In Boston: Four days of general dentistry C.E.

Hot-topic courses, Academy of General Dentistry Foundation events and more on deck at AGD 2016

The Academy of General Dentistry’s 2016 annual meeting, AGD 2016 in Boston, July 14–17, features four days of continuing education for dentists and dental team members highlighted by clinical and practice management lectures, hands-on courses and live patient demonstrations.

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Lecture and participation courses on many of the hottest topics in dentistry will be presented by some of the industry’s foremost speakers, including Todd B. Engel, DDS, founder and director of the Engel Institute.

Engel is scheduled to present “Implant cases tailor-made for the general dentist.” Engel recommends that AGD 2016 attendees attend both of his lectures. “Do they go hand-in-hand?” he asked. “Much of the time, they do. Sometimes they’re done separately. Sometimes they’re done without each other. But no matter what, it’s a baseline of understanding that the GP has to know.”

Another course highlight is “Oral cancer: The silent killer in your practice,” with AGD Foundation President Gerald J. Botko, DMD, MS, MAGD, FACP, to be held from 1 to 4 p.m. on Friday, July 15. During the lecture course — sponsored by the AGD Foundation — Botko will discuss how early diagnosis is essential to improving treatment options for oral cancer patients.

“As dentists, we know how devastating oral cancer can be if it is not diagnosed and treated in its early stages,” Engel said.

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AGD Foundation oral cancer screenings

The AGD Foundation has committed to focus its community outreach on oral cancer awareness, risk factors and prevention and diagnosis by trained general dentists — and it’s bringing its mission to Boston. During AGD 2016, the AGD Foundation will provide free oral cancer screenings for the public from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hynes Convention Center, Second Level, Hall C, pre-function area. Approximately 50 volunteers will provide their services for the event, screening an expected 250 people for oral cancer. Volunteers will examine AGD 2016 attendees, exhibit hall personnel and members of the public for sores, discoloration, lumps or irregular tissue changes in the neck, throat, cheeks and mouth.

Explore Boston

AGD 2016 attendees are encouraged to explore Boston during their downtime. Recommended don't-miss tourist destinations include The Freedom Trail (www.thefreedomtrail.org), New England Aquarium (www.neaq.org) and Fenway Park (boston.redsox.mlb.com/ballpark/tour.jsp). “The true Boston experience wouldn’t be complete without a trip to Fenway Park,” said Courtney L. Brady, DMD, vice president of the Massachusetts AGD and a member of AGD’s Scientific Meeting Council.

America’s oldest Major League Baseball ballpark is home to the Boston Red Sox, and it offers tours daily,” Brady says. “Safely with the ‘Green Monster’ behind you are sure to impress your Facebook friends.”

Connect with AGD

You can visit the AGD by going to its Facebook page at www.facebook.com/generaldentists. Also, attendees who are planning to tweet about their AGD 2016 experience can include AGD2016, and tweet @AGDevents!

For AGD 2016 registration details and to find more information about the meeting’s courses, lectures and social events, you can visit www.agd2016.org.

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