The art of treatment planning

With more education in all parts of dentistry available to general dentists, more and more we are called upon to use multi-disciplinary techniques to solve a patient's problem or to meet their goal. In the past, we always approached this from an evidence based dentistry point of view. However, in recent years, we have learned of a number of limitation of the EBD model when treatment planning things for the individual patient with an individual set of circumstances. In particular, the lack of focus in dentistry on soft skills, personal interaction and communication ability, means that an evidence based approach can lead to very significant failure technically and even worse failure in the patient's eyes. In this presentation, the author will talk about some techniques that help to use the available evidence more appropriately by understanding its limitations. The author will also show three difficulties, four fears, and five tools to improve understanding of the patient and their goals.

Biography

Lincoln Harris has been completely focused on excellence and quality from the beginning of his career as a Dentist. He has established the first private dental practice in Bargara-Harris Dental Boutique in 2000. Since graduation he has trained extensively in Aesthetic Implant Techniques and Full Mouth Rehabilitation to attain immense skills and knowledge. With his vast dental knowledge, he coaches and trains dentists from all over the world on complex aesthetic dentistry, surgical techniques and business management. He has also lectured in multiple cities throughout Australia, North America, Asia, Singapore, United Kingdom and Europe.

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