THE AUTISM PUZZLE:
A Multidisciplinary approach to treating children with ASD in the dental office

Presented by the NJAPD

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September 17th & 18th

Ocean Place, Long Branch NJ

CE CREDITS: 11 hours

REGISTER EARLY! For Hotel Arrangements, call OCEAN PLACE (oceanplace.com) and request the NJAPD rate

The limited room rates are $219 per night + a facility fee reduced to $6.00 per night + 7% sales Tax + 8% Occupancy Tax. Guests should ask to speak with “IN-HOUSE” Reservations. They should note that they are with NJ Academy of Pediatric Dentistry.

Ocean Place Resort & Spa
One Ocean Boulevard, Long Branch, NJ 07740
Direct: 732-571-4000

Schedule:

Saturday 7am-8:30am Continental Breakfast & Registration

Morning Session 8:45 -12:30 Lunch 12:30-1:30

Afternoon session 1:30-5

Sunday Brunch 8-10am Morning lecture with Q & A 9-1pm
Dr. Purnima Hernandez

Dr Hernandez is a board certified pediatric dentist who has been serving the communities of New York and New Jersey for over 20 years. She is currently pursuing a Masters in Applied Behavior Analysis. Dr Hernandez received her education in Pediatric Dentistry at Columbia University College of Dental medicine. After serving as an Assistant Professor for many years in the department of Pediatric dentistry, she decided to pursue a career in the clinical practice of pediatric dentistry. In 2005, she established her own office in Fair Lawn, New Jersey. While she delivers care to all children, her special interests are treating children with special healthcare needs.

Dr Hernandez is also a parent of a child with multiple disabilities including ASD. She is an advocate not just for her child but other children in the community. She is currently working as a behavior consultant (under supervision) to youths with ASD and emotional disabilities. She has spoken to audiences on various topics related to disability such as health, advocacy, therapy, and special needs dentistry, and has authored and co-authored articles related to disability issues. She currently serves as Council Member on the Council of Developmental Disabilities in New Jersey and a board member of Disability Rights New Jersey. She also serves on the Special Healthcare Needs Committee for the AAPD.

Dr Hernandez was awarded the Dr Solomon Rosenstein Visiting Professorship and Fellowship by the Columbia University College of Dental Medicine for her contribution to the field of special needs dentistry. She was also awarded the Francis Black Humanitarian award in health care by Friends Health Connection, an award that recognizes individuals from New Jersey’s health care facilities who are an extraordinary inspiration to others.

Dr Hernandez and her practice were featured in two television news stories (CBS and NJN), as well as the subject of an in-depth article in the New Jersey Star Ledger.

Other speakers include:

Zachary Ikkanda, Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst
Dr. Ron Kozinski, Pediatric dentist & dental anesthesiologist
Dr. Yvette Janvier, Board certified Pediatrician
Elke VanHoo, Occupational Therapist
Dr. Jill Harris- Child Psychologist
Kathleen Greenhall, Speech Language Pathologist
COURSE SUMMARY

This conference presents a multidisciplinary approach to understanding and managing patients with ASD. The speakers will focus on the non-pharmacological behavior management techniques that have proven to be effective in the educational environments, pharmacological management and tips, physician’s perspective, atypical sensory responses and their management. This day and a half conference is the first of its kind which will provide a comprehensive understanding of an individual with ASD. The conference is geared to residents, pediatric dental providers and dental auxiliaries.