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ACADEMY of  
GENERAL DENTISTRY



# MID WINTER MEETING

Embassy Suites, Charleston WV | JAN. 22 - 24, 2026

THURSDAY | JAN. 22

8:30 am

**WVDA'S DENTISTRY DAY AT THE STATE CAPITOL**

5:30 pm

**WVDA LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION, CULTURE CENTER**

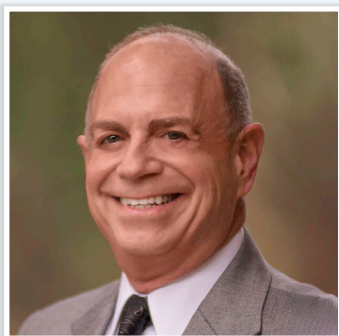


FRIDAY | JAN. 23

8:30 am - 11:30 am

## MORNING SESSION

**THE TEAM APPROACH TO INTEGRATING  
DIGITAL SOLUTIONS FOR IMPLANT RESTORATIONS** - 7 HOURS CE  
SPONSORED BY ZIMMER BIOMET



**Edward R. Schlissel, DDS, MS** - received a BA from Brooklyn College in 1969 and DDS from the University of Buffalo in 1973. In 1982 he received a Master of Science in Materials Science from the College of Engineering and Applied Science, Stony Brook University. He is a member of Omicron Kappa Upsilon, the dental honor society, and a Fellow of the Academy of General Dentistry.

This full-day course offers a comprehensive exploration of digital workflows for implant therapy. It focuses on incorporating evidence-based knowledge in planning and completing clinical procedures, with the goals of simplifying the process, improving the patient experience and achieving predictable outcomes. There will be discussion of strategies for enhancing the effectiveness of communication with patients and all members of the dental team. Topics will include ways to identify and avoid potential roadblocks and complications for simple and complex restorations.



ZIMMER BIOMET

**We Welcome & Encourage Attendance From Your Staff.**

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

**At the completion of the program, participants should be able to:**

- Describe the components and benefits of a digital workflow in implant therapy.
- Compare the clinical steps and considerations for digital workflows to conventional procedures.
- Apply evidence-based strategies to enhance restorative outcome.
- Describe methods of improving communication between the dental team and the patient.

NOON

**WVDA 2026 OFFICER INSTALLATION LUNCHEON**

## AFTERNOON SESSION

1:30 pm - 5:00 pm

**THE TEAM APPROACH TO INTEGRATING  
DIGITAL SOLUTIONS FOR IMPLANT RESTORATIONS (Continued)**



SATURDAY | JAN. 24  
8:30 am - NOON



MORNING SESSION  
UN-INDOCTRINATING THE DOCTRINES  
OF ORAL MICROBIOLOGY: RIGHTING 7 “WRONGS” - 3 HOURS CE

**John G Thomas PhD, Professor Emeritus** - recognized as an “International Educator and Global Microbiologist” (globalbugs.com) having lectured in more than 43 countries while a clinical microbiologist in pathology (Professor), dentistry (Clinical Professor) and Graduate School Education (Adjunct Professor) for 54 years, his research emphasizing biofilms and medical devices.

- LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
- Understand human “US” is composed of Macro (Human) and Micro (Microbial) symbionts, and ‘intelligent’ symbiosis between them is the key to health or multiple endogenous diseases, particularly the NCDs, via a common framework.
  - Understand that the oral microbial diversity is influenced by oral bacteriophage, a key member of the microbiome/biofilm as the ‘phageome’, highlighting regulation thru natural CRISPR-Cas schemes.
  - Understand the rhythm of the 2 kingdoms in humans, Macro and Micro, in synchrony will create new opportunities for intervention using time interface between the 2, defined by a new clinical service called chrono dentistry, benefiting the circadian clocks of both.
  - Understand oral management will focus on microbiome first dentistry and interventions will be patient targeted highlighting 4 microbiome goals forgetting “kill” and eliminate microbes, rather: Protect, Preserve, Replace, Rejuvenate (Rewind the microbial clock).
  - Understand that the implementation of the above 4 “learning objectives” will be visualized thru an illustrative patient, a 66 y/o obese female patient with generalized periodontal disease, co morbidities, with multiple office visits.

NOON LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm



AFTERNOON SESSION  
RISK MANAGEMENT IN THE DENTAL PRACTICE - 4 HOURS CE  
SPONSORED BY DENTIST CHOICE

**Dr. Adel "Al" Rizkalla** - graduated from Georgetown University School of Dentistry with honors in 1988. He also completed a General Practice residency at the Veterans Administration Hospital Center in Washington, D.C. Dr. Rizkalla was the President of the Northern Virginia Dental Society (NVDS) and the President of the Virginia Board of Dentistry.

Dr. Rizkalla is a fellow of the American College of Dentists, International College of Dentists, Pierre Fauchard Academy and the Virginia Dental Association. Over the years, and most recently in 2021 and 2022, Dr. Rizkalla has been named a Top Dentist by the Washingtonian Magazine and the Northern Virginia Magazine. Dr Rizkalla teaches Restorative Dentistry, Ethics, and Practice management. Dr. Rizkalla has the honor to represent the American Dental Association on ASHRAE. He is the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Northern Virginia Dental Society.

This course is open to all dentists and staff. For dentists insured by Dentists Choice, you will receive a 10% accreditation for your professional liability premium for 3 years.

- LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
- Identify and Analyze Risks Our course helps you recognize common and emerging risks in dental practice, including malpractice claims, patient safety and compliance.
  - Implement Risk Reduction Strategies Our dental experts talk on how to apply best practices when it comes to: clinical documentation, informed consent, patient communication and infection control to mitigate potential liability.
  - Ethical Considerations Learn how to navigate key legal principles, ethical obligations and state/federal regulations impacting dental risk management.
  - Enhance Decision-Making Develop critical thinking skills to access risk scenarios and make informed decisions that protect both you and the patient.
  - Manage Patient Complaints Implement protocols for handling patient grievances, managing adverse outcomes, and reducing the likelihood of escalation to litigation.
  - Develop a Risk Management Plan We promote and teach a proactive risk management mindset among dental team members to enhance patient care and minimize liability exposure.

OR

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

WVDA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Register for  
the meeting



Reserve your rooms  
at Embassy Suites

