



University of the Pacific Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry
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Including The 40th Frederick T. West Orthodontics Lectureship and
The 3rd Alan H. Gluskin Endodontics Symposium



Yao-Lin Tang '94

Saturday, January 24, 2026

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

1 CE unit



Subject Area: In-house Disilicates

Title: "Biomimetic Chairside Solutions with Next-Generation Lithium Disilicate"

Course Description:

Lithium disilicate has become a cornerstone in biomimetic dentistry, offering esthetics, strength, and predictability that closely replicate natural tooth structure. This course explores next-generation lithium disilicate solutions designed for efficient chairside application. Participants will learn how to integrate these materials into a fully digital workflow, from intraoral scanning and design to milling and final seating. Special emphasis will be placed on clinical efficiency, patient-centered outcomes, and the biomimetic principles that underpin long-term restorative success. Case examples will highlight the unique advantages of Amber Mill and Amber Mill Direct for real-world chairside applications.

Objectives:

- 1) Explain biomimetic principles and how lithium disilicate supports natural tooth preservation and function.
- 2) Evaluate material properties of next-generation lithium disilicate for chairside indications, including esthetics, strength, and durability.
- 3) Implement digital workflows for chairside lithium disilicate restorations, from scan to design to milling.
- 4) Apply clinical protocols for preparation, bonding, and finishing to achieve predictable, biomimetic chairside outcomes. Assess real-world cases that demonstrate efficiency, esthetics, and patient satisfaction using Amber Mill and Amber Mill Direct.

Short Bio:

Dr. Yao-Lin Tang's formative years were spent on the island nation of his birth, Taiwan, where he received his Bachelor of Science in Dental Surgery. He later ventured to California to receive his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from University of Pacific School of Dentistry, and began his first practice in 1995. He has over twenty years of practical knowledge in cosmetic and general dentistry.

Far flung endeavors across the world have flavored Dr. Tang's professional and personal experiences. In 2014, he has acted as a professional mentor at the Sirona CEREC Train the Trainer, held in Bensheim, Germany, wherein he shares his knowledge in CEREC CAD/CAM Restoration Systems and Digital Radiography—technology at the forefront of his current practice in San Mateo, California. Further, he is a mentor and visiting faculty at CDOCS.com, a Patterson certified CEREC trainer, and a KOL/Speaker for the GC America, Vita North America and HASS Bio.

Still, Yao-Lin finds time for the finer things: Moments spent exploring abroad with his family, a passion for photography, and—now and then—a fantastic round of golf.

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