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IDEA Alumni Testimonials

Ken Hovden, D.D.S.

The Dental Microscope: Your Link to Better Digital Dentistry

"Wonderful hands-on course with kind faculty that foster a high-level learning environment. 10/10!"
Johnna Thomas, General Practitioner, Leawood, KS

"I really liked that the course was very hands-on and Dr. Hovden is super approachable. Learned a lot about microscopes and more. The support was amazing, and environment was conducive to learning."
Alisha Dhingra, General Practitioner, Peace River, AB, Canada

"This is a great course if you want to start using the microscope."
Sahana Ramos, General Practitioner, Worcester, MA

"Dr. Hovden made the use of dental microscopes approachable and achievable. Every aspect of his course was well thought-out and easily applicable to daily practice. After just two days, I feel ready to immediately incorporate dental microscopes into my routine. I would recommend this course to anyone!"
David Markiewicz, General Practitioner, Mundelein, IL

"This is not only incorporating microscopes in practice but also improving quality of care of patients."
Hemant Patel, General Practitioner, Norco, CA

"Dr. Hovden taught a great course. This is an opportunity to learn the microscope and at the same time learn different restorative techniques and materials. A must course for anybody having bought or planning to buy the dental microscope."
Amit Chaudhry, GP, Ancaster, ON, Canada

"Enjoyed the microscope class. Ken is well versed in using the scope as well as other areas of dentistry which he included in his instruction of the class. The facility at IDEA is ideal for maximum learning"
Greg Hurtado, General Practitioner, Waipahu, HI

"I really enjoyed Dr. Hovden's very practical and hands-on approach. I've learned tips and tricks well beyond just the use of microscope. I cannot wait to implement the new skills in my practice on Monday!"
Denys Kovalchuk, General Practitioner, Mill Valley, CA

"A higher level of education. It's an experience, not a course"
Robert Gardetto, General Practitioner, St. Cloud, MN

"The instructor is excellent. The facility is excellent. The information from this course pushes me to a higher level in my career. The organization of IDEA courses is 5 stars."
Rong Rong Pan, General Practitioner, Hamilton, ON, Canada

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"Course was very helpful to implementing more comprehensive use of the microscope. Procedures were instructional and well-paced for learning. Very professional and intimate teaching environment and staff."
Dan Armstrong, General Practitioner, South Portland, ME

"A very good introduction to the use of a surgical microscope in general dentistry. If you are looking to incorporate a microscope into your practice, this is a course for you."
Chris Mintern, General Practitioner, Bedford, NC, Canada

"IDEA never disappoints. Thank you, Dr. Hovden, Thank you, IDEA team."
Ahmad Alsahli, General Practitioner, Qortoba, Kuwait

"I find the course work and objective applicable to real world dentistry. Connecting the dots of "how" and "why" has dosed many dentists since dental school. IDEA has closed this disconnect and allowed us to return triumphantly to our patients ready for whatever challenges may come our way. Thank you."
Khalfani Walker, General Practitioner, Washington, D.C.

"Dr. Hovden has a very pleasant and approachable way of teaching. His course on the surgical microscope was extremely helpful. He provided numerous suggestions on how to improve our views and prep techniques. I thoroughly enjoyed the class."
Miles Guyton, General Practitioner, San Jose, CA

"I find the staff, faculty, equipment, and facility to be 5 star. The individual treatment is excellent; no pressure -- just learning. Everyone here wants you to do better and make your practice better. This is the best place for CE I have ever been to. Thank you".
John French, Jr., General Practitioner, Sag Harbor, NY

"Great course. An absolute must for anyone who wants to use a microscope"
Barbara Kostyk, General Practitioner, Cochrane, AB, Canada

"I was able to understand and implement concepts right away. At the end of the course I felt, confident on how to use the microscope"
Martin Fernunson, Prosthodontist, Bellevue, WA

"The quality of this experience is unsurpassed. The intimacy of the learning environment is exceptional. Thank you!"
Phil Parham, Periodontist, Dalton, GA

"Ken is a wonderful, humble, and down-to-earth instructor. He is very honest with the advantages and drawbacks of microscopes and has shared so much practical tips that I can implement into my practice tomorrow. Very well-organized course by the IDEA team."
Chao Ji, Periodontist, Hong Kong, Hong Kong

"I was very impressed with this course. What I learned will change the way I practice. I would recommend this course to dentists who want to implement microscope dentistry into their practices."
Agnieszka Cybulski, General Practitioner, Woodstock, ON, Canada



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"IDEA is a great way for a dentist to appreciate how dentistry really should be. It brings out the best in you and you leave the Center with passion. I would definitely recommend IDEA for those who are wishing for a smaller class and hands-on learning. I will definitely take future courses at this institution."

Izaz Khan, General Practitioner, Berlin, CT

"The surgical microscope course is a remarkable course for the practitioner that wants to be truly minimally invasive in their practice. To prep less, you need to see more, and the microscope is an amazing tool to deliver better patient care. This course is great in giving you a great foundation to be able to be ready to succeed."

Husam Almunajed, General Practitioner, Huntington, CT

"IDEA has the most comprehensive lecture series I have taken in my career. I recommend them to any young doctors trying to advance their clinical skills."

Vincent Smith, General Practitioner, Washington, D.C.