

# CONTINUING DENTAL EDUCATION

Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Western University



## Oral Pathology and the Oral Exam

DRS. MARK DARLING AND CHRISTINA MCCORD

Category 1

Friday,  
April 24, 2026

### PROGRAM OUTLINE

There has never been a greater sense of urgency to adhere to close examination of the oral cavity for early discovery of mucosal abnormalities. This course will include clinical recognition, diagnostic procedures and treatment suggestions for common or important oral diseases including oral cancer, oral infectious/inflammatory diseases, mucocutaneous diseases and oral cysts.

This case-based lecture will demonstrate the appearance of alterations in mucous membranes, which will permit a logical differential diagnosis of white, red, nodular and blistering lesions. Oral cancer will be reviewed comprehensively. A logical approach to radiographic differential diagnosis of bone lesions will be discussed. This course will review the performance of a comprehensive extra- and intra-oral examination. The supportive role and critical responsibility of the dental professional is an integral component of early discovery. Discover how our profession is positioned to make a powerful impact on oral diseases. Early discovery is key.

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The objective of the course is to allow participants to review, update and understand oral diseases beyond dental caries and periodontal conditions.

### ABOUT THE SPEAKERS



**MARK DARLING, MSc (Dent), MSc (Exp. Oral Path), MChD (Oral Pathology)**

Dr. Darling received a BChD in 1985, and a MSc (Dent) (Oral Medicine) in 1990 from the University of the Western Cape (South Africa). In 1991, he completed an MSc (Med) in Experimental Oral Pathology at the University of London (UK) and in 1998, the degree of MChD (Oral Pathology) at the University of Stellenbosch (South Africa). He joined the Division of Oral Pathology at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Western University in 2003.



**CHRISTINA McCORD, BSc, DDS, MSc, FRCD(C)**

Dr. McCord is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Western University. She participates in the Oral Pathology Diagnostic Service and teaches both undergraduate and postgraduate dental students. Dr. McCord is a board-certified specialist in Oral Pathology and Oral medicine and a Fellow of the Royal College of Dentists of Canada. She also maintains a clinical oral medicine practice at London Health Sciences Centre in London, Ontario.

TUITION	Until March 31	After March 31
Dentists	\$349	\$445
Non-Dentist	\$299	\$395

### TIMES

Web portal opens at 8:30 a.m.  
Lecture: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

One hour break from  
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

### METHOD OF DELIVERY

#### “LIVE” ZOOM webinar

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