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**CURRICULUM VITAE**

Dr. Flasko achieved **Board Certification in Forensic Medicine**, as well as achieving **Board Certification as a Forensic Examiner** with an area of special interest in Head, Neck and Facial Pain. Both of these credentials were obtained through the American College of Forensic Examiners. He achieved the status of **Diplomate in Pain Management** through the American Academy of Pain Management. In addition to practicing general dentistry and orthodontics, Dr. Flasko has focused on TMJ injuries and objectively measuring and documenting physical dysfunction and relating it to subjective pain symptomology.

**BIOGRAPHICAL:**

Accepted at West Virginia University School of Dentistry, Morgantown, West Virginia in 1979 after completing 3 years of undergraduate studies in Biology.

Received Bachelor of Arts Biology (Cum Laude) from West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia in December 1979, after completing 1st Semester of Dental School.

Received Doctor of Dental Surgery in April 1983, from West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia.

Licensed in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, July 1983. Maintained Private Dental Practice thru June 1994, in Harmarville and Monroeville, Pennsylvania in both general dentistry, orthodontics and pain management. Practiced in Weirton, West Virginia from 1997 thru 2008. Began practice in Sewickley in January of 2009.

One of 16 doctors in the United States Selected by Dr. Robert Jankelson to participate in the "Myotronics Think Tank" at the Myotronics corporate home in Seattle, Washington.

One of two doctors in the United States selected by Dr. John Schoeffel to perform testing on his proprietary nickle titanium rotary files. Additionally, Dr. Flasko actually tested the very first Endo-vac, also developed by Dr. Schoeffel, before it was brought to market.

Dr. Flasko was the very first recipient of the WOW award presented by Dr. Terrence O'Shaughnessy for pursuit of excellence and advancing the goals of his fellow clinicians.

Dr. Flasko also worked briefly as a team dentist with the Pittsburgh Steelers.

## **PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS:**

American College of Forensic Examiners

- 1) **Life-Fellow** of American College of Forensic Examiners
- 2) **Diplomate** American Board of Forensic Examiners
- 3) **Diplomate** American Board of Forensic Medicine
- 4) Listed in National Registry of Forensic Examiners
- 5) **Board Certified** Forensic Examiner  
Primary Division: Physical Medicine/Rehabilitation  
Special Interest Area: Head, Neck & Facial Pain
- 6) **Board Certified** in Forensic Medicine

American Academy of Pain Management

- 1) **Diplomate** American Academy of Pain Management

International College of Cranio-Mandibular Orthopedics

- 1) **Fellow** of the International College of Cranio-Mandibular Orthopedics

American Academy of Head, Neck and Facial Pain

American Association For Functional Orthodontics

American Academy of Facial Esthetics

Dental Associations

- 1) American Dental Association
- 2) West Virginia Dental Association
- 3) Academy of General Dentistry
- 4) Beaver Valley Dental Association

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

### **160 Hours -Straight Wire Orthodontic Studies-Dr. Jay Gerber**

Comprehensive Orthodontic Program including Advanced Level II Orthodontic Series, TMD/TMJ case finishing, and the Highest Level of Orthodontic Excellence “Masters Level”. “Quick and Clear” shorter term orthodontics, Bioliner, and Self-Ligating Carriere Bracket System. Diagnosis and treatment of all types of orthopedic and orthodontic cases. Space analysis and Sassouni Cephalometric Analysis. Banding and bracketing with conventional straight wire appliances. Understanding the indications for various types of removal orthopedic appliances. Hands on practice with all types of appliances and systems on dentofoms. Schwartz,sagittals, twin blocks, bionators, rickonators, incisal blocks, transverse appliances including rapid palatal expanders. Learning how to make many of these removable appliances fixed appliances. Wilson Modular Appliances, Gerber spring sagittals, Brehm utility arches. TMD treatment and diagnosis, utilization of numerous physical medicine modalities including TENS, Ultrasound, Iontophoresis,moist heat, and spray and stretch. Treatments for post orthotic stability. Construction Bites for Full Mouth Reconstructions. Advanced Imaging techniques, Transcrainals,Tomographs, MRI Diagnostics. Understanding the relationship between Sassouni Cephalometric Tracings and a neuromuscular trajectory and their inherent diagnostic values.

### **88 Hours - Clinical Foundation of Orthopedics and Orthodontics-Dr.Wellington Truitt**

Functional Matrix theory as it relates to Orthodontic Diagnosis, treatment planning and treatment utilizing a comprehensive treatment planning approach. Computerized Bimler Approach to Cephalometric Analysis. Sassoni Cephalometric analysis. Straight wire banding and bracketing

orthodontic technique for treating Class I, II and III. Differential diagnosis of skeletal class II versus dental class II and skeletal division 2 versus dental division 2 and developing corresponding treatment plans. Housing the Class III and surgical indications. Orthopedic Appliances (Removable) - Crozat, Schwartz, Frankel, Bionator I, II, III. T.M.J. treatment as it relates to orthodontics and orthopedics. Radiographic evaluation of the T.M.J., treatment of adults and children. Converting an active orthotic T.M.J. Patient to a finished comprehensive orthodontic patient. Getting the splint out of the patient's mouth.

**244 Hours -United States Dental Institute (Orthodontics) Multiple Instructors from around the United States** Complete Diagnosis of class I, II , and III malocclusions, treatment planning and treatment using straight wire techniques. Removable orthopedic appliances. Hands on treatment application of wires, and appliance mechanics with conventional straight wire appliances, bands and brackets. Multiple Cephalometric Tracing and analysis techniques including computerized Cephalometric analysis. Treatment philosophies and protocols of numerous teachers and instructors.

**14 Hours Six-Month Smiles Short-Term Adult Cosmetic Orthodontics Dr. Tony Feck** Understanding the patient reasoning for seeking short term cosmetic adult orthodontic treatment. Clearly delineating the difference between comprehensive full mouth orthodontic treatment versus treating and addressing the patient's chief cosmetic complaints in a reasonable time frame. Diagnosing the patient's needs as expressed by the patient and planning a time line that is acceptable while clearly explaining to the patient the difference between comprehensive orthodontics and short term adult cosmetic orthodontics. Records, photos, informed consent. Understanding the proprietary Six-Month Smile protocol and laboratory system. Spacial analysis, treatment planning, and informed consent with regard to lifetime retention. Learning the clinical protocol for bracketing,sequencing wire placement, and when to terminate treatment. Routine orthodontic mechanics including leveling, aligning , rotating ,bite opening, bite closing and various elastics configurations. Understanding the need for air rotor slenderizing, implementation, and limitations as well as potential complications. When to consider a single tooth extraction. Multiple retention systems including fixed, removable, and fixed-removable combination. Allowing the patient to explain when they want to be finished and learning to factor their decision making process into the treatment. Understanding patients who otherwise would not have had orthodontics attempted because of unsatisfactory esthetic appliances or unacceptable treatment lengths.

**80 Hours - Year long residency in Craniocervical Neurovasomuscular Physiology - North Atlantic Craniofacial Pain Research Society -Dr Jack Lynn and Dr. Michael Mazzocco**

Year-long mini-residency in Craniocervical Neurovasomuscular Physiology. Focused learning in clinical setting, every conceivable aspect of a Head and Neck Pain Practice. Treatment of chronic and acute head pain. Diagnosis, treatment planning technique. Computerized diagnostics - electromyography, arthrography and M.R.I., Sonography, jaw tracking sonography. Mastering the use of F.D.A. and A.D.A. approved devices. Orthotic construction, Bio-appliance series implementation, Phase I and Phase II including. Comprehensive orthodontic banding and bracketing for case finishing. Physical therapy modalities including stretch and spray, ultrasound, accuscope and myopulse. Pharmacological aspects and treatment of chronic myofascial pain throughout the head, neck , and shoulders.

**60 Hours - Year long residency in T.M.D. Phase I treatment - Atlanta Craniomandibular Society- Dr. Roger Melkonian** Comprehensive Development of the Phase I Pain /TMD practice. Physical therapy modalities including iontophoresis, heat with stretch and spray and TENS. Radiological analysis including utilization of the tomography system Automobile related latent onset and mandibular whiplash T.M.D. Comprehensive utilization of electrodiagnostic

instrumentation including, Computerized surface electromyography, computerized mandibular scans, and Computerized Digital Sonography. Programming the neuromuscular arc of closure into corrective orthotics and re-programming the same appliances as necessary to accommodate patient improvement. Soft emergency appliances and hard treatment appliances. Aqualizer, soft rubber splints, hard re-programmable acrylic orthotics.

**64 Hours - TMJ Treatment and Physical Therapy Supportive to Temporomandibular/Craniomandibular/Cervical Injuries Ensuant to Whiplash Type Accidents, Phase I and Phase II Treatment, Craniomandibular/Temporomandibular/Cervical Radiology - Dr. Terrence O'Shaughnessy**

Recognizing the most common cause for failure in TMJ treatment. Recognizing the most common cause for failure to attain stability after physical therapy. Developing more comprehensive understanding of the musculature system during function. Developing a comprehensive understanding of the essential neurovasomuscular components to address during treatment. Understanding the essential sequence necessary to enjoy predictable success with physical therapy. How to eliminate the frustrations inherent to unnecessary recidivism of failed physical therapy. Utilization of Surface electromyography, mandibular scans, and sonography. In depth study of the anatomy of the temporomandibular joint in function and in dysfunction. Dr. Flasko was the very first recipient of the WOW award presented by Dr. O'Shaughnessy for pursuit of excellence and service above self in advancing the goals of his fellow clinicians.

**35 Hours - Occlusal Diagnosis and T.M.D. - Dr. Robert Jankelson**

Anatomy and Physiology of the stomatognathic system: establishing a rational basis for occlusal therapy. Mastering understanding the relationship between teeth, muscles and joints. The protocol for identifying occlusal signs and symptoms that suggest occlusal pathology. How electronic instrumentation will optimize diagnosis. The principles of EMG, jaw tracking, and sonography. Mastering the use of F.D.A. and A.D.A. approved devices. Bite registration techniques. Clinical techniques: patient work-ups, exams, orthosis fabrication, coronoplasty, and case review. Converting a phase I case to a completely finish Phase II case utilizing posterior reconstructive prosthodontic techniques. Was one of 16 Doctors from the The United States selected by Dr. Jankelson and invited to participate in the "Myotronics Think Tank".

**14 Hours - Neuromuscular Occlusion - Mid-Atlantic Craniofacial Pain Research Society**

Myotronics basic Neuromuscular occlusion as it relates to the craniofacial complex. Utilization of the myomonitor and understanding headaches as they relate to freeway space. Understanding the rationale of neuromuscular dentistry as it relates to providing an environment for achieving a repeatable bite registration within a neurovasomuscular physiologic envelope of function. Relating posture to bite and dysfunctional posture to malocclusions.

**38 Hours - The Concept of Complete Dentistry, Dental Occlusion and Facial Pain, Non-Surgical Management of TMJ Disorders in the General Dental Practice-Dr. Peter Dawson**

Diagnosis, treatment planning and complete restoration of the full - arch dentition. Understanding the T.M.J. as it relates to Bilateral Manipulation and Centric Relation. Practical working instrumentation system based upon semi-adjustable articulators. Headache physiology as it relates to T.M.J. theory as well as various types of head, neck and facial pain. History taking and a system for organizing the head, neck and facial pain patient treatment protocol. Anatomy of the TMJ and surrounding structures. Understanding the relationship of the condyle and fossa in health and pathological states. Understanding how the position of the condyle is important in internal derangements. Examining the TMJ, muscles and other related structures. Identifying internal derangement's on TMJ x-rays. Recognizing the objective signs and subjective symptoms of TMJ disorders. Tracing and measuring TMJ films. Understanding the role of trauma in TMJ disorders. Treatment using the Mandibular Stabilization Prosthesis.

### **64 Hours - Full Mouth Reconstructive Prosthodontics/Instrumentation Dr. Clifford Fox**

T.M.J. and Full mouth reconstructive prosthodontics, diagnosis and treatment planning. Practical working instrumentation system based upon Denar's fully adjustable articulator and pantographic tracing techniques. Rehearsing full mouth equilibrations on mounted study models in extensive detail. Full mouth reconstructive prosthodontic impressions and bite records including utilizing flat plane splints and deprogramming jigs.

### **40 Hours - Pankey Institute for Advanced Dental Education Multiple Instructors**

Comprehensive Step - wise techniques for reconstructing the dentition. The Pankey philosophy as it relates to reconstruction. T.M.J. theory as it relates to centric relation T.M.J. splint indication, implementation, and construction. Bilateral manipulation and full - mouth occlusal adjustment. Hands on clinical experience constructing Tanner appliances from scratch, rehearsing capturing centric relation records on live patients, mounting diagnostic study models utilizing the Veri-check system.

### **96 Hours - Arrowhead Seminars - Dr. Dick Barnes and Mr. Mike Hertig**

Educating patients to understand comprehensive dentistry. Philosophy on treatment plan presentation and patient education. Over the Shoulder with Dr. Dick Barnes. The Barnes approach to full arch reconstructive prosthodontics. Visiting and observing Dr. Barnes in his office with his patients. Arrowhead evaluation and philosophy presented in my office to my staff.

### **24 Hours - The Academy for Advanced Radiographic Studies - Richard Greenan**

Radiation Physics, Radiation Hygiene, Intra-oral Film Techniques, Extra-oral Film Techniques, Clinical Applications, Radiological Interpretation, Film/Intensifying Screen Combinations, X-ray Exposure Parameters. Tomographic utilization and interpretation, submental vertex.

### **100 Hours Implant Dentistry Continuum -Implant Seminars-Dr. Arun Garg DMD**

Understanding the biology of osseointegration and how to successfully evaluate patients for dental implants. Comprehensive treatment planning for implants including site analysis and evaluation with multiple diagnostic imaging techniques. Indication and placement for grafting materials, socket preservation techniques post extractions, membrane barrier selection and placement technique. Suturing techniques, soft tissue grafts and management of grafts after placement. Practicing grafting techniques on pig jaws including harvesting and placement. Complete implant selection and placement along with related surgeries practiced on cadaver specimens. Impression techniques, preparation, abutment selection, various prosthetic restorative options and finalization of the finished prosthetic appliances including temporization, bite reconstruction and bite registration techniques. Avoiding questionable choices in treatment planning, treating and evaluating implant complications.

### **21 Hours Cosmetic Botox for Facial Enhancement, Botox for Frontline TMJ Pain Treatment, Dermal Fillers for Functional and Esthetic Facial Improvements Dr. James Jesse and Dr. Louis Malmacher**

Integration of facial esthetics into the general dental practice. Understanding patient reasoning and motivation for elective esthetic facial injectables. Understanding the history and safety track record for therapeutic botulinum toxin. Understanding the pharmacology and cellular mechanism of the action of onabotulinumtoxin A (Botox and Botox Cosmetic). Identifying the muscles of facial expression and mastication and learning the indications critical to accurate Bot ox and Bot ox Cosmetic usage along with appropriate doses for therapeutic and cosmetic use. Preparing for complications and adverse effects and being able to remedy them. Patient consultations, management of treatment and practicing live injections on live patients. Indications for treatment of TMJ symptoms and Myofascial pain with Botox. Comprehensive review of TMJ anatomy in both normal and dysfunctional circumstances.

Review of various headache types along with protocol for comprehensive head and neck examination. Review of myofascial trigger point etiology and patterns of referral. Stretch and spray techniques utilization of Ethyl Chloride for trigger point therapy along with Botox injectables for treatment of chronic myofascial trigger points. Protocol for treating Chronic Migraine Headaches with Botox injectables. Review of the natural course of aging in the face as well as strategies for treatment. Learning the various types of dermal fillers, their capabilities, pros and cons, and various options. Indications for dermal fillers and understanding the biochemistry of hyaluronic acid. Demonstration of live injection techniques, and understanding possible complications and courses of action. Specific treatment for lip augmentation, facial folds and angular cheilitis.

**50 Hours Endodontics - The Missing Pieces - G. John Schoeffel, D.D.S., M.M.S.**

Assessing hot teeth immediately, pain interdiction, treatment management, resolving hypercalcifications quickly, rapid preparation techniques, efficient & effective obturation, seamless post & core technique.

**Apicoectomies and Retrofill Procedures - G. John Schoeffel, D.D.S., M.M.S.**

Apical Endodontic Surgery, diagnosis indications and treatment planning. Flap design and hands on treatment of frozen pig jaws. Apical flap design, root debridement and preparation, filling the preparation, and closing the surgical area.

**Endodontic Problems and their solutions - G. John Schoeffel, D.D.S., M.M.S.**

Treatment of common problems - perforations, foreign debris at the apex, resorptions, perio - endo complex, cracked tooth, diagnostic pit falls, overfill vs. Over extension. Chronic suppuration, calcium hydroxide as an Emergencies, hypercalcified canals and treatment Biomechanical instrumentation and the ultrasonic Obtura technique. Gutta - Percha removal and the Versadowel technique.

**Discus Dental Endo-Vac and Lightspeed Endodontics-G. John Schoeffel, D.D.S., M.M.S.**

Endodontic Treatment utilizing the revolutionary Endo-Vac for irrigation and intracanal cleansing. Understanding the Lightspeed Philosophy, practicing hands on with Lightspeed instrumentation and filling with gutta percha.

Dr. Flasko and one other Dentist in the United States were chosen by Dr. Schoeffel to perform clinical testing of his proprietary nickel titanium rotary files for nine months. It included reporting back to Dr. Schoeffel in written summary and radiographic documentation form, in advance of the intended manufacturing of the devices. Dr. Flasko also actually tested the very first Endo-Vac, developed by Dr. Schoeffel, before it was brought to market.