

## **ABOUT THE PROGRAM:**

### **Oral Cancer: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly**

How can you tell whether a lesion is dangerous or not? By reviewing some clinical cases that turned out to be oral cancer, and some that didn't, you will learn more about your role in the early diagnosis of oral cancer and precancer. You will review the recent ADA evidence-based guideline on evaluating these types of diagnostic dilemmas, and what the guideline says about the use of diagnostic adjuncts such as light-based methods. You will also get some useful tips on submitting biopsies, from a clinician who has been on both ends of the biopsy process for many years - the scalpel and the microscope.

## **ABOUT THE SPEAKER:**



### **Sara Gordon DDS, MS**

Professor of Oral Medicine and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs,  
University of Washington School of Dentistry

Dr. Gordon graduated from Dalhousie University Faculty of Dentistry in eastern Canada. She had a private dental practice in Nova Scotia for 8 years before completing a 4-year Oral Pathology residency at the University of Western Ontario, near Toronto, where she received a Master of Science in Pathology with the first definitive study of foreign body gingivitis. A Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, she is also board certified in both Oral Medicine and Oral Pathology by the Royal College of Dentists of Canada, and a Fellow in Dental Surgery of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, Scotland. Dr Gordon is active in organized dentistry leadership on a local and national level. She is a past president of the Canadian Academy of Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology and Oral Medicine, and currently incoming Chair of the Section on Academic Affairs of the American Dental Education Association. She has taught diagnostic sciences and pathology in Canada and the USA for over 30 years, published about 100 scientific papers and abstracts, and presented well over 100 continuing education courses. She came to Seattle as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in 2014 from the University of Illinois at Chicago, where she directed an oral pathology biopsy service.

The UW Dean, Dr. Gary Chiodo will also give a brief update on the UW School of Dentistry.