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LOCAL DENTIST ATTENDS ADVANCED TRAINING AT THE PANKEY INSTITUTE

Key Biscayne, FL – David L. Jones, D. D. S. of Council Bluffs recently attended The Pankey Institute in Key Biscayne, FL to study advances in treating complex dental occlusal problems. This was the fourth in a series of advanced courses Dr. Jones has completed at The Pankey Institute. While attending this latest course, Dr. Jones studied how to restore and align damaged teeth for optimal harmonious function with esthetically beautiful, long-lasting results.

Occlusal disease develops when upper and lower teeth do not fit properly. "TMJ" problems, including pain, may occur as teeth wear against each other. Grinding teeth can make this problem much worse. Even in the absence of pain, the uneven bite is affecting tooth structure, bone, roots, gum tissue, and jaw joints. Excessive wear, cracks, fractures, tooth movement, tooth sensitivity, cavities, and gum disease can all be part of the occlusal disease process.

With appropriate therapy, tooth wear and premature aging of the mouth can be minimized. The highest standard of care consists of customized treatment, appropriate to the individual patient's circumstance. Treatment of occlusal disease may include one or more of the following: bite splint therapy, equilibration (reshaping of the teeth to fit evenly when biting), orthodontics, replacement of missing teeth, or restoration of damaged teeth.

Founded in 1972, The Pankey Institute is a nonprofit organization that promotes optimal oral health care through advanced continuing education for dentists. It was the first institute of its kind and remains among the most prestigious, attracting dentists from over 42 nations to its educational programs.

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