Learning Objectives:

- Recognize the impact the older population will have on the dental field.
- Explain the need to assess each patient as an individual and not categorize by age.
- Reorganize that the high-end prosthesis has nearly universal applications through a simplified protocol.

Advances in health care technology along with the baby boom of the 1950s has resulted in more individuals surviving into the eighth and ninth decades of life and beyond, resulting in a larger percentage of the population being elderly. It is estimated that by the year 2020, people 60 years of age and older will represent nearly 25% of the US population base. Edentulism and dentures are inevitable consequences of aging. The older adult patient frequently presents a variety of treatment dilemmas during dental care. There are certain factors that should be considered when rendering treatment. Today’s technological advances allow dental rehabilitation with the high-end prosthesis through a simplified and predictable approach, therefore making this treatment modality affordable for a greater segment of our population.
ON THE CALENDAR

AUGUST 2
Board Meeting

AUGUST 11-13
Southwest Dental Meeting

SEPTEMBER 6
Board Meeting

SEPTEMBER 13
Monthly Meeting: Dr. Jorge Gonzalez
High-end Prosthesis for Older Adult Population

OCTOBER 4
Board Meeting

OCTOBER 11
Monthly Meeting: Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office by Dr. David Grogan

OCTOBER 21
Fall CE Dr. Sonia Leziy and Dr. Brahm Miller
Implant Esthetics: New Approaches, Treatment Concepts & Material Selection

NOVEMBER 1
Board Meeting

NOVEMBER 8
Monthly Meeting & Alliance Bake Sale
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Fridays in the summer are certainly cherished days. It could be because of a long weekend to spend more time with family, or a busy day in the office seeing extra patients before the weekend. While both may certainly be important, my office was able to spend one such Friday at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden attending the Summer CE provided by Fort Worth District Dental Society.

The topic was Total Team Training and was one of the last presentations by Tawana Coleman before her retirement. Typically, such a broad topic is covered in multiple days, or just a subset of such a topic is covered. The setting for this seminar provided a group atmosphere and Ms. Coleman did an incredible job covering the entire patient experience and how it can be improved by all team members.

One portion of the discussion involved handling new patients and introducing them to the practice. As a young practitioner with a new practice, we are ever trying to make new patients feel welcomed and comfortable. From handling phone calls to the patients meeting the doctor for the first time, all facets were covered. My team was able to utilize some of her examples and fit them to our specific practice and philosophy.

Additionally, Ms. Coleman discussed communication avenues between the front and the back. Specifically, since the seminar, we have revamped our team huddles to discuss scheduling, patient flow, and preparation for individual cases. This has allowed us to become more efficient and address any glitches preemptively. In conjunction with the patient flow, we have been more accurate with the time needed for certain procedures and consultations which is reinforced in the team huddles.

Another large part of her seminar was focused on helping patients with their financial concerns. As we know, financial constraints may play a large role in treatment decisions for many patients. She presented thoughtful ways to engage patients and understands their constraints as well as other out of the box ways to help patients with funding.

Overall, the seminar was quite valuable. It was a great opportunity to engage with a high level speaker without having to arrange for an in-office consultant. My team members enjoyed it, and have been working with the understanding that our individual roles work best when they are team centered.

Written by: Dr. Todd Kovach
Dr. B.W. Garrison, Jr. passed away on July 1, 2016 at the age of 92. It was the end of a life of service to the profession, the community and our country. His death also marked the end of a hundred year family legacy in dentistry. When B.W. received his doctorate in dental surgery from Baylor University College of Dentistry in 1953 he joined the Garrison Family Practice that had been established in 1900 and he maintained that practice until he retired in 2000. B.W.’s father Dr. Burres West Garrison, DDS and BW’s uncle Dr. Ferd Erwin “Jack” Garrison, DDS both practiced dentistry in Fort Worth and both served as presidents of the FWDDS. BW’s grandfather, Dr. Fernando Glover “FG” Garrison, DDS also was a Fort Worth dentist and he served as the second president of the FWDDS. Additionally, Dr. F.G. Garrison had two brothers who practiced dentistry. His brothers were Dr. Augustine Andrew Garrison of Louisiana and Dr. Monte Ralph Garrison of Wichita Falls, Texas. According to family records, Dr. Monte Ralph Garrison helped organize the Texas Dental Association and he was an early president of both the Wichita Falls Dental Society and the TDA.

B.W. was a member of the American Dental Association, Texas Dental Association and the Fort Worth District Dental Society. He also has served as the president of the Fort Worth chapter of the American College of Dentistry and International College of Dentistry and he was a fellow of the Academy of General Dentistry. Additionally, he served as the chairman of the Dental Society Advisory Board to Tarrant County Junior College Oral Hygiene and Dental Assistant School.

B.W. began serving our country during World War II as a private in the U.S. Army. After he completed active duty, he joined the Army Reserves. He was commissioned as a lieutenant during his internship at the U.S. Marine Hospital in New Orleans and was promoted to Captain in 1981. Captain Garrison was a dental director of the U.S. Public Health. He received many military awards and decorations including the Army Air Force Medal of Proficiencies, the Armed Soldiers Good Conduct medal and Bronze Star, the American Campaign medal, the Asia-Pacific Campaign medal with Bronze Star, the World War II Victory Medal, U.S. Public Health Service Individual Citation Medal and the Armed Force Reserve Ribbon.

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GET TO KNOW THE DOCTORS

Dr. Sonia Leziy and Dr. Brahm Miller received their dental degrees from McGill University. Dr. Leziy’s post-graduate degree in periodontics was completed at the University of British Columbia, Canada, and Dr. Miller completed his post-graduate prosthodontics certification at the Medical College of Virginia. They are associate clinical professors and sessional lecturers at the University of British Columbia, and mentor a Seattle Study Club chapter in Vancouver. Drs. Leziy and Miller are members of the American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry and several periodontal and prosthodontic societies. They are also involved on several editorial boards including the Journals Spectrum Dialogue, the Journal of Esthetic and Restorative Dentistry, the Journal Teamwork and the Journal of Perio and Restorative Dentistry. They lecture extensively internationally, and have published on the subjects of advanced implant esthetics, periodontal plastic surgery, ceramics and restoration. Dentistry Today recognizes each of them among the top 100 clinicians in CE in North America, they are recipients of the 2014 Saul Schluger Award. Dr. Leziy is also executive VP of Clinical Affairs for the Seattle Study Club. Drs. Leziy and Miller maintain a full-time private practice in the Imperio Group Dental Health Specialists in Vancouver, Canada.
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BW’s greatest accomplishment was his faith and his commitment to his family. He married the love of his life, his high school sweetheart, June Knepper Garrison. They had four children, 10 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. They had a loving marriage supporting each other in all of their endeavors. BW was proud of June’s election as the Tax Assessor/Collector for Tarrant County and worked on her election campaigns. They celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on June 29, 2016.

Dr. Garrison’s life was a testament to our profession. Solid, dedicated, trustworthy and loyal people like B.W. made our profession the most trusted profession in America. Dr. Garrison will be missed, but remembered by his family, his country and his profession.

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