

Conyngham Dental Office Attends Advanced Comprehensive Dental Hygiene Program



(Pictures left to right: Kerry Perry, RDH, Dr. Shandrick, Nadine Kubilus, and Course and Hygiene Program Director (LVI), Jill Taylor, RDH)

Local dental hygienist, Kerry Perry, RDH, and members of Shandrick Dental Care Studios, this August, completed a week of postgraduate Comprehensive Dental Hygiene training at the premier post-graduate teaching center, Las Vegas Institute for Advanced Dental Studies (LVI), in Nevada. Doctors and their hygienists from around the United States and Canada, joined hygienist Kerry Perry, treatment coordinator Nadine Kubilus, and Dr. Shandrick, to train under the direction of course director Jill Taylor, RDH and Dr. Norman Thomas.

National statistics suggest that 65-85% of adults have some form of periodontal disease. An overwhelming number of scientific studies now show periodontal disease is linked to heart disease, diabetes, respiratory disease, low birth weight in infants, premature delivery, osteoporosis, and other medical conditions. People are living longer, and striving to keep their natural teeth longer. Gone are the days where the "6 month cleaning" may be sufficient.

While at LVI this past August, Kerry Perry, RDH and the office team studied the latest technologies, equipment and proven findings in dental hygiene care. Hours were spent on diagnosis and treatment of periodontal disease, examining the "mouth-body connection" of gum disease, the "biofilm" model of gum disease, and especially the newest salivary tests to determine the presence of both the harmful bacteria that cause gum disease and the DNA markers that signal one may be prone to gum disease. Ms. Perry, in addition, spent hours of clinic time, refining her skills with micro ultrasonic instrumentation and diode laser therapy, to help treat gum disease in her patients. Shandrick Dental Care has Microultrasonic instrumentation, diode laser treatment, computer assisted gum disease recording, and the latest Oral DNA Perio Path and PerioID saliva tests for pathogens and DNA marker presence, to aid in the diagnosis and care for gum disease.

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