



F12 Dental Team Training — After Action Report

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This presentation will describe a dental team training exercise. What worked, what did not work, and areas requiring focus will be discussed. Recommendations for improved training will be presented.

This presentation will impact the forensic community and/or humanity by discussing information which will assist other dental teams in planning and conducting training.

An antemortem record preparation exercise was conducted for the Oregon Dental Association Forensic Dental Team at the ODA Annual Meeting. After an overview presentation to review record preparation and instructions, participants were given written records to review. Radiographs for each case were projected on 2 large screens. WIN-ID forms were used for the composite antemortem record. Approximately 15 minutes was allowed to complete the record. After completion, the record preparation was reviewed with the entire group. Each entry on the WIN-ID form was related to the chart note or radiograph. The actual case scenario for each case was also presented. Each case was reviewed completely before the next was started. The participants did three cases.

After the exercise, the record forms were reviewed by the author for trends and errors. Areas needing improvement included following basic instructions, proper completion of the Description and Code columns, use of WIN-ID secondary codes, and use of the Comments area. The second and third case records showed improvement over the first case reviewed.

Standardization in antemortem record preparation where a computer program such as WIN-ID is being used is essential for creation of an accurate and useful database. The training module described here was a trial of a methodology to try to standardize the Dental Teams response. This standardization was not evident to the degree required. However, general principles for success were demonstrated. They include clear concise and repeated guidelines for form completion and record analysis, re-enforcement of principled for computer code usage, and training in small groups to allow one on one mentoring and training.

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