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# Welcome

## Welcome to the 2025-26 South Florida Dental Study Club Academic Year!

As a proud member of the **Seattle Study Club** family, the **South Florida Dental Study Club (SFDSC)** continues to set the standard for **elite continuing education** in dentistry. Our mission is to provide a **comprehensive, interactive, and high-caliber learning experience** that enhances clinical skills, broadens knowledge, and elevates patient care.

### What to Expect This Year

We are thrilled to present an **outstanding lineup of world-renowned speakers**, each a leader in their respective field. This year's curriculum covers a wide range of **cutting-edge topics**, including:

- ✓ **Advanced Restorative Dentistry**
- ✓ **Implantology & Prosthodontics**
- ✓ **Digital Dentistry & Workflow Optimization**
- ✓ **Airway Management in Dental Practice**
- ✓ **Facial Aesthetics & Botox Applications**

Our program blends **evidence-based lectures** with **interactive case discussions** and **small-group learning**, ensuring that members gain both **theoretical knowledge** and **hands-on experience** to thrive in today's evolving dental landscape.

### Why Choose SFDSC?

- ✓ **World-Class Education** – Learn from globally recognized experts in dentistry, periodontics, prosthodontics, implantology, and oral surgery.
- ✓ **Collaborative & Engaging Format** – Participate in case-based learning, group discussions, and diagnostic problem-solving.
- ✓ **Networking & Professional Growth** – Connect with like-minded professionals, exchange insights, and build lasting relationships.
- ✓ **Latest Advancements in Dentistry** – Stay ahead of the curve with innovations in materials, techniques, and digital workflows.

We invite you to take full advantage of this extraordinary opportunity to expand your expertise, collaborate with top-tier colleagues, and advance your clinical skills in a supportive learning environment.

Let's make **2025-26** another **exceptional year** of education, inspiration, and professional development!

*Eduardo Nicolaievsky, D.D.S.*  
Director, South Florida  
Dental Study Club





# Ronaldo Hirata

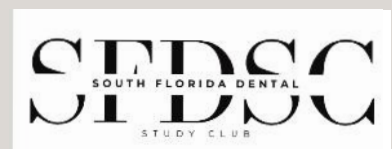
**Friday -September 5, 2025**

**8:30am to 2:30pm**

**“Contemporary Restorative Dentistry”**

Dr. Ronaldo Hirata received his DDS degree from Federal University of Parana, in Curitiba, Brazil, in 1994. He received his certificate in Restorative Dentistry Residency from the same University in 1996. Dr. Hirata did his Master of Science program in biomaterials and received the certificate from the Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul (Brazil), in 2002. His PhD certificate was received on Restorative Dentistry at the State University of Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), finished in 2008. In 2012, Dr. Hirata started to work on the Biomaterials and Biomimetics field at New York University, receiving his Post Doctoral certificate in 2013. Ronaldo Hirata had dedicated 10 years to teaching at the Federal University of Parana. Nowadays, he has the faculty position at New York University as assistant professor of Biomaterials and Biomimetics Department.

He is the coordinator of the post graduate program on restorative dentistry on Center for Studies and Advanced Training in dentistry (CETAO) in Sao Paulo/Brazil. Dr. Hirata is also professor in the post graduate program on Aesthetic Dentistry in SENAC (Sao Paulo/Brazil). He is the coordinator of the advanced course on dental sculpture with composite resins in Latin American Institute of Research and Education Dentistry (ILAPEO-Brazil). He is on editorial board of the Journal of the Brazilian Society of Aesthetic Dentistry and also on International Journal of Brazilian Dentistry. Ronaldo Hirata is the author of the textbook TIPS: tips on esthetic dentistry (Artes Medicas Publisher). [www.tips-book.com](http://www.tips-book.com). This book was translated to Spanish and Italian by Panamericana and Piccin respectively. He also published a lot of papers in Brazil, Latin America and USA on esthetic dentistry.



# Hector Davila

**Thursday -October 9, 2025**

**6:30pm to 8:30pm**

**“Airway Management in the dental practice”**

Dr. Hector Davila is a highly respected anesthesiologist based in Miami Beach, Florida, affiliated with the renowned Mount Sinai Medical Center. With over two decades of dedicated clinical practice, Dr. Davila has established himself as a trusted leader in the field of anesthesiology. He earned his medical degree from Ponce Health Sciences University, building a foundation of excellence and expertise that continues to shape his distinguished career. Currently, Dr. Davila serves as the Executive Director and Vice Chair of Miami Beach Anesthesiology Associates, Inc., where he plays a pivotal role in advancing patient care, operational efficiency, and clinical innovation within the organization. His commitment to excellence, leadership, and patient-centered care has earned him recognition both among colleagues and within the broader medical community.



# *Eric Van Dooren*

**Friday -November 14, 2025**

**8:30am to 2:30pm**

## **"The Art of the Smile: Mastering the Fusion of Periodontics, Prosthodontics, and Implants"**

One of Europe's best specialists in periodontics, implantology and prosthodontics. Dr. Eric Van Dooren attended the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium, where he received his degree in dentistry in 1982. He is known for treatments that successfully combine periodontics, prosthodontics and dental implants. His cases, articles and books have been issued in cooperation with other leading practitioners: Dr. Nitzan Bichacho, Dr. Rafi Romano, Dr. Christian Coachman, Dr. Bernard Touati, Dr. Galip Gürel, Dr. Mauro Fradeani by Quintessence Publishing.

He is the co-author of: The Art of The Smile: Integrating Prosthodontics, Orthodontics, Periodontics, Dental Technology, And Plastic Surgery In Esthetic Dental Treatment. For several years now his office has incorporated an education center, training young talents and professionals in the field. As a professor, he collaborates with universities in Belgium, France and occasionally SUA, Argentina and Brazil. In the present he is practicing in his private office in Belgium and lecturing all over the world.





# *Gilbert Miniones*

**Friday -December 12, 2025**

**8:30am to 2:30pm open to staff**

**“Growing into AI”**

Gilbert Minionis is currently CEO and partner of NetUno in Venezuela since 2000, ACON Investments' first fund in the triple-play telecom market.

More recently, from March 2015 until January 2022 he was the CEO of ACON Investments' triple-play telecom operation in Brazil where they started in 2015 and successfully exited in 2021. This initiative saw the company expand from 83 thousand to 520 thousand subscribers through a combination of organic growth and integration of 14 acquisitions.

Prior to joining NetUno, and focusing on turnarounds, Mr. Minionis was the CEO of Telecomunicaciones Bantel, CEO of Tecnosal Venezuela (a Paul Soros Group privatized Salt Works), EVP of Corimon (the largest Venezuelan private chemical group) and CEO of Infosat (a satellite and terrestrial private networks telco).

Prior to that, Mr. Minionis spent 18 years at Dupont, where his last position was President of Dupont Venezuela and EVP South America for Dupont Coatings.

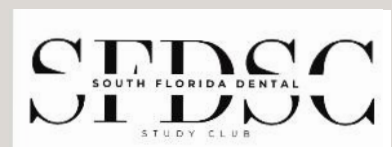
In addition to being CEO of NetUno and on a personal basis, Mr. Minionis is an investor and Board Member in Semper Laser Holdings, a start-up chain of laser hair removal clinics which in five years has 35 locations in the USA, 6 in Colombia and 1 in Mexico.

Mr. Minionis is also an investor in other private equity ventures.

Throughout his career, Mr. Minionis has always focused the companies he has led on taking special care of their human talent. By achieving that happiness at work, the companies seek to deliver a customer experience that can be described as “enchantment.”

Mr. Minionis received his undergraduate degree in Chemical Engineering from Rutgers University in 1974.

Proud grandfather of 4, father of 2 and husband of 49 years.



# Eduardo Nicolaievsky

**Thursday -January 15, 2026**

**6:30pm to 8:30pm**

**Treatment Planning Session**

## **Dr. Eduardo Nicolaievsky – Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeon**

Dr. Eduardo Nicolaievsky is a highly regarded and experienced oral and maxillofacial surgeon, recognized internationally for his expertise in implantology and complex oral surgical procedures. Based in Miami, Dr. Nicolaievsky has built an esteemed career marked by leadership, innovation, and dedication to advancing surgical care.

He earned his dental degree from the **Universidad Tecnológica de México (UNITEC)** and completed advanced training in the United States, including residencies in **Dental Anesthesiology** and **Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery** at the **University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Medical Center**, where he served as Chief Resident.

### **Leadership & Professional Affiliations**

Dr. Nicolaievsky is a **Fellow of the American Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery** and a **Diplomate of the American Board of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery**. He also serves as **Chief of the Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Service** at Mount Sinai Medical Center in Miami Beach.

With over 30 years in private practice, Dr. Nicolaievsky has authored numerous scientific publications and frequently lectures at conferences across **Mexico, Central and South America, Europe, and the United States**.



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# Oscar Gonzalez

**8:30am to 2:30pm**

**Friday -February 13, 2026**

**"The Intersection of Science & Art:  
Periodontal Solutions for Modern Dentistry"**

Dr. Gonzalez-Martín received a DDS degree from University of Sevilla in 1999. He was in private practice in Seville and served as an assistant professor at the same university from 1999 to 2005. In 2005, he moved to Philadelphia to attend the prestigious Periodontics and Periodontal-Prosthesis training program at the University of Pennsylvania. In 2009, he graduated from this program and received the Arnold Weisgold Director's Award. He also became a Diplomate of the American Board of Periodontics. In 2010, he received an ITI scholarship to join the Fixed Prosthodontics and Occlusion Department at the University of Geneva School of Dental Medicine. In 2015, he earned an International PhD from the University of Seville. He currently serves as Editor-in-Chief for The International Journal of Periodontics & Restorative Dentistry, serves as a visiting faculty at Harvard School of Dental Medicine and Complutense University of Madrid, and is dedicated to private practice at Atelier Dental Madrid.





# Tracy Shaw Blessing

**Thursday -March 12, 2026**

**6:30pm to 8:30pm**

**“Botox in Dental Practice”**

**Tracy S. Blessing, DMD** graduated in the top percentile of her class at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in Boston, MA. She then completed a general practice residency program in New York City and it was there that she began cultivating her passion to bridge the gap between dental and facial aesthetics. Since her incorporation of facial injectable treatments (botulinum toxin and dermal fillers) into her practice in 2010, she has mastered advanced injectable techniques, developed her own approaches, and has taught other dentists across the country injectable aesthetics, lip augmentation, facial muscular rebalancing, and the correction of gummy smiles. Dr. Blessing blends her cosmetic and reconstructive dental training with the use of facial injectables to offer patients "Total Facial Aesthetics". Her treatment goal is always subtle but impactful facial rejuvenation to further enhance comprehensive dental aesthetics. Dr. Blessing has been an invited speaker both nationally and internationally on the cosmetic and therapeutic uses of botulinum toxin and dermal fillers. Having taught over **2,000 dentists** since 2013, she is sought after for both her extensive knowledge on the available injectable products and how to incorporate them into a dental practice.

Dr. Blessing is the Founder and Executive Director of Aesthetic Interface, a training and consulting company dedicated to facial injectables in dentistry. She is also the past Assistant Director of the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry's Advanced Education in General Dentistry program. Dr. Blessing maintains private practices in Palm Beach, FL.  
Atelier Dental Madrid.



# Panos Papaspyridakos

**8:30am to 2:30pm**

**Friday -April 17, 2026**

## **"Innovations in Prosthodontics: Merging Science, Technology, and Aesthetics"**

Dr. Panos Papaspyridakos is a distinguished professional with a rich and extensive background in the field of dentistry. He currently holds the position of Associate Professor of Postgraduate Prosthodontics at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine. Additionally, he serves as an Adjunct Associate Professor at the University of Rochester Eastman Institute for Oral Health.

Dr. Papaspyridakos is known for his exceptional clinical skills and maintains a private practice specializing in Prosthodontics and Implant Dentistry, which is located in Boston, Massachusetts. With his wealth of experience and expertise, he provides comprehensive care in various aspects of Prosthodontics, Implant, Esthetic, and Reconstructive Dentistry.

One of Dr. Papaspyridakos's most notable achievements is his significant contribution to dental literature. He is the author of over 100 articles and book chapters that have been published in peer-reviewed journals and textbooks. His innovative research in clinical implant dentistry has garnered international recognition and acclaim, including the publication of the famous "The Reverse Scan Body Protocol: Completing the Digital Workflow" in summer 2023. Notably, his work has been cited over 6,000 times, a testament to its impact and relevance.



Dr. Papaspyridakos is a respected figure in the dental community, not only for his research but also for his dedication to education. He is a sought-after lecturer and has delivered talks at numerous national and international dental meetings. His insightful presentations contribute to the advancement of dental knowledge and practice.

Dr. Papaspyridakos's educational journey is marked by significant achievements. He holds a Certificate of Specialty in Prosthodontics and an M.S. degree with honorary distinction from Columbia University College of Dental Medicine. Additionally, he obtained a Certificate of Fellowship in Implant Dentistry from Harvard School of Dental Medicine, and a PhD in Digital Dentistry. Dr. Papaspyridakos holds a D.D.S. degree from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry and a Ph.D. degree from the National University of Athens School of Dentistry.

His impact on the field of dentistry through research, education, and clinical practice is undeniable. Dr. Panos Papaspyridakos remains a respected figure in the world of Prosthodontics, contributing significantly to the enhancement of dental care and education

## **SOUTH FLORIDA DENTAL STUDY CLUB: END-OF-YEAR CELEBRATION DINNER**

Join your fellow SFDSC members for an **evening of celebration and camaraderie** as we reflect on an incredible year of learning and look ahead to another exciting academic season! Enjoy great company, delicious dining, and an exclusive preview of the **2026-27 lecture series**.

**Thursday, May 14, 2026**

**6:30 PM – 8:30 PM**

**Location: TBA**

We look forward to celebrating with you!





# SOUTH FLORIDA DENTAL STUDY CLUB APPLICATION FORM

## Academic Year 2025-26

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### TUITION INFORMATION

Your total tuition is \$2695 and includes 5 full day sessions, 2 clinical sessions, 1 clinical session open to staff, and our "Final Diner." Staff sessions will also be available in addition to the above fee. Your membership includes invitation to the Seattle Study Club National Symposium, subscription to the quarterly treatment planning journal, and access to the "Settle Study Club" network.

Please note that all tuition collected is dedicated solely to the operating costs of the high-quality programming of the South Florida Dental Study Club.

Registration is due on or before September 1st 2025. Make checks payable to the South Florida Dental Study Club. \$100 OFF Tuition for payment before May 1st 2025.

### PAYMENT OPTIONS:

- ☒ Enclosed is a check for the full amount \$2695 (\$100 OFF if paid by May 1, 2025)
- ☒ Full payment via credit card bellow
- ☒ Email invoice

Mail checks to 4308 Alton Road, #850, Miami Beach, FL 33140. If you have any questions please **contact** Tony Marquez at **(305) 538-4556** or **email [tonym@blumnico.com](mailto:tonym@blumnico.com)**

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# *A look into last year*





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