



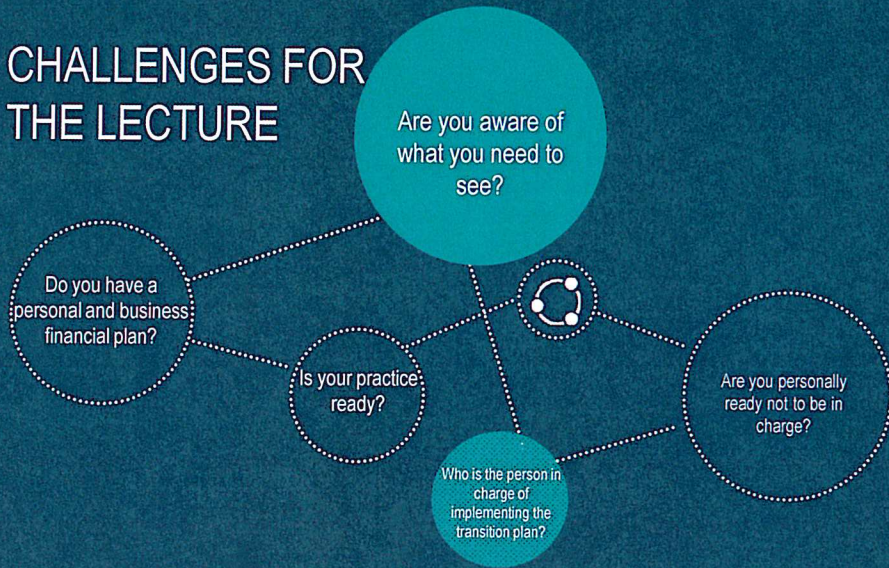
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CHALLENGES FOR THE LECTURE



1
Experience 1-2 years,
save some cash

2
Own a dental practice

3
Grow and make
practice lean and
mean

4
Have a vision
Pension plan

5
Great planning for
the future

6
Pay
Ourselves
Individually

SIX CRITICAL STEPS

The Deal

“Good:”

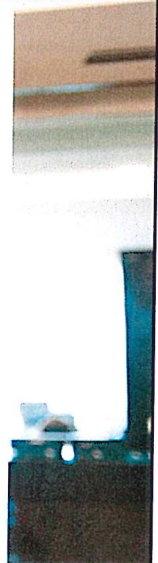
- Equity from the practice
- Means of transitioning your patients
- Significance for the seller
- Cash up front — furthers seller’s retirement
- Seller can shelter the proceeds
- Buyer gets huge tax deductions
- Buyer owns sooner than later
- Buyer starts saving toward retirement sooner



The Deal

“Bad:”

- This guy or gal is costing me money
- I didn’t get enough money for the practice
- We value it when
- I paid too much for the practice
- Loss of control - I will be 51% and you 49%
- He/She is still in control
- Loss of relationship
- No relationship
- Working harder
- Loss of significance



The Deal

“Ugly:”

- Borrowing more money
- Current dental school debt
- Paying the tax on the sale
- Buyer has no cash
- Lack of marketing plan



“Having a business plan and personal financial plan before I sell the business I built is absolutely critical.”

Somebody really wise wrote that.



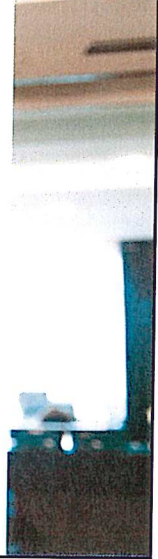
Is Your Business Ready?



One doctor general dentistry bringing in an associate to partner:

- Collections: ideal \$900,000-\$1,100,000
- Overhead: 55%-60% with a goal below 60%
- Fixed costs 15-20%
- Direct costs 35%-40%

We need the established doctor to make money to afford the new doctor coming in.

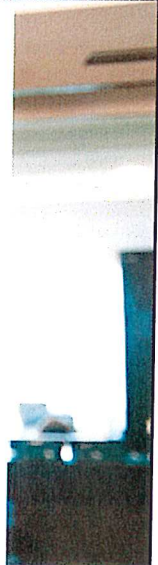


Is Your Business Ready?



One doctor general dentistry bringing in an associate to partner:

- Person: You LOVE them
- Your personality testing says it's a go
- Use third parties to help you here
- Your entire team blesses the decision
 - "Dr. you are crazy if you don't hire him/her"
- Unique skill set they are bringing passion, commitment, training, technology, hometown boy/girl, different religion, Spanish



Is Your Business Ready?



One doctor general dentistry bringing in an associate to partner:

- Marketing
 - Ideal new patients per month 35-45
 - Rate your website—owner and staff pictures, associate pictures, is the website about you
 - Search engine optimization/ Pay per click Google campaign
 - Direct mail-5,000 pieces per month for new areas
 - Rate your office interior—what pictures are hanging
 - Rate your internal referral with hygiene, front desk, assistant, and you
 - Rate your tracking of these referrals
 - Most importantly rate your front desk answering the phone



Is Your Business Ready?



One doctor general dentistry bringing in an associate to partner:

- Technology, Equipment and Finish out:
 - What appearance do you have?
 - What are goals with new patients?
 - How efficient is your day?
 - What are you diagnosing and presenting?
 - What recall systems do you have?



Is Your Business Ready?



One doctor general dentistry bringing in an associate to partner:

- Space:
 - 2200 square feet for 5 ops
 - 3500 square feet for 7 ops
- When is your lease up—can we expand, do we build, do we build before he/she gets there?
- Staggered hours and 5 days a week
- New consult room for large case presentations



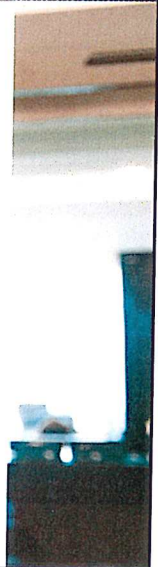
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One doctor general dentistry bringing in an associate to partner:

- Your dentistry and patients
- Fee for service
- PPO
- Kids
- Molar endo, surgery, implants, Invisalign, full mouth cases

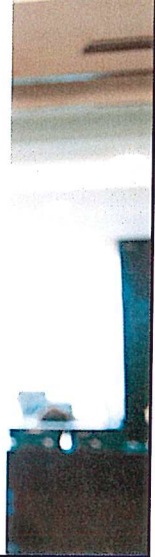
Are you treating and marketing to all patients?



Is Your Business Ready?

Your financial plan:

- Can you afford to take cut in pay? If so, how much?
- What tax planning do you have in place?
- How will the sale help you financially?
- How much does the business need to grow so that you make the same income you are making now?



Example 1:



Chart illustrates an initial investment of \$70,000 at age 30 and includes annual contributions of \$70,000 thereafter. Returns are based upon an 8% return compounded annually on both the initial investment and annual contributions over 30 years. Market and economic factors can change rapidly, investments involve risk and clients can experience a loss. Actual results may vary materially from example.

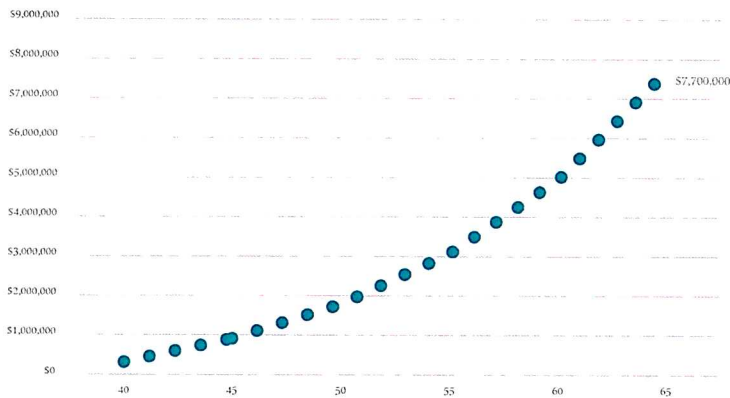
Example 2:

Target rate of return is 8% per annum

Tax deferred savings for 25 years

Current savings of \$300,000

Annual Contributions of \$70,000 Thereafter



This chart illustrates growth of savings based upon an initial one time investment of \$300,000 at age 40 and includes annual contributions of \$70,000 thereafter that earns an 8% return compounded annually over 25 years. Market and economic factors can change rapidly, investments involve risk and clients can experience a loss. Actual results may vary materially from example.

Example 3:

Target rate of return is 6% per annum

Tax deferred savings for 15 years

Current Savings of \$1,000,000

Annual Contributions of \$70,000 Thereafter

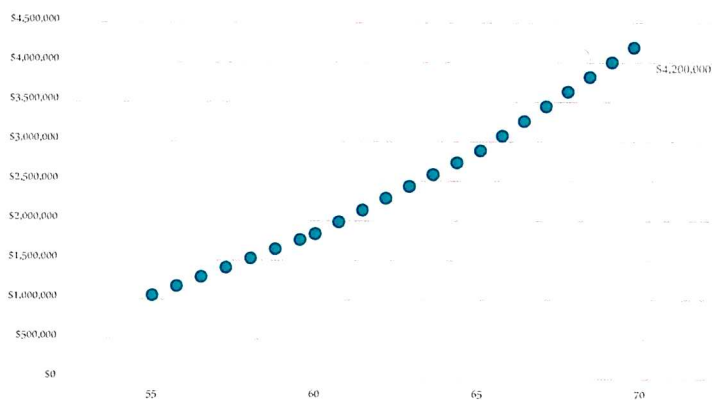


Chart illustrate growth of savings based upon an initial one time investment of \$1,000,000 at age 55 and includes annual contributions of \$70,000 thereafter that earns a 6% return compounded annually over 15 years. Market and economic factors can change rapidly, investments involve risk and clients can experience a loss. Actual results may vary materially from example.

Break even on the associate

Monthly Direct/Fixed Costs

Associate compensation	\$7,500
Full-time assistant	\$2,000
Capital investments	\$1,500
Monthly costs	\$11,000

Divided by (1-.40) current direct cost of 30% (supplies 6% , labs 7%, office supplies 2%, utilities, additional staff 15%) =
\$15,714 monthly or **\$188,571** annually

Direct costs—current staff cost, supplies, lab, office expenses, and misc.

Expected salary in private practice

- First year base salary
 - D4 - \$90,000 guarantee plus incentive
 - AEGD, GPR, 1 year experience - \$110,000 guarantee
 - Ortho - \$140,000- \$160,000
 - Pedo - \$160,000 - \$225,000
 - Endo - \$175,000 - \$200,000
 - OMS - \$200,000 - \$300,000
 - Perio - \$130,000 - \$160,000
 - Proth - \$130,000 - \$160,000
- Monthly compensation example:
 - \$7,500 month guarantee or the greater of \$25,000 at 30%
 - \$35,000 month x .30 =\$10,500

Goals for the office



Entire team understand what the break-even is with associate

- Dental student straight out of school expectations
 - \$30,000 of monthly collections by the 6th month
 - Two weeks of hands on CE courses at minimum
 - Meet as many patients as possible
 - Shadow established doctor as much as possible
- One year, AEGD, GPR expectations
 - \$40,000-\$160,000 of monthly collections by 6th month
 - Marketing any unique skill set candidate might have internally



Goals for the buy-in



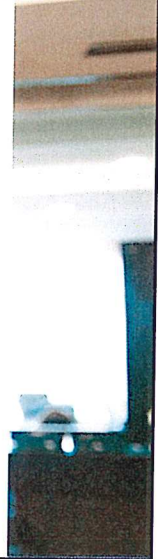
Based on the financial plan of established doctor:

- Forecast the practice collections with new overhead.
- What does the practice need to produce for the senior doctor not to take a pay cut?
- How much can the senior doctor afford to take a cut in pay?
- Run those projections out and that will determine what the associate needs to produce to buy-into the practice.



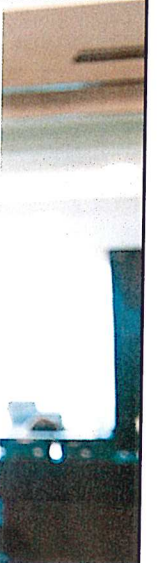
“I need an associate” Phase

- Total collections are \$1,000,000
- Doctor collections are \$750,000
- Hygiene collections are \$250,000
- Direct costs are 40%
- Fixed costs are 20%
- Net benefit to the doctor \$400,000
- Monthly new patient 30-40
- Little marketing efforts
- Doctor production is booked out for week or two
- Hygiene is booked for two months
- Spending very little time with new patients
- Currently referring out endo, surgery, ortho, implants
- 5 ops but space for 1-2 more



Goals during associate phase

- Total collections months 1-12: \$1,250,000
- Total collections months 13-24: \$1,500,000
- Total hygiene collection month 24: \$125,000
- Associate collections month 13: \$30,000
- Associate total collections months 13-24: \$450,000
- New patients consistently: 35+ a month
- Lower my overhead 5%
- New doctor taking advanced courses
- Majority of new patients seen by the new doctor
- All new patients are asked “What would you change about your smile?”
- The new patients that complete that sentence are seen by the established doctor



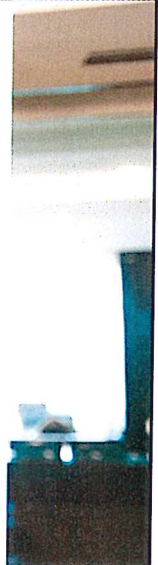
When does it make sense for the partnership?

- Total collections are \$1,500,000 (goal after two years of marketing)
- Established doctor producing \$675,000 (60% of doctor collections)
- New doctor producing \$450,000 (40% of doctor collections)
- Hygiene collections are \$375,000 (grew by 3 hygiene days a week)
- Direct costs are 38%
- Fixed costs are 17%
- Net benefit to the doctors \$675,000 (this is key) prior to partnership
- Established doctor \$405,000 (60%)
- New partner \$270,000 (40%)
- \$450,000 x .30 (associate compensation) = \$135,000



Valuation Process

1. General Practice	
• \$1 million collections, nice equipment,	
• 50% overhead, selling doctor staying in the practice	
2. General Practice	Value
• \$1 million collections, old equipment,	1. \$750,000 - \$800,000
• 70% overhead, selling doctor selling immediately	2. \$550,000 - \$650,000
3. Ortho Practice	3. \$900,000 - \$950,000
• \$1 million collections, nice equipment,	4. \$400,000 - \$500,000
• 55% overhead, west of I-5	
4. Pediatric Practice	
• \$1 million collections, old equipment, Medicaid, 50% overhead, rural America	



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What will both sides expect?

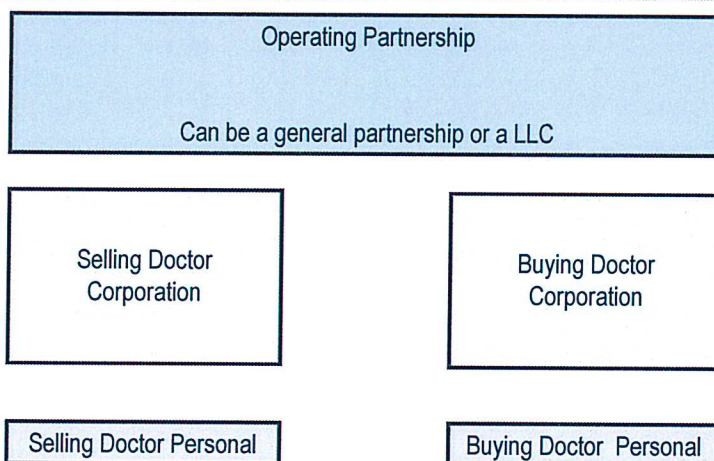
Senior doctor

- Approximate valuation \$1,000,000
- When do we value? Around the 18th month?
- \$400,000 net proceeds
- 80% of the value taxed at 20%
- 20% of the value taxed ordinary income
- Similar income
- More time off
- Practice is more efficient
- More work in the beginning, less now
- Mentorship

Buying doctor

- Approximate valuation \$1,000,000
- Valued after you were there because senior doctor took huge risk
- You borrow \$400,000 over 10 years at 5% paying annually \$51,000
- You net after debt service \$219,000
- You are building equity in a business
- You are deducting the debt payments
- You are being mentored
- You made money sooner and now have first right of refusal on the other 60%
- You have a business that you can tax plan from
- You are making twice as much as an owner (270k vs. 135k)
- You have the ability to start funding a pension plan

Setting the deal up



Philosophy of Splitting the Money



- Portion of profit should be based on ownership
- Majority of splitting the money should be based on production – General Rule is 35% of production
- “He who receives the benefit pays the expense”
- Partnerships are difficult to set up but if well executed it can be rewarding both financially, physically and emotionally.



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