

Clinical Lesson Session #22

Learning Objectives:

- Describe gingival characteristics that are indicative of health and disease.
- Demonstrate the use of communication strategies to provide information to the patient about gingival characteristics and any notable findings.
- Accurately communicate gingival characteristics to a clinical instructor. Discuss the implications of notable findings.

Start lesson in small groups, allow up to 45 minutes to discuss gingival assessment. Use Gingival Descriptor Worksheet as a guide. Discuss:

- ✓ Color
- ✓ Shape of the papillae and gingival margin
- ✓ Consistency
- ✓ Position
- ✓ Texture
- ✓ Bleeding/exudate

Spend remaining clinic time on the following activities (divide time evenly between partners):

- Rotate patients in clinic, have student operator open their patient's existing chart.
- Allow 20 minutes to practice gingival description.
- Work with students on creating gingival statement and entering findings into a short SOAP note.
- Use remaining time to practice Universal Curets only.