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Cancer patient oral care is topic of continuing education class

A continuing education course for dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants, and nurses will be held at University of Southern Indiana on April 24. "Meeting the Oral Care Needs of Cancer Patients" will begin at 8 a.m. in Mitchell Auditorium, located in the USI Health Professions Center.

Debbie Manne, R.D.H., M.S.N., R.N., a nurse coordinator/oral care specialist at Oncology Dental Support Services in St. Louis, will be featured speaker. She holds a B.S. in dental hygiene from University of Missouri-Kansas City and a B.S.N. and M.S.N. in oncology nursing from St. Louis University. Manne is also a certified oncology nurse. She received the Irene Newman Award from the American Dental Hygienists Association in 1997 and was inducted by Sigma Phi Alpha National Dental Hygiene Honor Society and Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society for Nursing in 1998.

The course will cover many aspects of cancer including prevention, early detection, incidence, diagnosis, treatment, and the emotional issues facing patients. Educational and supportive materials will be available and participants will review current products available for use in oral symptom management.

Registration is due April 16 and cost is \$80 per person, or \$70 per person for two or more registering together. Call 812/464-1989 for more information.

Sponsored by USI's Dental Hygiene Program and Dental Assisting Program, USI School of Nursing and Health Professions, and USI Continuing Education, this course will provide nurses with 7.2 contact hours. USI is an approved provider for continuing education credits by the Dental Assisting National Board, Indiana Health Professions Bureau, Illinois Board of Dentistry, and Kentucky Board of Dentistry.