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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH:

Dr. Michael A. Kahn is a tenured Professor and Chairman of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine and Laboratory Director of Tufts Oral Pathology Services. He is also a Professor at

Tufts School of Medicine and maintains a university-based consultative oral medicine/oral pathology clinical practice and has conducted intramural and extramural funded basic and clinical research.

He has been a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology since 1989 and currently is serving as President of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology. He has published more than 80 articles and abstracts in professional journals and is the author of a dental therapeutics book and editor of the oral medicine section of Lexi-Comp's "Drug Information Handbook for Dentistry".

Dr. Kahn has given over 400 invited presentations and continuing education courses. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology (AAOMP), International College of Dentists, American College of Dentists, and the Pierre Fauchard Academy. He also serves on the editorial board of the peer-reviewed journals Oral Surgery Oral Medicine Oral Pathology Oral Radiology and Endodontology, Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, and Inside Dentistry.

LECTURE TITLE: "Key Issues of Diagnostic Tools/Devices"

LECTURE SYNOPSIS:

In the past few years various adjunctive oral mucosal screening devices have become available for the clinician to consider purchasing. Each has capabilities and limitations and none are diagnostic but, instead, require a fundamental knowledge of oral pathology terminology, differential diagnosis formulation as well as proper technique for the conventional oral soft tissue examination technique. The various classes and types of these emerging technologies will be critically examined in an unbiased manner so that the clinician and other participants in the dental health care delivery system can decide which, if any of the devices/tests are the best match for the practice of dentistry in his/her office.

Objectives

- know and understand the difference between oral screening and diagnosis of squamous cell carcinoma and other oral pathology.
- learn the types, mechanisms, capabilities, and disadvantages of currently available adjunctive oral mucosal screening tools/devices.
- know the proper protocol for effective oral screening and subsequent diagnosis or observation of suspected oral pathology.