

# ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

## September 13<sup>th</sup>



**Gerard Chiche, DDS** is the Thomas P. Hinman Endowed Chair in Restorative Dentistry, and the Director of the Center for Esthetic & Implant Dentistry at Augusta University, College of Dental Medicine in Augusta, GA. He is a Past President of the American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry. He is author of the textbooks: *Esthetics of Anterior Fixed Restorations*, and *Smile Design - A guide for Clinician and Ceramist and Patient*, both published by Quintessence Pub. Co. He is the recipient of the 2003 LSU Alumni Award, the 2003 Award of the Seattle Study Club for best dental educator of the year and the 2007 Distinguished Lecturer Award of the Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics. In 2009, Dr. Chiche became the first recipient of the Endowed Chair sponsored by the Thomas P. Hinman Dental Society.

## October 11<sup>th</sup>



**Gary Kadi** - After years of studying the reoccurring challenges of team, finance, and patient issues facing dentists, Gary Kadi had a breakthrough: the traditional dental business model (created in the 1950's by a non-business practitioner who threw up a shingle and could be successful) was extinct! As a result, he created Nextlevel Practice to implement the Complete Health Dentistry™ business model where teams willingly embrace and implement change, patients respect the treatment recommendations and invest in their oral and overall health, and doctors enjoy practicing the way they envisioned at dental school graduation. Known for his positive contributions to the lives of dentists and dental teams across the globe, Gary Kadi has designed and led transformational programs for dentists and their teams for 20+ years. As a speaker, author and researcher, Gary interrupts the status quo and shares discoveries and interests far beyond helping dentists implement systems and raise their profit margins.

## November 8<sup>th</sup>



**Harold L. Crossley, DDS, M.S., Ph.D.** is Professor Emeritus at the University of Maryland Dental School. A native of Rhode Island, Dr. Crossley received a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy from the University of Rhode Island in 1964. He later was awarded the Master of Science (1970) and Doctorate degrees (1972) in Pharmacology. The University of Maryland Dental School in Baltimore awarded Dr. Crossley the D.D.S. degree in 1980. Dr. Crossley has co-authored a number of articles and four books dealing with a variety of topics within the field of pharmacology. He serves on the Maryland State Dental Association's Well-Being Committee, is an active member of Phi Kappa Phi, Omicron Kappa Upsilon Honorary Dental Society, the American College of Dentists, International College of Dentists, and an honorary member of the Thomas B. Hinman Dental Society. He has been a consultant for the United States Drug Enforcement Administration and other law enforcement agencies since 1974. Drawing on this unique background, Dr. Crossley has become nationally and internationally recognized as an expert on street drugs and chemical dependency as well as the clinical pharmacology of dental drugs and has received numerous awards.

## January 10<sup>th</sup>



**Vincent Kokich Jr., DMD** received his dental degree from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in 1996 and completed a general practice residency at the University of Washington Medical Center in 1997. He remained at the University of Washington for his orthodontic training where he obtained his Masters in Orthodontics in 1999. Since then he has remained on faculty in the Department of Orthodontics as an Affiliate Assistant Professor while maintaining a private practice in Tacoma, Washington. He has received the Charles L. Pincus Research Award for Clinical Research from the American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry and his current research and publications are primarily involved with esthetic, interdisciplinary dentistry. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontists and a member of both the Angle Society and the American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry. He has written or co-written four book chapters as well as numerous scientific and review articles. Dr. Kokich has given over 200 lectures nationally and internationally on interdisciplinary dentistry and dental esthetics emphasizing comprehensive treatment planning and the importance of properly sequencing orthodontic, periodontal, and restorative treatment.

## February 7<sup>th</sup>



**Michael Sonick, DMD** is an internationally known, highly regarded authority in the field of dental implantology and periodontology. He completed his undergraduate degree at Colgate University. He received his DMD at University of Connecticut School of Medicine and his certificate in periodontology at Emory University. Dr. Sonick received his implant training at Harvard University as well as the Branemark Clinic in Gothenburg, Sweden.



**Gregory Toback, DMD, MS** received his Bachelor of Science from St. John's University (cum laude) in 1991, and his Doctorate of Dental Medicine from the University of Connecticut in 1995 (Award for Excellence in Restorative and Prosthetic Dentistry). Following completion of his dental degree, Dr. Toback pursued advanced training in periodontics and dental implants at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio. Dr. Toback is a diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology. He is also a clinical professor at UCONN School of Dental Medicine and has authored papers in major periodontal and dental implant journals. Dr. Toback is a clinical investigator of the prestigious McGuire Institute which focuses on delivering highly relevant clinical research that supports new and improved technologies that benefit patients.



**Vincent LaPorta, DDS** performed his undergraduate studies at Cornell University where he received his degree in Nutritional Sciences. He then went on to study at the University of Connecticut, School of Dental Medicine, where he graduated with special recognition for his proficiency in periodontics. He completed his post-graduate periodontics residency at the University of Maryland and maintains practices in Manchester and Glastonbury. In addition to private practice, Dr. LaPorta serves as an Assistant Clinical Professor at the University of Connecticut, School of Dental Medicine where he lectures and provides clinical instruction to the periodontal residents. Dr. LaPorta's professional passion is educating both patients and colleagues about all the incredible possibilities provided by periodontics.

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**Lawrence Gelb, DDS** graduated from Columbia School of Dental and Oral Surgery, then completed his training in periodontics at The University of Connecticut School of Dental and Oral Medicine. Since that time has limited his practice to all aspects of periodontics, LANAP, and dental implant surgery. For the past 30 years he has served as Director of the Middlesex County Dental Hygiene Study Club. This organization provides continuing education courses in the fields of dentistry, medicine, and general well-being to hygienists throughout the state. Dr. Gelb served as president of the Connecticut Society of Periodontists and has lectured to numerous groups and at profession meetings both locally and throughout the country on topics related to periodontics, dental implants and LANAP.

## March 14<sup>th</sup>



**George Priest, DMD** maintains a private prosthodontic practice devoted to esthetic, advanced restorative and implant dentistry on Hilton Head Island, SC. He lectures nationally and abroad on topics including implant dentistry, advanced restorative dentistry and esthetic excellence. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics, a Fellow of the American College of Prosthodontists, a Fellow of the International College of Dentists, a member of The American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry, a member of Omicron Kappa Upsilon and many other dental organizations. For the past 12 years, Dr. Priest has been included as one of Dentistry Today's Top Clinicians in Continuing Education. Dr. Priest is a former professor in graduate prosthodontics at Emory University and an innovator and teacher of implant and esthetic dentistry for more than 30 years.

## April 11<sup>th</sup>



**J. William Robbins, DDS, M.A.** maintains a full-time private practice and is Adjunct Clinical Professor in the Department of Comprehensive Dentistry at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Dental School. He graduated from the University of Tennessee Dental School in 1973. He co-authored a textbook, *Fundamentals of Operative Dentistry – A Contemporary Approach*, which is published by Quintessence, and is in its 4th edition. He recently co-authored a new textbook, *Global Diagnosis – A New Vision of Dental Diagnosis and Treatment Planning*, which is also published by Quintessence. He is a diplomate of the American Board of General Dentistry. Dr. Robbins is past president of the American Board of General Dentistry, the Academy of Operative Dentistry, the Southwest Academy of Restorative Dentistry, and the American Academy of Restorative Dentistry and has won several awards and honors over the years.