



## **Joyce Bassett, DDS, FAACD, FAGD**

### **About the speaker:**

Dr. Joyce Bassett practices comprehensive and aesthetic dentistry in Scottsdale, AZ. She is President and an Accredited Fellow of the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry. She is an Associate member of the American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry, a KOIS mentor, an active member in the Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics, and a Fellow in the AGD. Dr. Bassett is adjunct faculty where she has taught the aesthetic continuum at the Arizona School of dentistry. She is a member of the Catapult Group speakers' bureau and evaluates new dental materials for them. She was voted top 5 female CE educators, and is an international lecturer, published author, and a member of the editorial board of several peer-reviewed journals (<http://www.drjbasnett.com/publications.html>). She is a recipient of the volunteer dentist of the year award for Arizona CASS dental clinic and has received the Give Back a Smile volunteer service award twice.

### **Course description:**

Failures in dentistry are frequently blamed on materials, but in reality many times we, the dentist are the culprit. We treat the anterior teeth as cosmetic challenges, and we forget to look at the relationship of form and function. We will simplify occlusion by applying a few basic principles so we can find and create a predictable bite to support the joint and the muscles. Whether we are restoring a single tooth with composite or a full mouth aesthetic case with porcelain, you will apply what you learn in this course. Comprehensive restorative treatment planning must include recognition of the patient's incisor position and morphology, their dento-facial requirements, and a determination of an appropriate vertical dimension. Additionally, to ensure restoration longevity, functional assessments of bite force management; envelope development, occlusal guidance and parafunctional forces must be understood and identified so the final restoration design will predictably accommodate the intra-oral forces. Without an understanding of the science and symptoms of malocclusion, we as dentists will continue to treat our patients to their existing pathologic conditions. Achieving aesthetically exquisite anterior restorations requires additional knowledge of smile design, material selection, and preparation techniques.

This presentation will explore frequently seen problems that occur during restorative treatment. Clear, reproducible bites and systemized techniques will be presented to treat every aspect and ensure aesthetics that are BUILT TO LAST.

### **Objectives for this course:**

1. A step-by-step approach of determining the most appropriate occlusal scheme based upon the amount of anterior guidance needed, choosing the proper VDO, when to use MIP versus CR and when to equilibrate.
2. Identify signs and symptoms related to occlusal instability and communicate diagnosis and treatment options to the patient.

3. Integrate sound occlusal principles and force management in your cases and create synergy between form and function.

**Links to Articles:**

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