

University of the Pacific Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry
125th Alumni Association Annual Meeting – 2024 Alumni Weekend
Including The 38th Frederick T. West Orthodontics Lectureship
Including The Inaugural Alan H. Gluskin Endodontics Symposium
The Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco

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Saturday, February 10, 2024

11:00 am – 1:00 pm – 2 CE units

Subject Area: Anterior Aesthetics

Title: “A New Era In Conservative Anterior Esthetic Restorations”

Course Description:

Traditionally porcelain veneers required nearly as much tooth preparation as a crown. As materials changed from traditional ceramics to lithium disilicate, it became possible to prep more conservatively, but only if the teeth were in nearly ideal arch form. This course teaches how to evaluate every anterior restorative case through a new conservative lens, with the aim of little to no tooth preparation, while still achieving maximum esthetics. Placing the teeth in the correct position prior to starting your restorations, always leads to the best combination of esthetics and conservatism.

Objectives:

- 1) Why anterior tooth position needs to be evaluated prior to preparation.
- 2) A method to identify whether or not teeth should be moved prior to being restored.
- 3) A technique for moving teeth when appropriate to facilitate conservative, esthetic anterior restorations.

Short Bio:

Dr. DiTolla was in private practice for 15 years before becoming Director of Clinical Education for Glidewell Labs for the next 15 years and led the clinical team that developed and brought BruxZir Solid Zirconia to market. In 2011 he received the "Most Effective Dentist Educator" award in a nationwide survey of dentists. He recently received the Gordon J. Christensen Award Distinguished Speaking from the Chicago Dental Society. His online educational videos have over 16 million views on YouTube. He currently maintains a private practice in Lodi, California.