

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

“Ethics and Professionalism in Dentistry”

When is the last time you read our code of ethics? We will review the principles of ethics and professionalism and discuss how they apply in our practice.

The course will include:

- What does it mean to be a professional?
- Review of the *ADA's Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct*
- Evaluation of how the *Code* and dental laws apply to some scenarios.
- Q&A with the option to discuss your own ethical questions as a group

The goal is to see how we can use our code of ethics to guide us in decision making when we are faced with an ethical dilemma.

Some examples:

What do we do when we see a patient with prior treatment with a poor result?

Can we reward patients for referrals?

What are our ethical obligations when accepting lower reimbursement from dental benefit plans?

Do you have a dilemma you would like to discuss?

## ABOUT THE SPEAKER

**Dr. Rod Wentworth** practices general dentistry in Bellevue, Washington and is a 1981 graduate of the University of Washington School of Dentistry. He is affiliate faculty at the University of Washington School of Dentistry teaching Ethics and Professionalism and serves on the New Curriculum Committee as a Thread Champion for Ethics and Professionalism.

He has served as chair of the American Dental Association's Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs, the Washington State Dental Association's Committee on Judicial Affairs, Ethics and Peer Review, and Seattle King County Dental Society's Ethics Committee. He is active in Peer Review at the local level. He has over a dozen publications in the Journal of the American Dental Association's "Ethical Moment" feature and writes about Ethics for the Washington State Dental Association News, ASDA's Mouth, and the Oregon Dental Association magazine Membership Matters.

Dr. Wentworth is a Fellow of the American College of Dentists, International College of Dentists, and Pierre Fauchard Academy. He is also a member of the American Society for Dental Ethics.