



Ms Chantell Thomson

Chantell has been working for Wright Millners for the past 18 years. Chantell qualified in 1990 with a Beauty Therapy Diploma and has SAAHSP accreditation with a CIDESCO International Diploma. She worked as a Dental Assistant in private practice until a change in career in 1999 when she joined Wright-Millners. Chantell's position is Exclusive Agency Manager where her main responsibility involves product training.

Lecture Topic:

Whitening



Ms Jana von Backstrom

Jana studied B.Pharm at Potchefstroom University in 1998. She did her internship and community service in 2003 and 2004 in Pretoria. She worked as a medical representative for Merck on Cardiovascular and Type 2 Diabetes from 2005-2007, then became brand Manager at Aspen for OTC Colds and Flu, Allergies and Sport Portfolio from 2008-2010. Responsible Pharmacist at Clicks Centurion 2011. Then became training Manager for OTC and Nutraceuticals

and Dermatology at Adcock Ingram from 2011-2015. Since November 2015, she works as the Quality and Compliance Pharmacist at Geka Pharma.

Lecture Topic:

What do Probiotics really do?

Can you use Probiotics in dentistry?

Where do they come from and how are they made?

Some interesting facts about probiotics.



Dr Carel (Boela) van der Merwe

He qualified with the BCHD degree in 1995 at the University of Pretoria. Subsequently he obtained a BSc in dental science in endodontics with honours at the University of Stellenbosch, a post graduate diploma in endodontics at the University of Pretoria and a MSc degree in endodontics with distinction at the University of Pretoria. In 1993 he completed the International Professional Course on CAD-CAM technology at the Dental Institute, University of Zurich, Switzerland. From 2008 to 2012 he was a leader in the post graduate diploma in endodontics in the Odontology Department of the University of Pretoria. He completed the Ultradent Train the Trainer Summit in Barcelona, Spain in 2010. He has been designated as an official Dentsply Maillefer Educator upon completing a Train the Trainer course in 2009 in Ballaigues, Switzerland. Appointed as Opinion leader for Carestream (Kodak) in South Africa since 2010. Currently he is in private practice limited to endodontics in Three Rivers, Vereeniging and Bryanston, Johannesburg.

Lecture topic:

Diagnosis, Local anaesthetic, Smear layer management, Bacterial control, Introduction to lasers in Endodontics.

Hands on:

Isolation, Access cavity, Canal negotiation, Glide path, Shaping and Finishing with Hyflex EDM and Obturation.



Dr Heinrich Dippenaar

Qualified with a degree in Dentistry (B.Ch.D) at the University of Stellenbosch in 2002. He was awarded the FX Prins Award for the Best Student in Clinical Dentistry. After his community service year, Dr Dippenaar started a private practice in his hometown, Welkom, in 2003. He served on the SADA board of the Free State Branch from 2004 to 2008 and he became their President in 2008. Dr Dippenaar completed a postgraduate diploma in Endodontics at the University of Pretoria in 2011. He received training at the Dentsply Maillefer factory in Switzerland in 2012 and is a certified trainer on Dentsply Maillefer products. Dr Dippenaar has co-authored an article with Prof P. van der Vyver on Irrigation in Endodontics that was published in Endodontic Practice US January 2015. He attended a workshop in 2017 at Dentsply-Sirona Factory in Bensheim Germany on SiCAT and Surgical Guides and on 3D Endo Software. In 2017 he attended a workshop on CBCT Examination at the University of Hamburg. He has a special interest in Endodontics and Cerec.

Lecture topics:

1. You can only Treat what you can Diagnose...2D vs 3D

The objective of this lecture is to show how a CBCT scan can help improve your diagnosis and change your treatment planning.

2. Endodontics in a Digital World

New 3D Endo software. Better planning for improved results. Take the guess work out of your endodontic treatment.

3. Restoring Endodontically treated Teeth

Long term endodontic success is 100% dependant on a good coronal seal. How to restore severely broken-down teeth. Do I need to place a post. Do we still place metal posts? How long should a post be?

4. The Influence of Guided Surgery on your Final Restoration

Learn how Cerec can help you design and mill a surgical guide in house for single implant placement. Restore your implant chair side with the help of Cerec.



Dr J P Steyn

B.Ch.D degree obtained from the University of Pretoria in 1976. General private practice from 1977 to 1979, at which time he commenced studies at the Henry M. Goldman School of Graduate Dentistry (Boston University). Obtained Master of Science in Prosthodontics in 1982. The title of his Thesis is An Investigation into the comparative accuracy of Elastomeric impression materials. He was involved in post graduate teaching at the University of Stellenbosch, as well as part time private practice in Cape Town during 1983 – 1986. Full time private practice in Cape Town since 1986 to 2003. Currently he is practicing in Somerset West. His specialist private practice is restricted to prosthodontics and implant dentistry, involved with the surgical, as well as the restorative and technical aspects of implant dentistry. Currently he lectures on cosmetic and implant dentistry, both in South Africa and internationally on invitation.

Lecture Topic:

Considerations for Aesthetic Restoration



Dr Manfred Janik

He lectures clinical and industrial psychology modules at undergraduate and postgraduate level. Additionally, he is responsible for the coordination of the Bachelor of Psychology and Master's in Clinical Psychology programmes, the Bachelor of Psychology practicals, and the annual Bachelor of Psychology selection process. Keeping in close contact with the Health Professions Council he is also involved in the annual registration of Bachelor of Psychology students with the Council. His duties also include conducting routine departmental administrative tasks such as design of annual time-table, general student management, coordination and chairing of departmental meetings, managing the psychological assessment and testing room amongst others. He supervises the Honors and Master's final year theses, and serves as external examiner for Master's and Doctorate dissertations/theses for universities across Southern Africa. Peer reviewing articles for the South African Journal of Industrial Psychology, Journal of Africa and the South African Journal of Education is also part of his regular duties. He has been a member of the Editorial Board of the South African Journal of Industrial Psychology since 2013. He conducts research on work-related topics such as work engagement, work-role fit, job enrichment, organizational commitment, amongst others, and presents research findings on academic conferences. In addition to this he practices in part-time clinical practice, seeing a variety of clients with problems and psychopathology, supervises the intern clinical psychologists, and is involved in community work via radio and television talks on a variety of psychologically oriented topics.

Lecture topic:

Burn-out amongst Dentists



ADV Charmaine Elize van der Westhuizen

Charmaine is admitted as a legal practitioner of the High and Supreme Courts of Namibia with more than thirteen years' experience in all fields of legal practice. She has been a practicing member of the Society of Advocates of Namibia since June 2007. Her practice includes litigation, legal drafting, arbitration and mediation, negotiations and legal opinions. She has been included in a number of cases involving medical negligence litigation and has gained practical knowledge of the law relating to medical practice through litigation. In addition, Charmaine has served on a number of committees and boards, including the Board of the Bank of Namibia and also serves as both a trustee and High Court appointed curator *ad litem*. She further serves on internal risk and audit committees as well as remuneration committee. In addition to her legal background and outside her legal practice, she also has particular training and experience in the fields of corporate governance, risk, compliance, strategic intervention and corporate social responsibility. Charmaine holds a LLB degree and a MBA (*cum laude*) degree from the University of Stellenbosch.

Lecture topic:

Patient Consent



Dr Safa Tahmasebi

He completed his Bachelor's degree in Biology and a minor in Biochemistry at Saint John's University Queens New York in 2004 with a full scholarship based on academic performance. In 2005 he joined State University of New York at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine where he attained his Doctor of Dental Surgery and qualified as a Dentist in 2009. He Joined the Albert Einstein Medical hospital of Montefiore in Bronx New York where he completed one-year hospital dentistry fellowship. In 2013 he completed three and half years of full time training in prosthodontics and surgical training with a Master's degree in prosthodontics at the West Virginia University School of dentistry. During this time, he was an adjunct clinical instructor to the undergraduate programmes at the WVU University. In 2013 he joined the SameDay Dental Implants Brånemark Osseointegration Center (BOC) Dubai as a full-time prosthodontist specializing in full mouth rehabilitation, immediate loading and smile reconstruction.

Lecture topics:

1. Benefits of Co-axis Implant
2. Digital Implant Planning



Dr Simon Reeves

Graduated B.Ch.D. Stellenbosch 1997.

From 1997-2006 he worked in Nottingham, England, in both NHS and private practice. He was actively involved in Dental Peer Review and staff training programmes. He completed a course in Advanced Restorative Techniques at Manchester University in 2005, and moved back to SA in 2006. Between 2006 and 2009 he owned and operated a private practice in Table View. From 2009 to 2011 he was an associate dentist at Intercare Medical and Dental Centre, Parklands, Cape Town, and wrote and presented several CPD-accredited training courses for dental support staff all over the country. From 2011 to April of 2017 he was an associate dentist in a private practice in Beacon Bay, East London, with a special interest in Endodontics. During this time he also completed his PDD in Endodontics (UWC) in 2015. In May 2017 he joined Wright-Millners Dental Supplies, as Equipment Specialist and Product Trainer, based in the Eastern Cape. He continues to present support staff – and Endodontic - training lectures at various venues around the country.

Lecture topic:

Assistant Full Day Course



Dr. Andy Effting

Andy graduated at the University of Witwatersrand in 1981 where he was also awarded the Henry St. John Randell commemorative medal award for the 'Best All Round Student'. He relocated to Cape Town in 1982 and established the Hout Bay Dental Studio. The original one dentist practice has since grown impressively to the current facility comprising of four dentists a periodontist and two oral hygienists. Andy has a particular interest in minimally invasive, adhesively bonded indirect restorations, aesthetic dentistry and dental photography. Andy is the founding member and current president of the South African Academy of Aesthetic Dentistry (SAAAD). Andy is a fellow of the International Team of Implantology (ITI) where he enjoys international speaker status and is the director of the ITI Cape Peninsula study club. Andy loves sharing his extensive experience in all aspects of dentistry with his colleagues. Andy has published articles in journals, presented at several dental conferences and at various study groups. He has also been interviewed on radio and television shows discussing matters related to dentistry. Andy is married to Alison, who is a complementary health practitioner of Aura-Soma therapeutic colour, tissue salts and astrology. They grow organic vegetables at their home along the Disa river in Hout Bay, where they live with their dogs, cats and chickens.

Lecture Topics:

1. Dental Photography
2. Indirect Bonded Ceramics

Hands on:

Dental Photography



Michael Lazarevic

Graduated with Bachelors of Technology Degree in Dental Technology in 2001. Michael pursued a career as a dental technician in London where he operated a specialist crown and bridge dental laboratory from 2001 to 2006. Upon Michael's returned to South Africa in 2006, he took up the position of specialist dental ceramist at Ceramident Dental laboratory. To date, Michael specialises in all aspects of restorative crown and bridge work, implantology and CAD / CAM in Ceramident Dental Laboratory. During Michael's career as a dental technician, he has completed numerous specialist advanced courses in metal free ceramics and restorative prosthetics. He furthermore attended numerous advanced ceramics courses throughout South Africa, and Europe, in particular, at Zirkon Zahn in Italy. In 2016, Michael was requested by GC Corporation (UK & Europe) to be part of an elite group of 50 dental technicians / technologists from across the globe - Michael has thus been selected as the Key Opinion Leader for GC Corporation (Sub Saharan Africa). Michael currently lectures and hosts GC Corporation training courses throughout Sub Saharan Africa on behalf of GC UK and Wright Millners Dental Suppliers. Michael has a driven passion to inspire peers and colleagues through his personal passion, skill and knowledge that he has for the professions of dentistry and dental technology as a whole.

Hands on:

“Quality has a New Name – GC Initial Lisi Press”

A pressable ceramic for all full ceramic restorations.



Mr Thys Viljoen

Thys qualified with a National High Diploma, from Cape Peninsula University of Technology in 1997. He worked as a crown and bridge technician at various labs in Cape Town from 01/1998 to 07/2011, after which he became a technical advisor at Direct Dental Supplies, Cape Town, where he assisted all clients with any technical issues of products sold. In 2013 he became technical advisor and trainer for Ivodont, Cape Town. Training of all Cerec dentist in Emax Cad and Empress Cad. Training Dental Technicians in Emax press and Emax Ceram, Inline and Style porcelain. Assisting all dentists and Laboratories with any technical issues. He has attended annual Train the Trainer course at ICDE Head Office in Schaap.

Lecture topic:

Live Demo- Staining, Glazing, Shape, and Form Zirconia and Emax

Hands on:

Staining, Glazing, Shape, and Form Zirconia and Emax



Dr Hanre Myburgh

Dr Hanre Myburgh matriculated from Windhoek High School in 1991. Thereafter, he went on to study Dentistry and completed his BChD degree at the University of Stellenbosch in 1998. The following year he enrolled for at the University of Stellenbosch, where he completed his MB.Ch.B at the end of 2002. During his studies he was working as a Dentist at various practices and consulting dentist at the department of Maxillo Facial and Oral Surgery, University of Stellenbosch. In 2003 he completed his internship at Tygerberg Hospital, and moved to Pretoria, where he was enrolled as a Registrar in Maxillofacial and Oral Surgery Department at Pretoria Academic Hospital. Since May 2008, he is one of our local Maxillofacial and Oral Surgeons in Private Practice.

Lecture Topic:

Common Oral lesion

Break away Session:

Common oral pathological lesions and treatment regimen



Dr Jonathon Du Toit

He completed his dental degree at the University of the Western Cape, followed by a Diploma in Oral Surgery from the College of Maxillofacial & Oral Surgeons of South Africa, followed by a Diploma in Implantology from the Implant and Aesthetic Academy / University of Frankfurt. He completed a Masters degree at the University of the Witwatersrand in Periodontics and Implantology. His 29th journal article is currently ahead of publication, and he has both published in and reviewed for Clinical Implant Dentistry and Related Research, The Journal of Oral Implantology, and the Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry. He is currently a senior registrar specializing in periodontics and oral medicine at the University of Pretoria and is actively involved in continued education with the Implant and Aesthetic Academy. He is currently participating in several research projects locally and internationally with a special interest in tissue preservation by partial extraction therapy.

Lecture title:

Partial Extraction Therapies: A new, collective Concept in Tissue Aesthetics & Ridge Preservation