

ABOUT THE SPEAKER



Dr. DeWood has been practicing restorative dentistry since 1980 when he earned his DDS from Case Western Reserve University. He earned an MS in Biomedical Sciences from The University of Toledo College of Medicine

in 2004. He has been actively involved in teaching since 1992, and in 2003 teaching became his primary activity when he accepted a position as Clinical Director at The Pankey Institute. In 2008 he relocated to Seattle to serve as president of The Seattle Institute, Dr. Frank Spear's education company. As one of the two founding clinicians of *Spear Education*, he relocated to Phoenix to serve as executive vice president of the newly formed *Spear Education* in Scottsdale. A position he held for more than 15 years. *Spear Education* became an internationally recognized dental continuing education company and a leader in exceptional dental continuing education. It was sold to a venture capital firm and his position was eliminated in 2023. Gary has also held positions as assistant professor at the Arizona School of Oral and Dental Health; associate professor at the University of Tennessee School of Dentistry; and assistant professor at the University of Toledo College of Medicine. Today he is active in several educational groups, the most noteworthy being this one, *Global Diagnosis Education*. He is active with speaking engagements and works with individual and group practices in consulting and coaching. He continues to see patients in private practice with his practice partner Dr. Lee Ann Brady at Desert Sun Smiles in Glendale, Arizona. Gary and Cheryl, who retired from orthodontic practice in 2023, have been married since 1978 and reside in Cave Creek, Arizona.