



## **Direct Composite Artistry Study Club: Predictable, Practical, Profitable**

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### **Overview**

Direct composites in the anterior dentition can provide the most conservative and affordable restorations for our patients, while maintaining a high level of aesthetics. Many practitioners have been frustrated and overwhelmed by the techniques, composite systems, shade selection and instrument choices available today. This has even led to some practitioners not offering larger class IV and direct composite veneer restorations in their practices.

In this study club, we will explore and overcome some of the challenges that we face every day in our practices. Participants will participate in planning, placement & finishing of restorations in the anterior dentition on bench top models and live patients.

Participants are encouraged to bring a patient to treat to the April session.

\*Please note, all patients must be screened and approved by Dr's Melkers & McDonald well in advance of the April program. Specific criteria and required documentation will be provided to attendees upon registering. Please plan on bringing your case for review to the Jan session.

### **Objectives:**

1. Color mapping for results and simplicity
2. Learn and utilize a lingual putty technique that takes the guess work out of anatomical build-ups and helps make incisal characterization more predictable
3. Simplified instrumentation and techniques, from placement to finishing
4. The use of artist brushes for anterior composites mastery
5. Polishing protocols
6. Fee considerations in everyday practice

### **2012 Dates and Location**

Jan 6-7, April 20-21, 2012

Portland, OR

### **CE Credit and Tuition**

30 Participation CE Credits

Tuition: \$2,700

Class is limited to 12 participants

### **About the Clinicians**

Dr. McDonald is a 1994 graduate of the University of The Pacific & Dr. Melkers is a 1994 graduate of Marquette University School of Dentistry. Together they practice general dentistry in Spokane, Washington with an emphasis on comprehensive and restorative care. They received their Fellowships in The Academy of General Dentistry in 2003. Dr.'s McDonald & Melkers balance their time between private practice, teaching research and publishing. Dr. Melkers is currently Visiting Faculty at The Spear Institute.