

## Now Offering: *Journal of Prosthodontics* Online Continuing Dental Education

Continuing dental education (CDE) is not only a requirement for license renewal in most states, but is a moral imperative for anyone in the health professions. Lifelong learning is a key component to moving the dental profession forward. Think back on what you learned in both dental school and your prosthodontics residence program. How much has changed in technology, in materials, and in evidence-based practice since that time? I can recall the development of chemical- and light-cured composite resins, copper tube impressions, gold foil restorations, ZOE and polysulfide impression materials, as well as the absence of dental implants, most of the currently available dental cements, dentin bonding agents, and so on—the list goes on, and on, and on. To stay current, and provide the best care, in the most efficient manner, with the best dental materials, continuing education has emerged as a wonderful opportunity for professional growth.

Unfortunately, CDE can be expensive, as courses often require travel, time away from the office, registration fees that continue to escalate, etc. Online and journal-based CDE has emerged as an alternative to the busy practitioner. The *Journal of Prosthodontics*, beginning with this issue, will now offer CDE as part of our member benefit to you.

A select group of articles published in the *Journal* will stand as online-based CDE courses. Each chosen article will be accompanied by 5 to 10 multiple-choice questions. Answer 75% or more correctly, and you will be awarded 1 CDE credit for each designated CDE article. Articles available for CDE will be designated as such, on the title page of print articles or next to the link for the online versions. Look for three such articles in this issue of *Journal*. Read the article closely, then go to <https://www.wileyhealthlearning.com/jopr.aspx>.

At that website, you will be asked to create an account, and when you begin taking CDE evaluation, you will need to enter credit card information. Each article will cost \$20 for ACP members, \$25 for non-members. Once you successfully

complete the evaluation, the website will generate a PDF CDE certificate for your records.

Each CDE article will be available for online CDE credit for 1 year. So, if any particular print issue of the *Journal* offers no CDE articles of interest to you, you may find something online. As I write this in mid-December, I estimate we will have at least three articles (thus, three CDE credit hours) available by the time you read this in late February or early March. By the end of the year, our CDE database should expand to include more than twenty available articles.

I'm excited to offer this new opportunity. I think you'll find it's a convenient and reliable way to earn a few extra CDE credits from the comfort of your own home or office. This has the unique opportunity to provide you CDE credit hours at a very modest expense, and does not take you away from your family or practice. You should check with your license renewal agency or State Board of Dental Examiners, to determine their individual policy regarding using online CDE as credit for license renewal. If your agency or State Board does NOT allow this venue, please let us know immediately.

For authors and potential authors, I hope that by offering your article for CDE credit, you will find that readers and researchers are interacting with your work on a much deeper level. For the authors who have already contributed questions to our CDE platform, thank you. And, a very special thanks to Dr. Brad Morris who, in addition to being our Book Review Editor, has now taken on the responsibility of reviewing all the CDE questions.

Please let me know what you think of this new opportunity. As we roll it out for the first time, feedback is more than welcome!

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