

AMEN 2021 Annual Conference

Theme: While It Is Day

CME/CDE Agenda & Objectives

Overall Objectives:

1. Describe the importance of practical spirituality in the professional setting.
2. Explore the foundational importance of a personal relationship with Christ to effectively engage in whole person “While It Is Day”.
3. Discuss opportunities we, as Christian providers, have despite significant challenges in healthcare today, especially with the COVID-19 pandemic.
4. Challenge attendees to routinely incorporate whole person care and the Adventist health message alongside introducing patients to the source of motivation and power to make those changes – Jesus Christ.

Thursday & Friday October 28 – 29, 2021

Plenary Sessions

Brian Schwartz, MD

Plenary Session #1 = 1 CME/CDE

Title: *Building a Wall of Protection While It Is Still Day*

Objectives:

1. Discuss COVID-19's impact on society and the opportunity this provides to use the Adventist health message as an opening wedge to the Gospel.
2. Discuss great leaders of the past and how their principles can be applied to whole person care today.
3. Describe how restoration of the wall of Jerusalem is related to restoring medical ministry.
4. Discuss how being a Christian healthcare provider changes how we treat patients and the eternal impact it can have on them.

David Turay, MD

Plenary Session #2 = 1 CME/CDE

Title: *The Right Hand, The Right Time*

Objectives:

1. Review the historical perspective of the Adventist Health message, and contrast it to the existing ‘science’ of that era.
2. Explore contemporary applications of the Adventist Health message
3. Provide additional insights into CHRIST’s perspectives on Disease and wellness.

Calvin Kim, DDS

Plenary Session #3 = 1 CME/ CDE

Title: *One Life To Live, One Life To Give*

Objectives:

1. Discuss how to discern and prioritize your patients single greatest need.
2. Illustrate how to incorporate spiritual care into your practice.
3. Identify three practical ways to bridge a long-term connection with your patients.

Seminars

Friday October 29, 2021

Breakout Sessions A: 2:00 – 3:00pm

Gerardo Toledo, DDS

Title: *The Potential Global Impact of a Local Dental Office*

Objectives:

As dental providers it is very easy to focus our existence on our families, our practices, our staff, and our patients. This presentation aims to explore how global initiatives can enhance the attendee's practice and life. During this presentation the attendee will:

1. appreciate the privileges God has bestowed on us both in education and the portability of our specialty in healthcare.
2. recognize that while dentistry and American society as a whole are trying to navigate through the negative effects of Covid-19 pandemic, we are called to remember and help those on a global scale, who have to navigate through this pandemic with little to no resources.
3. learn how our private practices, alone or in collaboration with other organizations, can provide not only dental treatment, but also "whole person" care, to the underserved throughout the world.

Roger Scheult, MD

Title: *The Definitive Place of COVID-19 in Biblical Eschatology*

Objectives:

After attending this presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Understand the map of Biblical Eschatology laid out for us until Christ's return
2. Understand where COVID-19 fits into our faith's framework
3. Understand why the term "while it is day" is so appropriate for our work both in the church and outside the church

Melinda Skau, MD

Title: *Knowing Jesus Loves Us Through the Tough Times*

Objectives:

1. Explore how to encounter the love of Jesus Christ when we are in tribulation. How to use ACES (Adverse Childhood Events) as a springboard to improve patients' quality of life and, more importantly, connect them with Jesus.
2. Discuss how we and our patients can have peace and strengthen our relationship with Jesus during the crucible experiences of our life - while it is yet day!
3. Identify practical ways to introduce patients to Jesus beyond the office walls. What is "The Mountain and the Molehill" concept?
4. Discuss ways to teach patients to find healing for larger past woundedness through the everyday difficult events of life.

Brittany Ramirez, RN

Title: *Medical evangelism in the Emergency Room*

Objectives:

1. Discuss practical ways to provide whole person care through medical evangelism in the hospital setting.
2. Identify simple treatments that patients with COVID-19 can do at home when they are not 'sick enough' for hospitalization.
3. Challenge participants to seek a deeper walk with God so they can be His hands, feet, and lips.

Breakout Sessions B: 3:10 – 4:10pm

Adrien Charles-Marcel, DDS

Title: *Compassionate and Effective Treatment for Patients with Dental Infections*

Objectives:

By the end of this presentation attendees will be able to:

1. Recognize the signs and symptoms of a patient who has, or is developing, a dental infection
2. Describe the different treatment modalities available to the general dentist and oral & maxillofacial surgeon for treating dental infections
3. Utilize evidence-based guidelines to guide antibiotic therapy for dental infections
4. Recognize the signs and symptoms of a patient who is in emotional or physical distress and provide whole person care which is based on the best practices of the Great Physician Jesus Christ.

Jeffrey Cho, MD

Title: *A Divine Prescription*

Objectives:

1. Highlight the importance of medical missionary work in light of global health needs.
2. Discuss how participating in medical missionary work benefits the provider and can inspire them to engage in whole person care on a daily basis in addition to intermittent mission trips.
3. Challenge participants to engage in medical missionary work whenever and wherever the Lord leads.

Andi Hunsaker, MD

Title: *What is that in your hand*

Objectives:

1. Describe the importance of health ministry and the impact health education can have on patients and your local community.
2. Illustrate ways in which we can reach a difficult audience for Christ, our neighbors.
3. Present my own experiences with door-to-door work and our in-home Plant-based cooking school.
4. Discuss the health benefits of a plant-based diet.
5. Inspire and equip participants to labor for Christ in any way available to them, using 'whatever is in their hand'.

K'dee Elsen, PhD

Title: *What the World Needs... Now*

Objectives:

1. Discuss the mental health crisis, before and during the COVID-19 pandemic, and the projected trajectory of this crisis from an end-time perspective; including discussing the precipitating and perpetuating factors of the crisis.
2. Identify the primary needs of the world at large and individuals (including patients) to be equipped to combat this mental health crisis.
3. Demonstrate practical ways to address these needs by learning from the Wonderful Counselor and incorporating different skills like Motivational Interviewing.
4. Identify the challenges and barriers of addressing these needs, collectively as a church and individually in our personal and professional lives.
5. Inspire attendees to assess for, and address these identified needs in their respective spheres of influence.

Breakout Sessions C: 4:20 – 5:20pm

Claudia Moncada, DDS

Title: *Beyond the Diagnosis: What's Really Going On?*

Objectives:

1. Understand the power of your personal journey to connect with patients at a deeper level.
2. Develop and implement soft skills to diagnose beyond the dental chief complaint.
3. Identify your place in the stages of change, towards your ideal mode of operation in your practice of dentistry.

Jonathan Miller, MD

Title: *All In - Lessons learned from medical training and starting a private practice in a pandemic.*

Objectives:

1. Describe the experience of starting a medical and surgical dermatology practice during COVID-19.
2. Discuss the importance of practical spirituality in private practice.
3. Describe different ways of incorporating prayer into a busy medical practice.
4. Challenge participants to strive for circumstances that develop character over comfort.

Sarah Belensky, MD

Title: *"The Call: Unto the Ends"*

Objectives:

1. Discuss Biblical and Spirit of Prophecy teachings about reaching 'unreached people' for Christ and ministering to them using His method of whole person care.
2. Explore who and where the 'unreached people' are in 2021.
3. Discuss the unique health challenges of the unreached.
4. Illustrate practical ways we can use our healthcare career to minister to people as Jesus did and reach the 'unreached'.

Ryan Dolinsky, DPT

Title: *Making Christ-like connections: Win the confidence and trust of your patients.*

Objectives:

1. Discuss and explore the need for building therapeutic alliance/rapport with patients in order create opportunities for patient behavior change and opportunities to share the gospel.
2. Understand how the COVID-19 pandemic has opened up more opportunities to establish connections with patients.
3. Learn basic interview/communication skills that enhance Christ-like patient-centered care in clinical settings.