



ORA STUDY CLUB | Academic 2026

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What is the Seattle Study Club?

Founded by Periodontist Dr Michael Cohen in 1992, Seattle Study Club (SSC) is an international network of dental professionals interested in furthering their knowledge and providing excellent care. There are more than 250 dental study clubs located all over the world.



The Guiding Philosophy

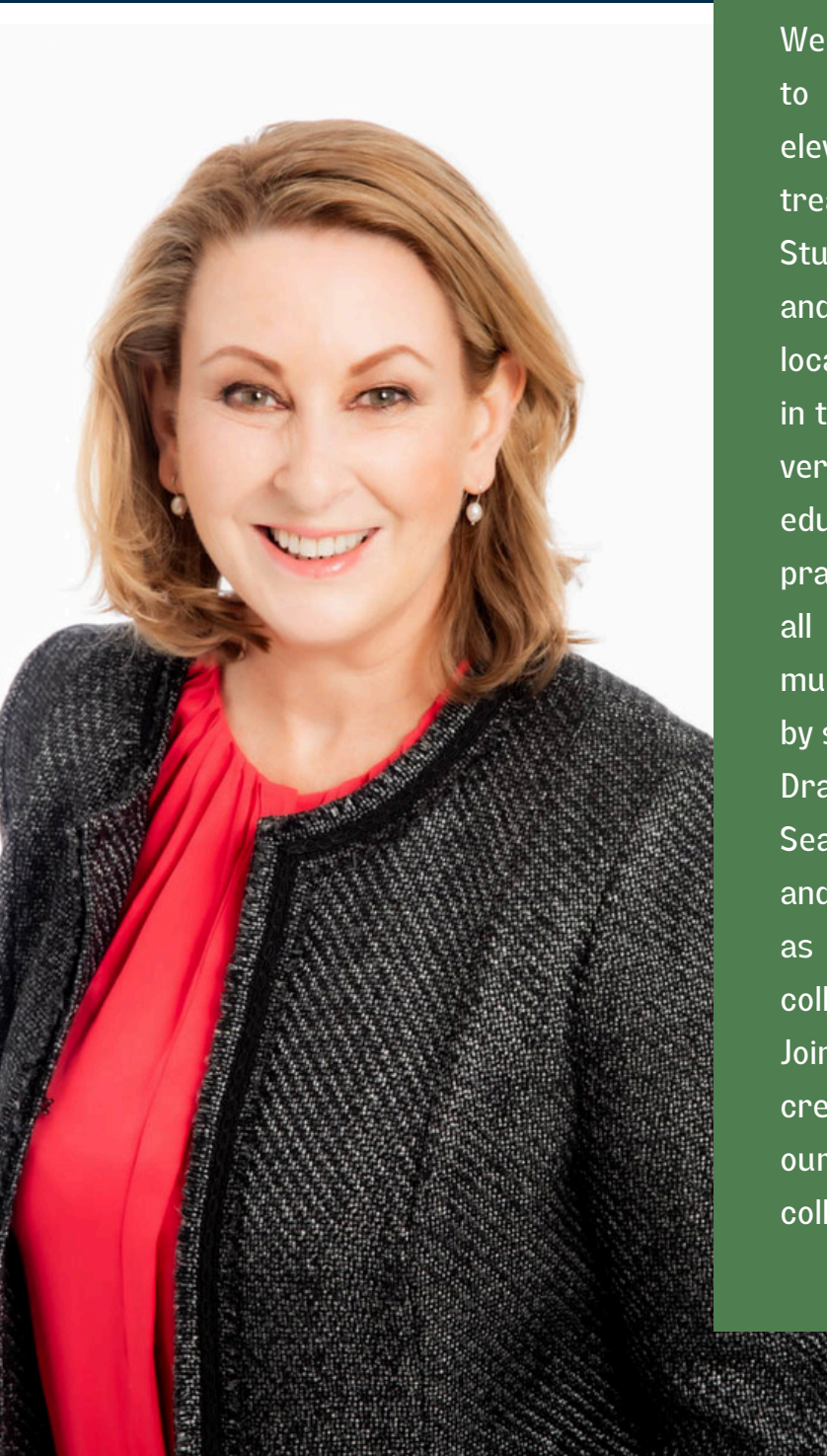
There are three guiding principles for any SSC Affiliate:

1. Neither ideal learning nor ideal dentistry can be attained by simple exposure to various techniques and treatment modalities. The most beneficial knowledge and treatment results from total case management—an appreciation for the big picture and an understanding of the role each technique and treatment plays in that picture.
2. The second principle is that we learn more through participation and clinical interaction than observation. Through hands-on experience in clinical sessions, club members enhance their treatment planning skills and learn how to bring an expert touch to the cases they treat every day.
3. The third principle is the idea that learning with and from one's peers in a structured and supportive environment is the most effective way to master the challenges posed by the dental profession.



DR ANDREA SHEPPERSON

PROGRAMME DIRECTOR



Welcome to our 2026 Study Club season—a place to grow your practice, hone your skills, and elevate your approach to complex care and treatment planning. I wanted to bring the Seattle Study Club to Auckland to foster collaboration and draw from the expertise of international and local specialists, encouraging big picture thinking in treatment planning. This is something I've been very passionate about after my Kois Center education many years ago. It's easy to be siloed in practice, and know a little about a lot - putting it all together to be effective for our patients is much harder to do, and better done surrounded by supportive peers.

Drawing on global curriculum material from the Seattle Study Club, we have access to speakers and content from a global pool of experts, as well as our own experienced general and specialist colleagues.

Join us as we invest in each other's growth and create meaningful change for our patients and ourselves, with a commitment to excellence, collaboration, and an open mind.



OUR ADVISORY BOARD

A group of clinicians and specialists who bring diverse expertise, shared values, and a genuine commitment to collaborative education.



Dr Andrea Shepperson
Club Director



Dr Loyola Correa
General Dentist



Dr Hani Naoum
Specialist Endodontist



Dr Donna Lim
Specialist Orthodontist



Dr. Clarence Tam
General & Aesthetic Dentist



Dr. Stella Lee
Specialist Periodontist



Mr Ryan Smit
Oral & Maxillofacial
Surgeon



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Date: 31st March

Speaker: Dr Alvaro Blasi, DDS, CDT

Topic: The Secrets to Successful Treatment Planning in the Face of Periodontal & Endodontic Failure

Managing complex cases involving multiple endodontically treated teeth and compromised structure, with a focus on improving diagnosis, case sequencing, and clinical judgement in “save vs extract” decisions, supported by interdisciplinary and digital approaches.



Date: 28th April

Speaker: Dr William Nudera, DDS, MS

Topic: Thinking Endodontics: The Intersection of Science, Logic and Theory

Applying structured, scenario-driven frameworks to endodontic diagnosis and prognosis, supporting clearer clinical judgement and more confident “treat vs extract” decision-making in pulpally compromised cases.



Date: 26th May

Speaker: Dr Mia L Geisinger, DDS, MS

Topic: Hopelessly Devoted to Teeth: Are We Deeming Teeth Hopeless That Can Be Saved?

Evaluating prognosis in complex cases, balancing tooth preservation with implant therapy, and exploring multidisciplinary strategies to retain compromised teeth while managing long-term risk.



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Date: 30th June

Speaker: Dr Lora Hooper, BSDH, RDH, EFDA

Topic: The Inflammation Code: From Breath to Biofilm to Blood

Understanding the oral-systemic connection through an integrative framework linking airway health, oral biofilm, and systemic inflammation, with a focus on using diagnostic data to support more predictive and personalised care.



Date: 28th July

Speaker: Dr Gustavo Giordani, DDS

Topic: Implants Already Installed: The Decision to Keep or Remove

Managing existing implants with aesthetic or functional complications, focusing on clinical decision-making around when to retain, remove, or reconstruct, alongside strategies for soft tissue management and predictable outcomes.



Date: 25th August

Speaker: Dr Rooz Khosravi, DMD, PhD, MSD

Topic: Pediatric Sleep Breathing Disorders: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Care

Understanding pediatric sleep-disordered breathing within an interdisciplinary framework, focusing on the dentist's role in screening, diagnosis, and evidence-based management in clinical practice.



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Date: 29th September

Speaker: Dr Miguel Stanley, DDS

Topic: Immune Focused Dentistry: The Missing Link in Healthcare

Exploring the oral-systemic connection, with a focus on enhanced diagnostics, identifying underlying inflammation, and integrating medical considerations into treatment planning for improved patient outcomes.



Date: 27th October

Speaker: Dr Gonzalo Blasi, DDS, MCT, PhD

Topic: The Interrelationship of Implant Prosthodontics and Peri-Implantitis

Understanding the relationship between implant prosthodontics and peri-implant health, with a focus on prosthetic design, implant positioning, and strategies to prevent and manage peri-implant disease.



Date: 13th November

Ora Education Day

Topic: Aging with Teeth: Navigating Complexity in the Modern Dental Patient

Interdisciplinary decision-making in the aging dentition, balancing medical, restorative, and implant considerations



Programme Information

Membership Fee

The Ora Study Club is a not-for-profit organisation, with membership fees going to the Seattle Study Club, covering food and venue costs, and administration and communications with members.

The 2026 Annual Fee is \$2000 + GST. Fees are payable at the commencement of the year.

Meetings

Held on the last Tuesday of every month, commencing March 2026 at 6:00pm for a light meal, with the meeting proper starting at 6:45pm and finishing by 9pm. Meetings occur for 9 months of the year from March to November.

Location

The Adina Hotel in Auckland CBD, with easy access to the motorway from North, South, West and East.

Paid parking is available at Quay Park Parking, the Adina Carpark or on-street parking.

