Once the etiology and diagnosis of the non-carious loss of tooth structure has been determined and cured initiated, the restoration of the tooth structure damage needs to be planned. A step-by-step occlusal analysis is essential to develop a predictable treatment plan. This lecture and hands-on course gives the essentials required to establish the appropriate restorative direction for successful treatment. This course is the "missing link" to the correction of this ever-increasing, common dilemma in everyone's practice and is invaluable in the treatment of your patients who exhibit a worn dentition.

This course follows Dr. Abrahamsen’s lecture and hands-on course on “The Etiology, Diagnosis and Cure of the Non-Carious Loss of Tooth Structure” but is not a prerequisite for this course, albeit very helpful.

Topics to be presented in lecture:

- the anatomically correct facebow transfer
- the physiologic need to use centric relation in treatment planning
- the complexities of occlusal disease
- the purpose of establishing two occlusal planes
- the basics of the 3-dimensional position of teeth for harmonious esthetics and function
- the objective determination of vertical dimension

Hands-on techniques each participant will learn:

- the anatomically correct facebow transfer
- the most repeatable, easiest method to record centric relation
- the signs of occlusal disease
- the determination of two occlusal planes.

Results:

When the guidelines of normal versus abnormal are applied to the analysis of accurate casts mounted in centric relation in an adjustable articulator, the uncertainties in diagnosis and treatment planning are eliminated.

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