

NYDHA EMPIRE CONFERENCE

**Friday, Nov. 6, 2026
- from 3:30-5:30 p.m.**

**Course 3
2 CE hours**

The 'Why' Behind Lasers in Hygiene

Description: *This course is limited to 40 attendees and includes hands-on practice.* It is designed to help hygienists who have training/use to remember WHY they have a laser. (This is not a certification course.)

Our goal is get the laser into the op so we can give exceptional care to our patients. We will discuss verbiage to enroll treatment, timing, settings, and the multitude of benefits that your diode laser provides.

Learning Objectives: Participants will learn:

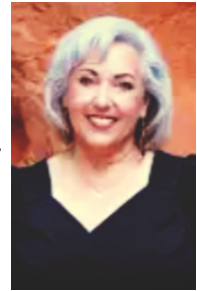
- Brief overview on laser history, physics, and safety.
- How to talk about laser treatment with your patients to get them accept this valuable treatment.
- When to utilize the laser on your patients and feel comfortable with settings.
- The "why" behind the superiority of lasers over other virucidals and bactericidals.
- What about photo biomodulation?
- Hands-on practice.

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About Our Speaker

Christine Hammelev, RDH, is a dental hygienist, a laser instructor for Biolase, co-owner of The Dental Management Agency, and manager of The Hygiene Dream Team. A graduate of Parkland College, in Campaign, Illinois, she has enjoyed being a hygienist for over 38 years and has also been a very successful treatment coordinator. She has led hygiene departments in Illinois and Colorado and has created custom periodontal programs for each of her offices.



Her strong belief in delivering extraordinary patient care has led to mastering the use of advanced technologies, such as Diode Laser. She began using lasers in 2006 and has been teaching Diode Laser courses across the United States since 2013.

Early on, she found that her clients truly needed help managing their practices both in systems and culture; which led to the creation of The Dental Practice Management Agency, with her business partner, Marissa Nicholson.

Her passion for Laser Dentistry has driven her to accept the position with Biolase, Inc. as its Hygiene Education Manager. She is a frequent speaker and educator on laser use, including at the Greater New York Dental Meeting and dental societies and study clubs.