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Program Speaker – Christine Blass

Title

How Not to Kill Your Patient. Importance of the Medical History

Abstract

Dentists are confronted daily with a wide array of medical complexities in the process of delivering high quality patient care. The large amount of information available on each disease process can make sorting through things daunting and inhibit dentists from providing care to certain populations. In addition, communicating with the medical community also has its own pitfalls. This course is set up to be a brief overview of the medical history and to highlight the most common complications in each of the seven physiologic systems. It includes important facts, relevant tests, and other key information when it comes to treating the medically complex patient. It also goes over the importance of medical consults and key things to ask for when completing them to encourage high quality responses.

Biography

Dr. Blass is the program director for the UAB hospital based Advanced Education in General Dentistry and General Practice Residency programs, where she oversees six residents. As a lifelong Blazer, Dr. Blass earned her BS and DMD degrees, as well as a GPR certificate at UAB. After graduation, she practiced in private practice in the Birmingham area, the state prison system, and maintained a volunteer faculty position with UAB. In 2019, she transitioned to adjunct faculty at the residency and took over lecture responsibilities in the dental school. In January 2021, she assumed the role of program director of both the advanced dental education programs. Dr. Blass also maintains a secondary appointment as an associate scientist for the Center for Clinical and Translational Science as well as membership on the UAB Head and Neck Tumor Board. She primarily lectures to the dental students and locally on the management of medically complex patients.