



## SPEAR TALK

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## SPEAR EDUCATION

# Study Smarter, Not Harder

*A Spear Study Club might be your ticket to drive successful treatment planning and complete more interesting and potentially lucrative cases*

In an era where information is available at lightning speed, meeting face-to-face may seem like an afterthought. But for those on the pursuit of great dentistry, true learning thrives within a community. And that's where Spear Study Clubs come in.

"I always thought I was a good dentist, but since I've been participating with Spear, I'm stronger. It's made me better," said Lawrence Spindel, DDS, who splits time between his private practice and as a clinical instructor for the General Dental Residency Program at New York City's Mount Sinai Hospital.

### Learn Alongside the Best & Brightest

Spear Study Clubs meet throughout the year in a comfortable, small-group environment, either in person or online. Supported by prescribed learning that covers everything from foundational skills to solving complex clinical challenges, the club creates a unique space for dentists to collaborate on real-world cases, network with like-minded individuals, and form interdisciplinary relationships.

For Dr. Spindel, who is a Spear Study Club Leader for 3 clubs in Manhattan, a key benefit of joining the Spear community is networking. "In your community, there are all these experienced dentists you can talk to if you're having a problem," he said. "They're



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predisposed to help you with any questions, and club members often have the right mix of expertise to help you improve."

While Spear offers a variety of meeting options and more than 100 learning modules that provide everything Spear Study Club leaders need to drive purposeful meetings—guided discussion videos, digital treatment planning templates, pre- and post-treatment images, and diagnostic models—members are invited to present their own cases, too.

Clinical camaraderie is further facilitated by spear's growing online community, Spear Talk, where over 3,000 dental professionals routinely share and support each other's clinical cases, treatment dilemmas, technical questions, and more.

"I think Spear Study Clubs are great for dentists who've been practicing for a few years," added Dr. Spindel. "When you first start out in dentistry, you might think you're a great dentist—until you start seeing your failures. Then, you start spinning your wheels and asking yourself, 'Why did I have that failure? What did I do wrong?' At the end of the day, what we're all interested in is predictably good dentistry. Spear will definitely help with that."

### Collaboration Is Key to Success

Dr. Spindel's biggest takeaway is a simple one: Success doesn't happen in a vacuum. "If you want to learn how to do a simple procedure, you could go online and watch a video, but no one else is watching with you," he said.