



Impression Taking for DCP's

Aim

To provide Dental Care Professionals with the practical skills and underpinning knowledge needed to competently take dental impressions

Objectives

- To relate the anatomy of the oral environment to accurate dental impressions
- To recognise the professional and governance issues surrounding impression taking
- To gain knowledge of the science of alginate and to mix alginate impression material
- To understand the importance of record keeping
- To select and prepare an impression tray
- To gain knowledge of infection control procedures related to impression taking and disinfection
- To competently take impressions of study models
- To competently take impressions of other course participants
- To correctly review and assess impression quality

Timetable*

Morning Session	
9.00 – 11.00	Introduction of LM and Setting the Scene. Scope of Course – what is included and not included – not aimed to make you master clinicians.
	Why do we take impressions?
	Primary and secondary impressions – Why 2 imps – did we get the first wrong?
	Anatomy – Applied
11.00 – 11.15	Coffee/Tea
11.15 – 11.35	Materials, Tray selection and adhesives
	Alginate: Demo Mix with video
11.35 – 1.00	Impression techniques and impression taking on models - Initial demo - then in pairs
1.00 – 1.45	Lunch

Afternoon Session	
1.45 -2.30	Protocols: Infection Control Autoclave and Disposable Vaccination Medical History – Latex allergy and Materials Clean verses Dirty areas Working in a Practice – clinical tunic, practice protocol, team based
	Record Cards and Lab docketts Whose responsibility? At present working as an assistant however important to get into good habits now
	Communication and Consent Patient journey
2.30 – 4.00	Impressions of each other Demo first
4.00 – 4.15	Coffee/Tea
4.15 – 5.30	Evaluation of impressions – intro audit sheet
	Reflection – Why and What? – a learning experience
	Record of Experience
	Plenary / Q+A

*Due to the nature of the course, which will be a combination of lectures, workshops and practical sessions, the timetable may alter or be modified to reflect the individual needs of the course participants.