

DENTAL ANATOMY REFRESHER TO MASTER YOUR CLINICAL GAME

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Course Description

Which of the premolars have two roots? Which tooth is more likely to have a larger cingulum? When does the canine erupt in the permanent dentition? We all learned dental anatomy at school but probably let the information fade away.

As a clinician, it is important to remember all aspects of the dentition and tooth morphology. This knowledge is applied to provide the best prophylaxis, scaling and root planning, restoration, extractions, and many other care options we provide our patients. The goal is to master the dental anatomy and have the information ready at your fingertips to master your practice.

Lecture Method

The lecture will use WakeUp Memory™, a unique approach that creates an associative connection and makes difficult information "stick" to your brain. The technique is based on the neuroscience approach that highlights the importance of actively storing short-term memory to long-term memory. Each tooth is paired with images, videos, and memory techniques.

For example, we will remember that the permanent canines erupt around age 10 for the mandibular arch and age 11 for the maxillary arch by imagining Dracula (cue for canine) playing drums with sticks (11 turns into two sticks) at a hockey game (10 turns into a hockey stick and puck).

Upon completion, the participants will:

1. Recall the primary and permanent dentition eruption pattern
2. Identify characteristics of each tooth
3. Adapt patient treatment according to the specific tooth morphology
4. Educate the patient about their dentition

I finally remembered that the first maxillary premolar had two roots!