

# Persistent Pain after Endodontic Therapy:

**Clinical presentation, mechanisms & evidence-based management**

*Presented by Dr Thuan Dao*

*Overseas Presenter*



**DATE**  
Thursday 24th August

**TIME**  
Registration 6.15pm  
Course 6.45pm-9.30pm

**VENUE**  
University Club  
Hackett Drive  
Crawley

**FEE (inc GST)**  
\$187.00  
Limit: 47 (inc canapés  
& 2 course dinner)

**CONVENOR**  
Dr Jenny Ball

Intractable pain following endodontic therapy is frustrating for the patient, and attempting to control such pain is a major challenge for the clinician. This pain can sometimes occur in the absence of noxious stimuli, persist beyond the usual healing time, or spread to normal teeth. The poor localisation of pain often leads to misdiagnosis of its source and mistreatment, such as sequential endodontic treatment or extraction of "innocent" teeth without significant improvement in a patient's comfort. During this session, the clinical manifestations of persistent neuropathic pain following endodontic treatment will be presented. Neural mechanisms underlying such neuropathic pain, and evidence-based management strategies proposed for these conditions will be discussed, with an attempt to bridge the gap between basic sciences and the clinics. Exciting recent evidence on the role of non-neuronal cells in neuropathic pain states and potential new targets for management of these conditions will also be presented. An understanding of these issues is instrumental in the differential diagnosis and treatment of persistent orofacial pain of non-dental origin.

1. To understand the basic mechanisms underlying neuropathic orofacial pain, and use these to explain the clinical phenomena associated with orofacial neuropathic pain.
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3. To understand the rationale of the evidence-based management of orofacial neuropathic pain.

**About the Presenter:**

Dr Thuan Dao is a qualified DMD with a MSc (Neuroscience), Diploma in Prosthodontics, PhD (Biomedical Sciences). She is a Fellow of the Royal College of Dentists of Canada and an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Dentistry University of Toronto. She is also cross-appointed to the University of Toronto Centre for the Study of Pain. Dr Dao is a Past President of the International Association for Dental Research Neuroscience Group, and Past Councillor in Prosthodontics at the Royal College of Dentists of Canada. Dr Dao's research and publications are focused on the pathophysiology and management of orofacial pain and sensory disorders. With her background in Neuroscience, her expertise in clinical trials, and her private practice oriented mainly towards pain management, Dr Dao is well-positioned to bridge the gap between basic sciences and the clinics and to transfer this knowledge to clinicians engaged in pain management.

Learning objectives:

1. To recognise the clinical signs and symptoms of orofacial neuropathic pain.

**CPD HOURS: 3**



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