

AMEN 2023 Annual Conference

Theme: In His Presence

Surrender – Healing - Power

Seminar Titles and Objectives

Overall Objectives:

At the end of the conference, the learner will be able to:

1. Identify the need for spending personal time with the Creator to allow for greater ability to surrender to His healing power in treating patients.
2. Discuss the need for Spiritual Care (SC) in the clinical setting and develop practical and effective ways to implement SC on a daily basis.
3. Discuss how being involved in ministry improves job satisfaction, increases resiliency, and reduces burnout in physicians leading to a better quality of life for both the provider and their patients.
4. Implement whole person care by sharing principles of living "In His Presence" including the Adventist health message and most importantly, introducing patients to Jesus Christ as the source of true healing and inner peace.

Thursday & Friday October 26 & 27, 2023

Plenary Sessions

Thursday 10/26/23 - 8:00 – 9:00pm

Plenary Session #1 = 1 CME

John Shin, MD

Title: *A Higher Calling*

Objectives:

1. Identify elements that frequently lead to burnout in the practice of healthcare.
2. Illustrate the importance of a personal relationship with God in giving meaning and purpose to a medical career.
3. Compare and contrast the experience of working as a healthcare professional with and without a sense of calling.

Friday 10/27/23 - 9:40 – 10:40am

Plenary Session #2 = 1 CME

John Scharffenberg, MD

Title: *Supernatural Health Coaching*

Objectives:

1. Briefly identify major lifestyle changes that could reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease by 80% and diabetes by 88%.
2. Illustrate the health advantages of a plant-based, whole food diet.
3. Discuss the role of SDA healthcare professionals in educating our colleagues in the importance and scientific merit of nutrition in disease prevention.
4. Discuss why we, as SDA health professionals, should use health in our outreach programs and provide practical tips for how to do this.
5. Inspire and challenge attendees through personal examples of how God has worked in my life.

Friday 10/27/23 - 11:00am – 12:00pm

Plenary Session #3 = 1 CME

Scott Nelson, MD

Title: *In the Presence of the Poor: Adventist Medical Evangelism Where Resources are Limited*

Objectives:

1. Identify how navigating a path into the presence of Christ and experiencing His fullness of joy improves healthcare professionals' effectiveness.
2. Analyze the problem of global poverty and suffering in the world.
3. Engage in a global perspective to encourage meaning and purpose in personal and professional pursuits.
4. Evaluate perspectives on risk to proclaim the kingdom of God and heal the sick.
5. Identify reasons for medical outreach that inspire effective local and global medical outreach in the presence of Christ.
6. Illustrate sustainable high-quality healthcare for the poor at Adventist mission hospitals.

CME Seminar Options

(Select ONE Seminar to attend in each time slot)

Breakout Session A: 2:00 – 3:00pm

Select ONE Seminar to attend in each time slot = 1 CME

Zeno Charles-Marcel, MD

Title: *Care with Compassion*

Objectives:

At the end of the presentation, the learner will be able to:

1. Identify practical ways to improve compassion in caring for patients (and others).
2. Enumerate benefits of compassionate care for both the provider and the recipient (including effects on measurable patient outcomes).
3. Use simple, effective techniques that increase patients' perception of compassion.

David and Sonja DeRose, MD

Title: *Using Automated Internet-based Programming to Extend Lifestyle Counseling into Patient Homes*

Objectives:

At the end of the presentation, the learner will be able to:

1. Discuss new strategies for effective collaboration between pastors and health professionals in community outreach programs that address common diseases.
2. Illustrate how to incorporate whole person care into collaborative community outreach programs which results not only in improved health, but also brings community members into Christ's healing presence.
3. Describe how even small congregations can be equipped to work with the pastor and healthcare professionals to enhance patient compliance with diabetes-focused lifestyle changes using a readily available no-cost curriculum.
4. Implement three strategies that involve both a clinical practice and the local church to decrease the burden of chronic diseases in the local community.

Joy Kauffman, MPH

Title: *The Recipe for Abundant Life: A practical, Biblical, public health approach to ministry.*

Objectives:

1. Describe the importance of a relevant global health message.
2. Identify the power of Biblical influence to positively impact behavioral change, leading to positive health outcomes for marginalized communities.
3. Explain how the integrated, holistic package of FARM STEW's public health prevention approach can be used in your context to deliver primary prevention and curative methods for acute and chronic disease.
4. Recognize the value of mobilizing local people to help people help themselves.
5. Implement practical ways to do community-based health evangelism.

Daniel Morgan, DDS

Title: *P²: Positive impact through early Prevention*

Objectives:

1. Discuss dental methods utilized to bring long-term oral health to pediatric patients and how to build trusting relationships with your patients and their families.
2. Discuss practical ways to operate a successful dental practice and how the Lord encourages and grows us through failure and/or success.
3. Demonstrate how a strong faith in Jesus has impacted the speaker's life, dental practice, and vision for the future.
4. Challenge dentists and other healthcare providers to grow their impact in their communities and improve patients' quality of life by implementing witnessing methods in their office.

Dan Beckner, OD

Title: *The Optometry Practice: Our platform to share Jesus*

Objectives:

1. Illustrate the importance of whole person care and how we have been able to share Jesus in our Optometric practice.
2. Discuss the importance of interpersonal relationships in the workplace and share stories of connecting with colleagues through sharing the love of God's presence with them.
3. Illustrate practical principles of whole person care through community outreach and how sharing Jesus with the community can have a positive impact.
4. Inspire participants to implement these principles by sharing personal stories of lives transformed.

Breakout Session B: 3:10 – 4:10pm

Select ONE Seminar to attend in each time slot = 1 CME

John Shin, MD

Title: *Steps to Effective Spiritual Care*

Objectives:

1. Identify seven practical steps for conducting effective spiritual care.
2. Illustrate the importance of spiritual care as a dimension of overall health.
3. Identify common barriers to conducting spiritual care and offer strategies for engaging in effective spiritual care that enhances provider and patient satisfaction and may improve patient outcomes.

Brian Schwartz, MD and Mark Finley, DD

Title: *United in Christ's Mission: Providing collaborative whole patient care*

Objectives:

1. Identify the importance of collaborative whole person care and illustrate positive patient outcomes as a result of pastor + physician teamwork.
2. Discuss scriptural principles that characterized Christ's ministry.
3. Illustrate how to apply these principles with relevant, contemporary experiences in comprehensive health ministry.
4. Challenge participants to work collaboratively as pastor + healthcare provider teams to integrate these divine insights into their medical practice and community outreach.

Sam Walters, Mpham, DipClinPharm

Title: *Witnessing in the Workplace*

Objectives:

1. Identify creative ways providers can effectively implement whole person care and live out their faith in the professional patient care setting.
2. Discuss how sharing one's spirituality creates a bond with the patient and benefits both the person being shared with and the healthcare provider doing the sharing.
3. Discuss practical principles of Christ's life that can be applied to sharing faith in today's modern, and often secular, work environment without alienating patients, but rather increasing their trust in you as a provider.

Amber McKeever Shironishi, DDS

Title: *Remaining In His Presence Through the Storm.*

Objectives:

At the end of the presentation, the learner will be able to:

1. Discuss the intricacies of practicing dentistry overseas as a missionary from both a professional and personal perspective.
2. Analyze ways to overcome physical and emotional challenges that come with a career in dentistry and how applying practical ways to be 'In His Presence' in the workplace leads to receiving the fullness of joy in place of fear and anxiety.
3. Implement ways to gently and effectively bring whole-person care to your patients as a busy dentist.
4. Discuss how to effectively create a space in your dental practice that welcomes spiritual and relational growth both inside and outside the office.

Peter Blackburn, MD

Title: *Macular Degeneration: Providing Hope*

Objectives:

At the end of the presentation, the learner will be able to:

5. Explain the basic concept of macular degeneration including current treatments, outcomes, and prognosis.
6. Describe tips for having thoughtful, hopeful, prayerful discussions with patients about bad outcomes.
7. Describe experiences of praying for miracles in a scientific, skeptical, outcomes-based medical world.

Breakout Session C: 4:20 – 5:20pm

Select **ONE** Seminar to attend in each time slot = 1 CME

Cristian Villegas, MD

Title: *Abiding In His Presence*

Objectives:

1. Discuss and recognize some of the common pitfalls in doctor-patient communications and potential underlying causes.
2. Discuss various aspects of spiritual care including its scope, necessary steps to begin, and how to overcome stagnation. This will include formulating a plan for your daily devotional life.
3. Illustrate the integral role of prayer in spiritual care and how it helps cultivate compassion and empathy within the physician by using Jesus as the primary exemplar.
4. Identify practical tools for evangelism and challenge participants utilize these tools in their own medical practice.

Jed de la Paz, DDS

Title: *From Clinics to the Cross: Learn how to develop health clinics that transform lives and churches*

Objectives:

At the end of the presentation, the learner will be able to:

1. Identify the key planning steps in preparing a successful community health clinic and discuss how collaboration between pastors and medical professionals is essential to organizing free clinics that make disciples.
2. Recognize effective ways to incorporate holistic health services to patients in community health clinics.
3. Illustrate how free health clinics help our churches grow younger and identify ways to lead patients, volunteers, and employees to baptism.
4. Apply principles that transform churches to become more missional and magnetic.

Shion Shironishi, NP

Title: *Your Beliefs Impact Your Mental Health*

Objectives:

1. Identify effective ways to thoroughly assess patients' mental health and discuss how important this can be in helping them to reverse lifestyle diseases.
2. Identify the need for whole person care, particularly spiritual care, to treat patients instead of prescribing medications.
3. Discuss common negative beliefs of patients, primarily developed in childhood, that may lead to health decline.
4. Illustrate how to minister to patients through prayer, church activities, small groups, and bible studies.

Jeremiah Holt, DDS

Title: *Three Practical Keys to Provide Whole Person Care*

Objectives:

1. Identify practical steps that lead to spiritual wellness for you as the provider and examine the effects this has on patient outcomes and whole person care.
2. Discuss the importance of staff morale in the dental practice and why your staff should be your first ministry.
3. Identify practical principles to develop a team culture that successfully implements whole person care, medical evangelism, and positive patient outcomes.
4. Discuss effective ways to witness to patients and implement whole person care in a dental or medical office.

Paul Chung, MD

Title: *Is Your Eye Practice Doing All It Can to Spread The Gospel?*

Objectives:

At the end of the presentation, the learner will be able to:

1. Describe importance of whole person care and how a Christ-centered practice can spread the gospel in an attractive winsome way.
2. Discuss practical ways to implement whole person care and how healthcare providers and their support staff can witness to patients and colleagues.
3. Describe 'pearls and pitfalls' of witnessing to patients.