Advanced Education Program in Pediatric Dentistry
Children with Special Health Care Needs

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Description:

The Children with Special Health Care Needs seminar is a favorite among the residents. It is particularly relevant in a Children’s Hospital environment. The topics are meant to broaden the residents’ didactic medical knowledge and interrelate medicine with oral health. The seminar demonstrates the ever expanding term “special needs” to its components of medical, behavioral, intellectual, emotional as well as physical disabilities. The objectives emphasize the importance of the dental professional in a multidisciplinary environment as well as familiarize the residents with the sensitive issues that families with special health care needs children encounter. At the conclusion of this seminar the resident is expected achieve an in depth knowledge of common medical conditions/disorders and the intraoral manifestations associated with them. In addition, the resident must be able to competently discuss the necessary modifications on the delivery of oral care safely and scientifically to the vulnerable population of children with special health care needs.