



Oral Surgery for the General Practitioner

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Overview

Oral surgery can be an integral part of general practice with extractions being the most common procedure done. This **hands-on participation course** with live patients targets teaching “surgical” extractions as its main objective – getting problem teeth out quickly, predictably, safely and atraumatically.

Model participation exercises include: multiple surgical extractions, bone grafting/membrane placement, alveoplasty, suturing techniques, removal of a partial bony impaction, dry-socket prevention, excisional biopsy, an anterior apicoectomy/retrofill procedure and placement of a mini-implant. On the last day participants have the opportunity to treat a patient in clinic under the direct supervision of Dr. Koerner.

Session 1: The first day of session 1 will be lecture with a larger group where Dr. Koerner will cover many aspects of surgery in the General Practice. The second day will be the study club group and we will continue with lecture and be working in the lab on models practicing all the techniques that you can do in clinic in session 2. You will be sent a detailed supply list when you confirm enrollment in the class.

We will have an in-depth discussion on the appropriate case types you will be able to treat at session 2. All cases will need to be approved by Dr. Koerner for appropriateness so please bring radiographs, medical history of any patient you would like to consider treating in session 2.

Session 2: Day 1 of session 2 will involve lecture from Dr. Koerner going into more detail about the techniques that participants will perform in clinic. Each participant should come prepared to present their case that they will treat in clinic. Please include medical history and how their medical history may alter your technique or how it could complicate intra-operative or post-operative care. Radiographs, photographs and models are essential for proper planning of technique, flap design and potential post op complications. Each participant will have one 2-hour slot to do surgery and then can observe and assist others doing their surgery. Collectively we can gain a lot of experience in just one clinic day.

Participants will need to bring all their own instruments and supplies for their surgery, this includes surgical handpieces and any special recommended instruments. Patient charts need to be brought by the doctor and every patient will need to have consent forms signed for all procedures. You may bring your dental assistant to work with you in the clinic. If you are an out-of-state dentist, you have the opportunity to apply for a temporary Oregon dental permit to practice dentistry during this course. Only if you have an Oregon License or Oregon Temp License can you participate in clinic.

Objectives:

- Feel confident with soft tissue incisions, bone removal, and placement of bone graft material.
- Know first-hand how various surgical materials are used and/or manipulated.
- Receive one-on-one instruction and feedback on a number of surgical procedures.

- Understand current standards of care regarding several surgeries commonly done in general practice.

2012 Dates and Location

Two 2-day sessions: Feb 24-25; April 6-7, 2012
Portland, Oregon

CE Credit and Tuition

30 Participation CE Credits
Tuition: \$2,100

About the Clinician

Dr. Koerner graduated in 1973 from the University of Washington School of Dentistry in Seattle and then completed a General Practice Residency in the U. S. Army. Since 1981, he has been teaching oral surgery courses to general dentists throughout the United States and abroad. He is past president of the Utah Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) and the Utah Dental Association. He was AGD Utah Dentist of the Year in 1989. He is a Fellow of the Academy of General Dentistry and also belongs to numerous honorary dental societies. He has written many articles and two books on oral surgery. Dr. Koerner lives in the Salt Lake Valley and works as an associate with other general dentists doing oral surgery and implant procedures.