

# 2019 Rhode Island Mini-Residency: Preventive Dentistry



**March 29, 2019**

**Crowne Plaza Hotel, Warwick, Rhode Island**

6 Hours of Continuing Education Available



7:30 a.m. **Registration and Breakfast**

8:00 **Welcome and Overview**  
Samuel Zwetchkenbaum, DDS, MPH

**Opening Remarks**

8:30 **What If...? Imagining a Prevention-Focused Care Model**  
Mark J. Doherty, DMD, MPH, CCHP

What if your practice could truly focus on prevention? How would staff operate, what procedures would be offered, and who would provide them? How could you ensure a viable business model? This presentation will overview clinical and financial aspects of a prevention-focused care model by examining what has been achieved at such a practice over the past several years.

9:45 **Break**

10:00 **Has Dentistry Failed the American People? What Can You Do?**  
Myron Allukian Jr., DDS, MPH

Community water fluoridation has been used in the US for over 74 years and helps protect over 211 million Americans from dental caries each year. Unfortunately, there is a lot of misinformation about fluoridation on the internet. This presentation will help the dental community strategize on how to effectively counter fluoridation misinformation and improve the knowledge and attitudes of their communities and patients.

11:00 **Silver Diamine Fluoride**  
Rachel King, DDS, MPH  
Tara Prasad, DMD  
Samuel Zwetchkenbaum, DDS, MPH

This presentation will explain how silver diamine fluoride treats dental caries and its potential use in various dental settings, including with elderly populations. Attendees will learn how to integrate this treatment modality into their dental practice.

12:00 p.m. **Lunch (Vendor Presentations from 12:40-1:30 p.m.)**

1:30 **Comparing Caries Risk Assessment Tools**  
Yara Halasa-Rappel, DMD, PhD

Caries risk assessment (CRA) tools can address oral health disparities and improve the efficiency of the oral health care system. A valid, evidence-based, reliable, and accurate CRA tool could help identify people at high and moderate risk of developing dental caries and justify the reallocation of resources from people at low risk to those at moderate and high risk by reducing redundancy of services for those at low risk. In this session, Dr. Halasa-Rappel describes her research exploring the feasibility of using available CRA tools in informing oral health care strategies and policies.

2:30 **Preventing Childhood Obesity: Oral Health's Role**  
Alison Tovar, PhD, MPH  
Kate Balestracci, PhD, RD

This workshop will identify the role oral health practitioners can play in preventing childhood obesity. Dr. Tovar and Dr. Balestracci will discuss childhood obesity trends, including causes and possible solutions. Participants will review case studies and identify effective parent engagement strategies.

3:30 **Break**

3:45 **A Tooth-Friendly Approach to Clinical Caries Evaluation**  
Laurence LoPresti, DMD  
Irina Smilyanski, RDH, MS, MSDH

Many entities currently search for a more prevention-focused way to evaluate clinical caries. One new approach is the International Clinical Caries Management System (ICCMS), developed by the International Caries Detection and Assessment System (ICDAS) Foundation. This system aligns contemporary understanding of the caries formation process with a preventive approach to oral health. This presentation will assist dental professionals in understanding the new system and provide suggestions on clinical utilization of ICCMS.

4:45 **Closing Remarks and Adjournment**

# Preventive dentistry helps your patients avoid dental issues, promoting overall health and saving time and money.

Are you interested in the latest tools and trends related to:

- Silver diamine fluoride
- A prevention-focused clinical care model
- Caries risk assessment
- Combating fluoridation misinformation
- Oral health's role in preventing childhood obesity

If so, please join us for the 2019 Rhode Island Mini-Residency: Preventive Dentistry. All members of the dental team, including dental hygienists, dental assistants, and dental office staff working in private practice, community health centers, and hospitals, are invited to learn about the latest tools and research that will help improve patient care by preventing tooth decay and other dental issues. Six (6) CEUs will be provided.

## Faculty Highlights

**Myron Allukian Jr., DDS, MPH** – President, Massachusetts Coalition for Oral Health

**Kate Balestracci, PhD, RD** – Program Manager, Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program, University of Rhode Island

**Mark J. Doherty, DMD, MPH, CCHP** – Founder and President, Commonwealth Mobile Oral Health Services

**Yara Halasa-Rappel, DMD, PhD** – Visiting Research Scholar and Consultant, Brandeis University

**Rachel King, DDS, MPH** – Assistant Clinical Professor, University of New England College of Dental Medicine

**Laurence LoPresti, DMD** – Adjunct Professor, Forsyth School of Dental Hygiene, MCPHS University

**Tara Prasad, DMD** – Dentist, Thundermist Health Center

**Irina Smilyanski, RDH, MS, MSDH** – Assistant Professor of Dental Hygiene, Forsyth School of Dental Hygiene, MCPHS University

**Alison Tovar, PhD, MPH** – Associate Professor, Department of Nutrition and Food Sciences, University of Rhode Island

**Samuel Zwetchkenbaum, DDS, MPH** – Rhode Island State Dental Director, Rhode Island Department of Health and Executive Office of Health and Human Services

## Logistical Information

### Continuing Education (CE)

Conference participants can earn up to 6 hours of CE. To receive credits, participants must sign in at the conference, attend the sessions, and complete the required evaluation forms. CE certificates will be emailed to participants after the conference.

### Transfer/Cancellation Policy

If you registered for the conference and cannot attend, your registration may be transferred to another person. All requests must be submitted in writing and received by the Oral Health Program, RI Department of Health no later than March 15, 2019 via email ([v.rosadafonseca@health.ri.gov](mailto:v.rosadafonseca@health.ri.gov)) or fax (401-222-1442). Telephone transfers will not be accepted. Registration fees are nonrefundable.

### Reasonable Accommodations

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## Program Registration Fees:

Registration fee includes all meals and conference materials.

Dentist .....\$150  
Dental Hygienist, Dental Assistant, Office Staff/Student .....\$90

**Registration must be received by close of business on March 15, 2019.**

All registrations will be confirmed by phone or email. **Space is limited—register early!**

## Send registration and credit card authorization to:

Mail: Veronica Rosa-DaFonseca  
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- Dental Hygienist
- Dental Assistant
- Dental Student
- Other

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- Limited number - register early
  - Based on practice location
- I'd like to be considered for the scholarship

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