

## The Speakers

**Kelli Swanson Jaecks, RDH, MA** holds a Masters degree from Oregon State University in Communication and Adult Education. She received her Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene from Oregon Health Sciences University in 1996. She is a nationally published author and speaker on issues of health awareness, inflammation, and dental/medical collaboration.

Kelli is an active leader in the ADHA, serving at the local, state, and national levels. She holds a Limited Access Permit and is currently ODHA Immediate Past President and District XII Trustee to ADHA.

Kelli is employed by OralDNA Labs, Inc, the first salivary diagnostic lab committed to dentistry in the country. She is also an American Dental Association Cell Seminar Series speaker for 2010-2011.

When not speaking or working, Kelli enjoys traveling to cool venues for scuba diving and participating in live theatre!

**Ronald Jaecks, MD, FACS** has been a general surgeon for over 22 years. He is an expert in Laparoscopic surgery and he devotes much of his practice to patients with breast cancer, colon cancer, and lung cancer. He started his career at Loma Linda University School of Medicine, Loma Linda, California. After completing medical school and a surgical residency, he taught residents and medical students at Loma Linda for 11 years. In 1995, he received the Golden Scalpel Award for outstanding teaching. He also published in major journals on Breast Cancer and Hepatic Trauma.

In 1997, he moved to Salem, Oregon to join Kaiser Permanente, Northwest. He has won numerous awards including a Kaiser's "Cost Conscious Award" and most recently in 2008, he was chosen by his peers, to receive the Distinguished Physicians Award. He currently serves as the Oregon President-Elect of the Oregon Chapter- American College of Surgeons.

He currently practices at Salem Hospital, and enjoys life as a vegetarian, with a passion for organic foods, water, and fiber.

## Course Description

**Title: *"In-n-Out: Oral Health & the Digestive Tract"***

The human digestive system is essentially one long tube, mouth to anus. The oral cavity, as the portal of entry, is inter-related to multiple disease processes that can occur throughout the rest

of the gastro-intestinal tract. Vast populations from our patients to current pop icons are diagnosed with these conditions.

This course will cover these unique oral relationships and GI issues such as, cancers along the GI tract, and benign GI issues and processes such as laparoscopic band, gastric bypass, celiac disease, gluten intolerance, and irritable bowel syndrome. Most of these have significant implications for the dental professional.

**Course Objectives:**

- Discover possible explanations why the incidence of oral cancer in non-tobacco users is increasing
- Explore the acid reflux connection to esophageal cancer
- Understand current surgical interventions of lap banding and gastric bypass
- Investigate the oral cavity as a breeding reservoir for H. Pylori
- Discover interesting connections between oral health and anal cancer