

Could it be an Airway Problem? The Story of Three Neglected Patients

The hardest beliefs to change are those learned in dental school or residency. The first exposure to a concept seems to stick even when presented with new clinical evidence to the contrary. Dr. Rouse will present a personal journey of airway-induced problems found in three of his patients. All three were missed by the "normal" medical and dental practices and procedures. No one bothered to ask, "Could this be Airway?" Dr Rouse will also present the challenges to changing the mindset of your team members including those in the medical community. Finally, the Seattle Protocol for children and adults will be presented. It is a systematic approach for controlling and resolving airway dysfunction.

Attendees should learn:

1. Dentistry's unique ability to recognize airway alterations before medical disease progression
2. Detection of three cases presenting routinely to general and specialty practices (pediatric malocclusion, TMD, and erosion/wear)
3. Models for expanding your interdisciplinary practice into medicine
4. The problem is bigger than just apnea
5. Understand the Seattle Protocol for airway control and its' place in a restorative dental practice

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Dr. Rouse has written numerous journal articles including a portion of the "Annual Review of Selected Dental Literature" published each summer in the Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry. He has a textbook published in 2016 by Quintessence titled *"Global" Diagnosis: A New Vision of Dental Diagnosis and Treatment Planning* written with his teaching partner, Dr. Bill Robbins. Furthermore, he has contributed chapters on porcelain veneers and anterior ceramic crowns to three editions of a dental textbook. Dr. Rouse lectures nationally and internationally on a wide variety of topics ranging from dental esthetics to airway prosthodontics.