

# 2026

# GKCD NWDS

## CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS

January 9, 2026

### Half-Day Lecture

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM • MCC-Longview Campus, Multipurpose/Education Room (Rm #ED113)  
500 SW Longview Rd., Lee's Summit, MO 64081

**Dr. Michelle Briner &  
Dr. Keerthana Satheesh**

3.5 CE Credit Hours



Dr. Michelle Briner

**Dr. Michelle Briner** received her DDS in 2015 in Santiago, Chile. She completed an Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology residency in 2020 at the *University of Florida* and is a board-certified Oral and Maxillofacial Radiologist. She has been teaching continuously at the *University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) School of Dentistry* since March 2021, where she is part of the Oral Pathology, Radiology, and Medicine department. Dr. Briner uses her interdisciplinary background to teach courses in Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology to dental students, dental hygiene students, and residents.

Her research focuses on the uses of cone-beam computed tomography (CBCT) in the dental field, artificial intelligence in radiographic interpretation, and osteogenesis imperfecta. She has presented at national and international professional meetings and published in peer-reviewed journals.

Dr. Briner currently serves as the elected Vice President of the *Diagnostic Sciences Group of the International Association for Dental Research (IADR)* for the 2025–2026 term. She has also served in the *American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Section on Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology* as Secretary, Chair-Elect, and Chair.

### CBCT Overview Basics

This program will cover the topic of the usage of CBCT. The universal common mistakes that can occur will be discussed and ways to remedy these issues.

#### Learning Objectives:

- Describe the fundamental principles underlying CBCT image acquisition
- Compare different CBCT units
- Identify appropriate clinical indications for various field of view (FOV) sizes and resolution settings
- Recognize and correct the three most common user errors in CBCT ordering and image visualization
- Understand the basics on CBCT interpretation

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Dr. Keerthana Satheesh

**Dr. Keerthana Satheesh** earned her Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree from the *University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) School of Dentistry*. She completed her specialty training in Periodontics and a Master of Science in Dentistry at the *University of Minnesota*.

Dr. Satheesh is a board-certified periodontist and currently serves as Chair of the Department of Periodontics at the *UMKC School of Dentistry*, where she is a full-time faculty member. She previously held the role of Director of Advanced Periodontics (2014–2016). She is licensed in the state of Missouri to provide moderate parenteral sedation.

Her academic responsibilities span both didactic and clinical instruction in predoctoral and postdoctoral programs. A dedicated educator and leader, Dr. Satheesh is a recipient of numerous honors, including the *American Academy of Periodontology Educator Award*, the *Innovations in Teaching and Learning (ITL) Fellowship*, and the *ADEA Leadership Institute Fellowship*. Her excellence in teaching has been recognized through awards such as the *Distinguished Teacher Award*, the *David Moore Teaching Award*, and the *Elmer F. Pierson Excellence in Teaching Award*.

Dr. Satheesh is an active member of several professional organizations and was honored with induction into the *American College of Dentists*. Outside of her professional life, she enjoys spending quality time with her family and caring for her pets.

### Beyond Placement: Peri-Implantitis Management

The presentation will cover case selection, treatment planning, and long-term maintenance protocols.

#### Learning Objectives:

- Determine which cases to select for treatment
- Gain an understanding of disease prevention
- Recognize early detection of peri-implant disease and how to manage it

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March 13, 2026

## Practice Management Full-Day Lecture

Ms. Katherine Eitel Belt

8:30 AM - 3:30 PM • MCC-Longview Campus, Multipurpose/Education Room (Rm #ED113)  
500 SW Longview Rd., Lee's Summit, MO 64081

6 CE Credit Hours



Katherine Eitel Belt

**Katherine Eitel Belt, CSP**, is an internationally acclaimed communications coach, speaker, and author, specializing in empowering dental professionals to master courageous, unscripted conversations. As the founder and CEO of *LionSpeak*, Katherine brings over 35 years of experience, working with leading organizations like *Care Credit*, *Henry Schein*, and *Seattle Study Club*. Voted "2023 Speaker of the Year," Katherine is one of only ten dental professionals worldwide to hold the *Certified Speaking Professional* designation and continues to shape the future of dentistry through her coaching, speaking, and upcoming book, *Something's Gotta Change!*

### Courageous Conversations:

#### The Three Most Important Leadership Conversations Every Team Must Master

The workforce has changed, and we must adapt our leadership communication if we want our teams to perform at a high level, communicate maturely, and think for themselves. If your team struggles with turnover, low performance, negativity, petty conflicts, or a lack of focus... a total team transformation is easier and faster than you think IF your leaders and team members have mastered these three critical conversations:

##### 1. The Invitation Conversation

##### 2. The Coaching Conversation

##### 3. The Courageous Conversation

Katherine believes personal leadership and high-performing teams are created with clear and inspirational communication from its leaders which filters down to form the communication culture for their team at every level. In this engaging presentation, she adamantly rejects stale methods of leadership thinking and canned scripts and shares a fresh, instinctive approach to building a team that thrives. Using *The Lioness Principle*, you'll learn to lead, manage, and communicate in an intuitive way to improve your existing culture, team agreements, personal effectiveness, and productivity. She will teach and demonstrate how the new science around coaching, feedback, and leadership can you give a huge business advantage in a highly competitive employment and business environment. You and your team will never be the same again. No more excuses... and no more limits.

##### Learning Objectives:

- Strengthen their leadership communication using three distinct conversations
- Engage in more successful Courageous Conversations with team members using a simple 4-step framework
- Lead and coach others to unlock their potential and create more alignment and accountability

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June 12, 2026

## OSHA Half-Day Lecture

Mary Govoni, CDA, RDH, MBA

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM • MCC-Longview Campus, Multipurpose/Education Room (Rm #ED113)  
500 SW Longview Rd., Lee's Summit, MO 64081

3.5 CE Credit Hours



Mary Govoni

**Mary** is an internationally-recognized speaker, author and consultant on a variety of topics in dentistry, including infection control, OSHA and HIPAA compliance, ergonomics and team development. She brings over 40 years of experience to her speaking and coaching clients, including clinical assisting and hygiene, as well as practice administration and education.

Mary is a life member and past president of the *American Dental Assistants Association*, a member of the *American Dental Hygienists Association*, the *National Speakers Association*, the *Speaking and Consulting Network* and the *Organization for Safety, Asepsis and Prevention*. She has published numerous articles and continuing education courses serves as a key opinion leader for many dental companies.

### What's New with OSHA, CDC and Infection Prevention and Control?

OSHA requires that employees in dental practices participate in annual safety training, which includes general workplace safety, bloodborne pathogens, hazard communication, hazardous waste compliance requirements and any additional information that is pertinent to current infection prevention recommendations. This course will enable participants to review their safety protocols and make any necessary updates.

##### Learning Objectives:

- Identify the OSHA regulations that apply to their dental practice
- Discuss documentation and training requirements for compliance with OSHA regulations
- Implement strategies for compliance with all federal, state and local safety standards
- Assess the practice's compliance with CDC infection control guidelines

*\*Sponsorships still pending.*

September 11, 2026

## Restorations Full-Day Lecture

Dr. Nathaniel Lawson

8:30 AM - 3:30 PM • MCC-Longview Campus, Multipurpose/Education Room (Rm #ED113)

6 CE Credit Hours

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Dr. Nathaniel Lawson

**Nate Lawson DMD PhD** is the Director of the Division of Biomaterials at the *University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Dentistry* and the program director of the Biomaterials residency program. He graduated from *UAB School of Dentistry* in 2011 and obtained his PhD in Biomedical Engineering in 2012. His research interests are the mechanical, optical, and biologic properties of dental materials and clinical evaluation of new dental materials. He has published over 300 peer-reviewed articles, book chapters, and research abstracts. He served on the *American Dental Association Council of Scientific Affairs* and is on the editorial board of *The Journal of Esthetic and Restorative Dentistry and Compendium*. He has lectured nationally and internationally on the subject of dental materials. He also works as a general dentist in the UAB Faculty Practice.

### A Guide to Treating Anterior Discolorations

Once you start looking for it, you would be surprised how many patients have surface and sub-surface enamel discolorations. If you can offer treatment options for these patients that are more conservative than veneers or composite bonding, there are many patients who would love to have these discolorations treated.

#### Learning objectives

- Effectively diagnose which enamel discolorations can be successfully remedied with microinvasive treatment
- Become comfortable in isolating the teeth prior to resin infiltration, and learn the steps for performing the procedure
- Learn the steps for performing resin infiltration

### Materials and Techniques for Indirect Restorations

90% of crowns and bridges are now fabricated from a ceramic material according to a report from one of the largest US dental laboratories. This course will teach you how to select and handle different types of ceramic materials that are currently used in dentistry that will be much less confusing than typical marketing rhetoric.

#### Learning objectives

- Review the different types of dental ceramic materials
- Learn how to choose a ceramic material for anterior restorations
- Understand how to prepare and design posterior crowns and bridges

### Materials and Techniques for Direct Restorations

Although posterior composites may seem trivial, there are many clinical factors which lead to a long-lasting restoration, including diagnosis, isolation, caries removal, cavity preparation, use of liner, matrix and wedge placement, bonding technique, composite placement, and finishing and polishing. This course aims to review the techniques for each of these steps based on current evidence.

#### Learning objectives

- Understand treatment guidelines for interproximal caries and caries removal endpoints
- Discover materials and techniques to promote a long lasting adhesive bond and create a well-adapted restoration
- Analyze matrix utilization and contouring instruments to achieve a tight and well-contoured contact

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November 13, 2026

## Pharmacology Full-Day Lecture

Dr. Karen Baker

8:30 AM - 3:30 PM • MCC-Longview Campus, Multipurpose/Education Room (Rm #ED113)

6 CE Credit Hours

500 SW Longview Rd., Lee's Summit, MO 64081



Karen Baker

Professor **Karen Baker** has been on the Dental College faculty at the *University of Iowa* for over 40 years and occupies a unique role in dental practice and education. She is a clinical pharmacist with a Master's degree in clinical pharmacology and therapeutics and is focused on patient specific dental drug therapy. She has given well over 1000 invited programs nationally and internationally and holds memberships in many dental and clinical pharmacology and therapeutics organizations. Her dental education-based pharmacy and drug therapy consultation center is the only one in the United States. She has authored many articles and abstracts and lectures extensively in pre-doctoral and graduate courses at the *University of Iowa*.

### Advances in Dental Pharmacotherapy:

#### How to Maximize Success While Limiting Risk in Everyday Practice

Antibiotic stewardship has taken on new importance with the emergence of superbugs and the decline in effective and available oral antibiotics. This program will update the dental team on recent developments in dental antibiotic prescribing and outline strategies for prescribing to ensure therapeutic success with minimum risk. Difficult questions about antibiotic prophylaxis and all relevant guidelines and decision tools will be included. Opioid prescribing remains controversial, especially in young, opioid naïve patients. We will explore alternatives and strategies that benefit patients and reflect positively on your practice.

#### Learning objectives

- Select regimens for odontogenic infections based on allergies, intolerances, effectiveness, Black Box Warnings, and guidelines
- Prescribe antibiotic premedication for certain patients with a variety of implants including cardiac and orthopedic devices, and
- Discuss the pros and cons of prophylactic antibiotics for implant placement, tooth extractions, and other surgical procedures
- Discuss the extent of the opioid substance use disorder problem in the U.S. and examine the role of dental opioid prescribing in contributing to the opioid epidemic
- Explain the relative effectiveness of non-opioid and opioid agents in acute pain
- Discuss benefits vs risks of specific pain control regimens for effective dental analgesia
- List the top five drug interactions every dental clinician should know about

### Hot Therapeutic Topics for the Dental Team: From Weed to Weight Loss!

Substance Use Disorders (SUDs) are unfortunately both common and destructive in our society. We will discuss new developments in the neurophysiology and treatment of common SUDs. Recreational marijuana is currently legal in 24 states and initiatives are currently being promoted in many more states. We will review the pharmacology of cannabis products and discuss oral effects and dental treatment ramifications for patients who frequently use cannabinoids with special emphasis on risks of high potency THC among adolescents.

#### Learning objectives

- Discuss the neurophysiology, neurotransmitter & mental health disorder basis for SUDs
- List the dental pain management and anesthesia implications of chronic cannabis use
- Identify the signs and symptoms & treatment alternatives for alcoholism and other SUDs
- Update office protocols for treating patients with high blood pressure readings
- Understand the effectiveness, risks and benefits of new weight loss drugs

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## 2026 Continuing Education Programs

### 2026 CONTINUING EDUCATION LOCATION & TIMES

- I. **NEW LOCATION:** All CE programs will be at **MCC-Longview**  
**Campus Multipurpose/Education Room (Rm #EC113)**  
**500 SW Longview Rd., Lee's Summit, MO 64081.**  
  
Meetings will be scheduled 6 hours (full day) or 3.5 hours (half day),  
and is noted accordingly.  
  
The December Holiday Social location is TBD.
- II. Our full day meeting schedule will be as follows:  
8:00 - 8:30 a.m. Registration (Donuts and coffee will be available)  
8:30 - 11:30 p.m. Program, Part One  
11:30-12:30 p.m. Break for Attendees to go off-site for lunch on your own  
12:30 - 3:30 p.m. Program, Part Two
- III. Our half day meeting schedule will be as follows:  
8:00 - 8:30 a.m. Registration (Donuts and coffee will be available)  
8:30 - 12:00 p.m. Program  
12:00 p.m. Adjournment

### Become a 2026 Season Underwriter and SAVE!

Season Underwriters will receive three full days plus two half days of continuing education and the holiday social event for only \$695.00, which is a significant discount from paying for programs individually. A minimum of 50 hours of continuing education credit is required between December 1, 2025 and November 30, 2027 for licensure renewal of dentists in Missouri and the Season Underwriter program is an economical and efficient means of meeting the required credits. These programs offer a convenient opportunity to experience internationally-known clinicians without the cost and hassle of airfare, rooms, meals and lost time from your office. Sign up today and become informed!

### Individual Program Fees:

All Underwriters: \$695.00 for three full day programs plus two half day programs and holiday social event. You may immediately pay in full (\$695) or make two payments of \$347.50 with the first payment due January 1, 2026 and the second payment due June 1, 2026.

**Retired or New Dentist Discount:** If you are fully retired and an ADA member, you may be a Season Underwriter for half price (\$347.50)! Also, new dentists (graduated ten years ago or less), you may take advantage of the same offer of half price of the Season Underwriter subscription!

**Full Day Individual Meetings** will be priced as follows:

Staff members, spouse, guests .....	\$75
Member Dentists .....	\$275
Non-Member Dentists .....	\$375

**Half Day Individual Meetings** will be priced as follows:

Staff members, spouse, guests, etc. ....	\$55
Member Dentists .....	\$105
Non-Member Dentists .....	\$130

**Make your check payable to the Greater Kansas City Dental Society and mail to:**

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Refund/Cancellation policy: Refunds will be given in full if cancellation is made 72 hours or more in advance. A 50% refund will be given if cancellation is made after the 72 hour mark, but only if attendee informs the Executive Director prior to the course. No refunds will be given for no-shows. If an unforeseen circumstance occurs and the GKCDs must cancel their program, refunds will be given in full.