

AMEN 2024 Annual Conference

Theme: By His Spirit

Seminar Titles and Objectives

Overall Objectives:

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

1. Identify the importance of maintaining a continuous connection with the Holy Spirit and how that connection positively impacts professional interactions with colleagues, employees, patients, and patients' families.
2. Discuss the need for the Holy Spirit to guide Spiritual Care (SC) in the clinical setting and develop practical and effective ways to implement SC on a daily basis.
3. Discuss how being connected to the Holy Spirit daily 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 "By His Spirit" including the Adventist health message and most importantly, introducing patients to Jesus Christ as the source of true healing and inner peace.

Friday November 1, 2024

Plenary Sessions

9:30 – 10:40pm

Plenary Session #1 = 1 CME/CDE

Laren Tan, MD

Title: *Leading with Compassion: Christian Principles in Healthcare Leadership*

Objectives:

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

1. Describe the principles of Christian leadership and their application in healthcare.
2. Identify strategies for integrating faith-based values into medical practice to enhance patient care and organizational culture.
3. Develop skills to lead with compassion, integrity, and a servant-leadership approach in a healthcare setting.

10:50 – 12:00pm

Plenary Session #2 = 1 CME/CDE

Calvin Kim, DDS

Title: *Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow*

Objectives:

1. Identify principles for success and fulfillment in both the personal life and professional practice.
2. Recognize the impact of a service-oriented lifestyle on the practice of dentistry and medicine.
3. Provide practical strategies for overcoming burnout and addiction by discovering purpose in God's calling.
4. Examine key motivating factors for providing whole person care.

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

Berenice Cheng, DDS

Title: *Evangelistic Opportunities for Associates in non-Christian Practices*

Objectives:

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

1. Discuss the unique challenges and opportunities for dentists and physicians that are not practicing in clinics with fellow believers.
2. Illustrate ways Adventist dentists and physicians can thrive in a secular workplace culture that may not be overtly supportive of medical evangelism.
3. Implement collaborations with secular/Christian entities in their community evangelistically.
4. Recognize how their witness as a dentist or physician extends beyond patient care, and consider their role as citizen/business provider in a community at large.

Janie Yoo, MD

Title: *The Purpose-Driven Practice*

Objectives:

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

1. Discuss how to structure one's life and practice with purpose and intention.
2. Illustrate outside-the-box thinking in starting and building out a medical practice.
3. Identify different ways in which success can be defined.
4. Recognize the utility of having God as your business partner.
5. Evaluate the results that come from living "by His Spirit."

Daniel Binus, MD and Chaplain Kevin Nutchoo

Title: *Spiritual Intervention in Medical Practice: Why, Who and How*

Objectives:

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

1. Describe the importance of spiritual evaluation and intervention to improve patients' mental and physical health.
2. Define holistic health care in the context of a secular environment.
3. Discuss how to perform a spiritual assessment for individual patients.

4. Identify appropriate spiritual interventions for individual patients.
5. Describe the process of forming a spiritual intervention protocol in your medical practice.

Ryan Dolinsky, PT

Title: *Flipping the script: How to foster hope in the hopeless patient.*

OBJECTIVES:

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

1. Identify the role that hope and purpose have on patient recovery and healing (especially with chronic illness and pain).
2. Identify negative beliefs and illness narratives that influence a patient's health decisions and behaviors.
3. Implement motivational interviewing principles to reframe negative patient beliefs and narratives toward hopefulness.
4. Discuss how to create opportunities for the Holy Spirit to reach our hopeless patients to give them eternal hope.

Breakout Session B: 3:10 – 4:10pm

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

Paul Yoo, DDS

Title: *Beyond drilling, filling and billing, from a Christian POV*

Objectives:

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

1. Identify ways in which health ministry, including dentistry and medicine, can support the work of Christ, and how that improves the provider's quality of life and patient outcomes.
2. Discuss creative ways of nurturing the "golden goose" (dental or medical practice) to support and sustain His Kingdom.
3. Discuss how to embrace God's blessings and the talents He entrusts us with, and how that impacts dental and medical practice and reduces provider burnout.
4. Illustrate how to build with the end in mind, daring to go beyond dentistry or medicine and treat the whole patient.
5. Recognize the One Spirit amongst diverse methods and approaches in dental or medical ministry.

Robert Hunsaker, MD

Title: *The Christian Physician, LGBTQ+, and Epigenetics*

Objectives:

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

1. Identify the relationship between (epi)genetics and behavior, including LGBTQ+.
2. Discuss the most important studies relating to LGBTQ+ issues.
3. Evaluate the pitfalls in dialoguing with LGBTQ+ patients, and colleagues regarding LGBTQ+ issues.
4. Illustrate how the unique Seventh-day Adventist perspective on the nature and identity of man speaks hope to LGBTQ+.
5. Discuss how the humanity of Jesus speaks hope to ALL - including the LGBTQ+.

Harvey Hahn, MD and Pastor Andrea Jakobsons

Title: *Tag Team: there it is!*

Objectives:

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

1. Discuss the importance of health ministry for providers, church members, and the local community.
2. Distinguish between an evangelistic project versus a culture of evangelism.
3. Illustrate the concept of empowering people rather than finding powerful people.
4. Discuss medical and non-medical ways to evangelize.

Genesis Napod, RN

Title: *Physician Notified. Casting Our Cares Upon Him*

Objectives:

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

1. Illustrate how surrendering our burdens to the Great Physician will help us become better health care providers.
2. Discuss ways to deescalate tense work environments and conditions.
3. Implement practical tips on how to be a witness and blessing to your patients and coworkers.

Jacob Prabahkar Chindrupu, MD

Title: *Efficient Manual Small Incision Cataract Surgery (MSICS)—Mission Updates from India*

Objectives:

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

1. Identify time saving steps a surgeon can take to contribute to efficiency with less technology dependence, fewer surgical instruments and consumables and thereby offer high quality, cost-effective community based MSICS procedure.
2. Illustrate how to reduce postoperative astigmatisms and other complications as compared to conventional extra capsular cataract surgery.
3. Discuss how to prevent and manage complications during MSICS.

Breakout Session C: 4:20 – 5:20pm

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

Christine Han, DDS

Title: *Building Connections: When God Turns a Trial into a Testimony*

Objectives:

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

1. Discuss the importance of praying for the Holy Spirit and following The Spirit's guidance in your dental or medical practice.
2. Identify practical ways to create meaningful connections with your patients and coworkers through listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit, and how that improves patient outcomes and increases job satisfaction for the dentist/physician.
3. Incorporate your personal testimony in the conversations with your patients and coworkers.
4. Recognize the influence the Holy Spirit plays not only in your professional journey but also in the lives of your patients and coworkers through your witnessing.

Gloria Kim, MD

Title: *Led by the Spirit: Getting Tangible Solutions from an Intangible God*

Objectives:

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

1. Discuss the role of personal faith in decision-making.
2. Discuss practical spiritual approaches to dealing with uncertainties in our personal lives and medical practice.
3. Illustrate how praying for divine appointments can transform your work from a job to a healing ministry.
4. Describe examples of how personal faith in medical practice can impact outcomes.

Neil Nedley, MD and Pastor Don Mackintosh

Title: *Keys For Experiencing Positive Clinical & Spiritual Outcomes - A Summary of the 20+ experience of a Physician / Minister Team*

Objectives:

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

1. Identify key findings concerning the value of integrating faith in the care of patients dealing with physical, emotional, mental health needs.
2. Illustrate the nuts and bolts of integrating faith into our professions.
3. Discuss practical examples of life transformation through testimonies from patients.
4. Share the testimony of a physician/pastor team who have been mentored.

Brad Emde, OD and Jacob Prabahkar Chindrupu, MD and Peter Blackburn, MD

Title: *His Way is Better Than Our Way*

Objectives:

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

1. Illustrate the importance of asking God to direct our paths in all things.
2. Discuss how our reliance upon God's leading directly affects the success of our service to our patients and those whom God puts in our path.
3. Identify the importance of flexibility, especially when we see our plans seemingly failing, and understand this could actually be the key to the overall success of our medical missionary work.
4. Illustrate with real life examples from three different doctors who have experienced that God's plan was better than their own.