



University of the Pacific Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry
125th Alumni Association Annual Meeting – 2024 Alumni Weekend
Including The 38th Frederick T. West Orthodontics Lectureship and
The Inaugural Alan H. Gluskin Endodontics Symposium



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Friday, February 9, 2024

9:00 am – 12:00 pm – 3 CE units

Subject Area: Orthodontics

Title: "Clinical Techniques for Palatally Displaced Versus Labially Displaced Canines"

Course Description:

This clinical lecture will review the etiology of palatally displaced and labially displaced canines, and discuss the differing methods for successful eruption. The lecture will discuss the open exposure technique, the apically-positioned flap, cantilever springs, and more!

Objectives:

- 1) To improve your proficiency with impacted canines and to equip you with strategies depending on the canine's location.

Friday, February 9, 2024

1:30 pm – 4:30 pm – 3 CE units

Title: "A Collection of Clinical Pearls (and more) for Your Practice!"

Course Description:

Jackie Kennedy was famously quoted as saying that, "Pearls are always appropriate." The same could be said about sharing orthodontic clinical pearls. Who doesn't love picking up those invaluable tidbits hidden within a lecture? After all, clinical pearls are the easiest lessons to take home and immediately implement into practice. It is a passion of mine to share my clinical ideas with other orthodontists, and what better way than with a lecture entirely devoted to the topic. Be ready for a fun and fast paced presentation chock full of clinical pearls.

Objectives:

- 1) Canine substitution pearls: learning which brackets are best to place the substituted canine and premolars, gaining torque on the substituted canine to hide its prominent root, finishing bends to enhance esthetics and eliminate interferences, and retention strategies for prolonged success.
- 2) Surgical Pearls: including open exposure for palatally displaced canines, apically positioned flaps for labially displaced canines, placement of the Isoglide spring, strategies for activation with cantilever arms and elastic chain, troubleshooting "stuck" canines, improving the canine's torque once it is into the arch, revisiting the power of driftodontics following premolar extractions, preparing a case for orthognathic surgery, and surgical uprighting of mandibular second molars.

- 3) Retention pearls: including placing maxillary and mandibular bonded retainers, choosing an appropriate bonded retainer wire and composite material, learning the "two-step, double-etch technique for bonded retainers, Dr. Kravitz's Hawley retainer design, polishing techniques including bur preferences, and practice management strategies for patients in the retention phase.
- 4) Challenging patient pearls: including understanding the various temperaments of our patients, learning about body dysmorphic disorder (BDD), how to finish treatment on a patient suffering from BDD.

Short Bio:

Dr. Kravitz is the Editor-in-Chief for the Journal of Clinical Orthodontics, an Associate Editor for the American Journal of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics in charge of Invisalign research and serves on the Editorial Board for the Angle Orthodontist journal and the Seminars in Orthodontics journal. He is a recertified Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics, member of the Edward Angle Society, past chairperson for the AAO Committee on Technology, board member for the Virginia Association of Orthodontics, faculty at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine, and visiting lecturer at numerous.

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