses on how chemistry, process design, and material selection directly influence product performance, safety, and regulatory compliance.

A Fellow of the International Academy of Dental-Facial Esthetics (IADFE) and a graduate of the Innovation Alliance Executive Training Program. He is recognized for his practical, science-driven approach and his commitment to environmental responsibility. He is deeply passionate about improving both products and professional practices through better chemistry, smarter processes, and thoughtful design.



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Ben Laroche
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Engineer, Exocad

9:50am - 11:10am

Concurrent Design Challenging Or Not?

Completing a crown design on Implant abutment in one project requires some essential knowledge. Here we will go over principals to prevent never ending postproduction adjustments to attain proper fit of the 2 components.

Instructor Bio

Involved in the dental laboratory industry for over 20 years. Specialist in dental CAD/CAM for over 15 years. Certified and trained many others on systems such as ProCera, 3 Shape, Lava, Dental Wings, Cerec, Exocad, Dental Softworks, Sum3D, Hyperdent, Dentmill, Roland, Cerec, Imes-lore and Arum mills. Provided Technical support and sales both remotely and on location across Canada and the USA. Always willing to share experience and knowledge to contribute to the evolution of the Dental CAD/CAM industry.

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Dr. Waji Khan
CD, BSc, DDS, MBA,
MEd

11:10am - 12:30pm

How to Win in The Digital Lab Era

This session explores strategies for dental laboratories and technicians to succeed in an increasingly digital workflow. Topics include integrating digital technologies, optimizing efficiency and accuracy, maintaining quality control, strengthening dentist-lab collaboration, and differentiating your lab through expertise, consistency, and value in a competitive digital marketplace.

Instructor Bio

Dr. Khan grew up in Scarborough, Ontario. After graduating from high school he attended the University of Toronto, Trinity College and graduated with a Bachelor of Science with High Distinction in 1997. He then attended The University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry and graduated with his Doctor of Dental Surgery in 2001. Dr. Khan served as a dental officer in the Canadian Forces from 1998-2007. Dr. Khan began practicing dentistry in Halifax, Nova Scotia with the Canadian Forces. In the CF he learned a lot through mentorship with dental specialists and advanced dental training courses. After a ten year career in the Canadian Forces, he then moved to Kingston with his wife and life partner Dr. Sohela Vaid in 2007 to pursue studies in Medicine and practice Dentistry.

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Duff Wilson
CDT

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8:30am - 9:50am

Elevating Your Hybrids, Combination Implant Cases, and Split Bar Bridges with Biomic Opaque

Join Duff Wilson, CDT, as he shares practical techniques for elevating hybrid restorations, combination implant cases, and split bar bridges using Biomic Opaque. This session will focus on improving esthetics, consistency, and predictability while optimizing workflow efficiency—helping you achieve confident, high-quality results in complex implant cases.

Instructor Bio

Duff Wilson, a Certified Dental Technician, has been a dedicated professional in the dental laboratory industry for decades. He began his career at Drake Precision Dental Lab, where he worked from 1994 to 1999, before joining Midstate Dental Lab until 2003. In 2003, Duff founded Wilson Dental Lab in South Carolina, where he continues to deliver exceptional dental solutions. Duff has been a prominent leader in the field, serving as President of the South Carolina Dental Laboratory Association twice. His expertise, commitment to quality, and contributions to the dental community have earned him widespread respect and recognition.



Alex Chabachevitch
RDT

9:50am - 11:10am

Explore The Latest Technology in Digital Solutions

- AI capabilities in exocad
- True Smile realism
- Advantages in photogrammetry
- Seamless scan to print workflow
- Tips to overcome challenges

Instructor Bio

Alex Chabachevitch is an experienced and successful owner of a medium sized dental lab in the GTA. He has over 20 years of experience managing his lab. The main focus of his workflow being on implantology, crowns, bridges, digital dentistry including digital dentures. Alex is also a partner in Unique Dental Supplies Inc.



Ettore Palmeri
President, Palmeri Media Group, MBA, AGDM, BA, B.ED

11:10am - 12:30pm

Mindset Leadership

This lecture focuses on strategies that when applied create a mindset leadership and the power of small, intentional actions that can lead to meaningful change.

Instructor Bio

Ettore Palmeri was born and raised in Italy until age 11. He has an education background having attended and graduated from the University of Toronto with a B. Ed. He taught at the high-school level and also at YUELI (York University English Language Institute) where he became Head Master and marketing manager of the program. He left YUELI to embrace the media world and is currently President of Palmeri Media Group, a media company dedicated to the dental industry. To help manage the business, Ettore went back to school to complete his MBA and AGDM studies. He loves reading and is an enthusiastic motivational speaker. He has read and listened to over 600 personal development books.





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☐ Jan 30, 2026	Dr. Tarek Sharkas	“The Tale of Two Implants” Why One Failed and One Succeeded
	Tala Batarseh	The Secrets in the Dental Office Management
☐ Feb 13, 2026	Dr. Larry Gaum	How Much Do You Know About Tongue Ties? Can You Identify one? Can You Treat it Surgically?
	Dr. Rick Soordhar	Integrative TMJ, Airway, Craniofacial Growth, and Orthodontic Solutions for All Ages
☐ Feb 27, 2026	Dr. Jeff Li	Soft Tissue Management for Full Arch: The Forgotten Key to Long-Term Success
	Petr Binnell	How to Make Marketing Work for You
☐ Mar 20, 2026	Timothy Brown	Navigating Uncertainty: Economic Insights for Dental Owners
	Kirsten Fisher	The Microbial Balancing Act: Connecting Periodontal and Caries Pathogenesis with the Oral Microbiome
☐ Apr 10, 2026	Dr. Pav Khaira	The Bone Growth Concept
	Dr. Steve Chang	Mechanical Complications of Dental Implants: Causes, Prevention, and Management
☐ Apr 24, 2026	Dr. Abdul Osman Dr. Waji Khan	From Planning to Possibility: A Systematic Approach to Modern Implant Dentistry with CopaSKY Diagnosis • Placement • Immediacy • Full-Arch • Digital Workflow
☐ May 1, 2026	Jonathan Verroche	Effective And Efficient Full Arch Scanning with IO Connect
	Dr. Moemen Metwally	Restoring Form And Function Full Arch in 2025 - Solution Driven Protocols
☐ Sep 18, 2026	Dr. Ira Paul Sy	The Balance of Success and Complications Associated with Oral Implant Rehabilitation
	Dr. Sky Naslenas	Botox Applications in Modern Dental Practice
☐ Oct 16, 2026	Dr. Parvaneh Bahrami	Soft Tissue Enhancement Around Implants
	Dr. M. K. (Bobby) Baig	Multiple Implants in Esthetic Zone!! “The Micro Prosthodontic Elements”
☐ Oct 30, 2026	Dr. Venceslav Stankov	Anatomical Considerations in Esthetic Zone And Principles of Microsurgery
	Alex Chabachevitch	Finding New Solutions to Our Everyday Challenges in The Everchanging Dental World



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