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Dr. Joy Poskozim is the dental director for several nursing care facilities, educating staff as well as providing care to nursing home residents. She also makes house calls in and around the Chicagoland area. Dr. Poskozim has been in private practice for 25 years, practicing integrative health general dentistry at her office on the northwest side of Chicago, and has been performing dental procedures on the home-bound for over 16 years. In 2017 she earned her Dentistry in Long-Term Care Certificate from the University of the Pacific Dental School, her Fellowship with

the Special Care Dental Association Geriatric Council in 2018, and is certified as a Dementia Practitioner as of 2021. Dr. Joy is a 1990 graduate of Marquette University, and New York University College of Dentistry in 1994. She completed a GPR from Woodhull Medical Center in 2000 where she was awarded Resident of the Year.

“Our Patients Living with Neurodegeneration: Different Types; Different Meds; Different Dental Treatments”

Saturday, August 23 at 11:30 am on the Main Stage

Explore the early signs of dementia versus manifestations of normal aging. Illuminate the bidirectional relationship between periodontal disease and Alzheimer’s disease, including how proper oral hygiene may lessen Alzheimer’s symptoms, as well as slow down the progress of this disease. Discover the flexibility of virtual technology (teledentistry) in conducting remote, problem-focused evaluations. Recognize the inherent communication challenges and tips for honing verbal skills. Identify the essential records and documentation to keep in the patient’s record. Feel good about providing the best oral care to ensure your patient is comfortable, they can eat, swallow, and feel good about smiling. Dentists can continue treatment to their patients as they transition to becoming long-term care facility patients by providing Directors of Nursing what is in their mouths.

Learning objectives:

Identify and explore the challenges of aging.

- Recognize the various types of dementia, how each type physically manifests, and the associated oral hygiene care challenges and oral health issues.
- Discover the role that periodontitis plays in dementia’s progression.
- Develop enhanced communication techniques to increase patient cooperation.
- Learn how to use technology to assess patients’ conditions via images.
- Specify the appropriate documentation for the patient’s record.
- Explore the pharmacologic treatment and cognitive enhancers approved for Alzheimer disease and drugs that can make dementia worse.
- Discuss the roles and responsibilities of the emergency contact, custodial parent, and joint custody, and their legal authority to act on the patient’s behalf.
- Gain strategies for working in partnership with referring dentists, primary care physicians, caregivers and families to determine the best treatment for each patient.

