FREE WEBINAR

How <u>health:latch</u> Embraced A Unique Professional Collaboration and Leveraged Meaningful Technology To Educate and Inspire Primary Care, <u>Referring Professionals</u>, and <u>Patients</u>.



Thursday, September 3, 2020 • 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM PST

At the End of This Presentation Participants Will

- Have an appreciation for a unique collaboration between a Naturopathic Physician and a Pediatric Dentist
- Understand why while we specialize in seeing babies 0-3 months, we are slowly becoming known at the Triage clinic for tongue/ lip ties of all ages. We are starting to see older children and adults in the work we do
- See why a CO₂ laser is a preferred tool for infant laser frenectomies
- Know unique ideas to leverage technology to drive your educational systems to open professional minds and change patient lives
- Understand why being part of the health:latch circle helps unite a message about oral restrictions and airway issues worldwide

Meet the Instructors



James Thomas, DDS, MS *Pediatric Dentist*

Dr. Thomas received his Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) from The University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He discovered his love for working with young patients while volunteering at a special needs camp in Bay Cliff, Michigan and decided to focus on

preventing oral health problems in the youngest population. He completed his Masters in Pediatric Dentistry (MS) from The University of Michigan in 2005. After relocating to Seattle in 2006 with his family, Dr. Thomas practiced as an associate in Lakewood and Mt. Vernon before opening his own practice – Everyone By One – in Bellevue, and later a second practice in Lynnwood and business office in Centralia. He sold the entire business in April 2016 to found health:latch. After treating thousands of children while in pediatric dentistry, some of whom struggled with breastfeeding due to tongue and lip tie, he has a unique understanding of the issue. Seeing firsthand how stressful it can be for families, he has created a specialty practice dedicated to changing the lives of these babies and their families.

Dr. Thomas is a member of International Consortium of Oral Ankylofrenula Professionals (ICAP), the American Dental Association (ADA), the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD), the WA State Association of Pediatric Dentists (WSAPD), the WA State Dental Association (WSDA), and the Seattle Lactation Journal Study Club (SLJC).

He is an advisor to Rhinogram. A software HIPAA-compliant messaging application that he believes is going to be a game-changer and an advocate for patient-centered healthcare communications. He developed a community-based educational software platform to share the message of hope and love-driven through the health:latch educational brand. It is called the health:latch circle. Through oral tether education and professional collaboration, Dr. Thomas believes this community will inspire others to learn how they can be DEFIANTLY JOYFUL.

In his free time, Dr. Thomas loves to spend time with his family, golfs when he can, and still likes to hoop it up. He's also always game for an excellent physical challenge. He has summited Mt. Rainier, hiked Rim2Rim2Rim, free-climbed Half Dome, and maybe - just maybe - was an alternate for American Ninja Warrior.



Jill Ghormley, ND *Naturopathic Physician*

Dr. Ghormley is a graduate of Bastyr University and the first licensed deaf Naturopathic Physician in the United States. She is currently an adjunct professor at Bastyr University and past adjunct professor at the National University of Natural Medicine in Portland, Oregon. Dr.

Dr. Ghormley completed a residency with an osteopath and chiropractor specializing in physical medicine and spinal manipulation techniques as well as naturopathic modalities. She has extensive knowledge and experience in sacral occipital technique, spinal and extremities manipulation (alignment), hydrotherapy, physical therapy rehabilitation, applied kinesiology, acutonics, cranial osteopathy, and muscle energy stretching – just to name a few. She is certified in IV and injection therapy; craniosacral therapy, visceral manipula-

Ghormley is a coalition leader for medical aid in developing nations worldwide.

tion, activator technique, Gonstead Technique, and Kinesio taping.

Once Dr. Ghormley overcame the immense communication challenges that being totally deaf brought to childhood, it was all uphill from there. Through the experiences of her youth, she developed a fascination with medicine and a desire to understand how the body works. Dr. Ghormley obtained a graduate degree in Biomedical Communications then pursued the arduous journey of becoming a Naturopathic Physician. It really is true that the loss of one sense enhances the other senses. She believes that her deafness served as an incredible asset to her abilities as a physician. It has allowed her to be exceptionally attuned to my patients' visual, olfactory (smell), and energetic cues.

Her passion for international medicine has led her to do volunteer medical work in Nepal, DR Congo, Russia, Malaysia, Thailand, Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia, and Sri Lanka. She plans to continue her work in developing countries and teach the power of self-reliance and self-healing both in the US and abroad.

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