

Local Dental Team Completes Advanced Comprehensive Dental Hygiene Program



Pictured left to right...Course director Peggy Blackburn, RDH, Kerry Kerak, CDH applying diode laser, patient, Carol Palko, and Canadian dentist/hygienist looking on.

Local dental hygienist Kerry Kerak, RDH, and members of the Shandrick Dental Care Studios, recently 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. Ms. Kerak, along with Carol Palko, office manager and treatment coordinator, and Dr. Shandrick, trained under the direction of Course directors Wendy Hughes, RDH Peggy Blackburn, RDH, and Dr. Norman Thomas.

National statistics show that 64-82% 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, osteoporosis, premature delivery, and Alzheimer's disease. People are living longer, and striving to keep their natural teeth longer. Gone are the days where that "6 month cleaning" may be sufficient.

While at LVI this past September, Kerry Kerak, RDH and the team members, studied the latest technologies and proven scientific findings in dental hygiene care. Hours were spent on diagnosis, examining the "mouth - body" connection of gum disease, the 'biofilm' model of gum disease, the affects of occlusion on oral health, and the latest medicines, rinses, and non-surgical care. Ms. Kerak, in addition, spent hours of clinic time, refining her skills with microultrasonic instrumentation and diode laser therapy, to help treat until "health" is reached, in her patients. Shandrick Dental Care Studios has the Microultrasonic instrumentation, the diode lasers, and computer assisted charting for the diagnosis and care for periodontal conditions.

For more information or to see if you are a candidate for this treatment, please contact Dr. Shandrick at Shandrick Dental Care Studios: (570) 788-1870 - 536 Rt. 93, Sugarloaf , PA (across from Conyngham Builders) Visit their website at www.shandrickdentalcare.com, or www.LVIdocs.com or the LVI Facility at (888) 584-3237.