Florida periodontist launches online C.E. site

Periodontist Dr. Bradley Engle discusses online continuing education and how it addresses the needs of dental professionals.

In an interview with Dental Tribune, Dr. Bradley Engle, a periodontist in Naples, Fla., who founded and runs an educational Web site, www.dentaledu.tv, discusses online continuing education and how it addresses the needs of dental professionals.

Please tell our readers a bit about your own personal dental background and how you became interested in continuing education.

I went to Ohio State University and gained early acceptance to dental school. By age 24, I earned my dental degree from the Medical University of South Carolina. Over the next 36 months, I earned my periodontics certificate as well as a master’s of health science degree [MHS].

Soon after residency, I passed both parts of the board exam to become a board certified periodontist.

I became a clinical associate professional at the Medical University of South Carolina in 2004. Due to the travel distance between Charleston, S.C., and Naples, Fla., it was clear that I had to provide a more direct link between the periodontal residents and me.

It was simply impossible to provide teaching there any more than once every couple of months.

In 2006, I hired a professional company to install a high-definition surgical production studio at my Naples location. It was kind of fun recording surgical procedures and making DVDs for the residents to watch and archive for reference.

Since graduating from residency, I have enjoyed providing lectures around the world.

How long has www.dentaledu.tv been around and what has been the response to it so far?

Last November, my producer, Emanuel Boeck, and I stumbled upon a rare format of video that allowed streaming through the Internet at a standard Internet speed. By February, we were able to develop a functioning dental C.E. video distribution Web site. We hired a full-time programmer to continually add additional functionality to the Web site.

It is a nice compliment that both content providers as well as co-marketing partners and sponsors are contacting me daily for more information and how to become involved.

We recently started forming a steadily growing momentum, especially since we completed the live video broadcasting system with two-way chat system.

We are a recognized dental continuing education provider by ADA CERP, AGD PACE and the Florida Board of Dentistry.

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