



## Practice Owner Dentist | Event Overview & FAQ's

### What is C.A.R.E. Conference?

The 2022 C.A.R.E. Conference is the Affordable network's largest dentist-focused event, held every two years, with the purpose of delivering industry-leading clinical education, celebrating dentist and practice achievements, enabling dentist peer networking, and connecting dentists to the vendors and product education needed to enhance patient care.

### C.A.R.E. Date & Location Details

**DATE:** October 6 – 9, 2022

**LOCATION:** Miami, Florida

#### **ARRIVALS: Thursday, October 6**

- Registration and hotel check-in begin at 2 PM, however, rooms may not be available until 4 PM.
- All attendees should arrive in time to attend the C.A.R.E. Welcome Party at 6 PM.

#### **DEPARTURES: Sunday, October 9**

- Attendees are free to depart any time on Sunday. Hotel check-out is required by 11 AM.

### C.A.R.E. Program Information

The C.A.R.E. program consists of daytime Education Programs and evening Social Events.

The C.A.R.E. Education Program is comprised of both general session mainstage events and individual clinical education break-out sessions. Break-out sessions vary in time length, topic, speaker and format, with all sessions are specifically tailored to the needs of the Affordable network. Each attendee will have the opportunity to select preferred break-out sessions during registration to create a unique itinerary. CEU will be awarded based upon attendee selections and attendance. Seating is limited at each break-out session, so we recommend registering early for best selection!

### C.A.R.E. Attendees & Audience

#### **All Dentists in the network are invited and encouraged to attend!**

Each Practice Owner will receive a hard-copy invitation via mail to the practice. Each Practice Owners is welcome to extend the invitation to attend the C.A.R.E. Conference to his or her associate dentist(s) at their discretion.

Practice staff members are not invited as this is a dentist-only event.

## C.A.R.E. Registration

All attendees must register through the online registration portal, found on the website: [www.care-conference.com](http://www.care-conference.com).

During the registration process, each attendee will select choices for break-out CE sessions, so it is important to set aside 10-15 minutes to complete the process. Once registration is complete, a confirmation email will be sent. If no email is received, registration is NOT confirmed.

**ALL DENTISTS MUST REGISTER ONLINE BY JULY 15, 2022.**

## C.A.R.E. Tuition, Travel and Cost of Attendance

**The total cost per dentist will be divided up into the categories of “Tuition” and “Group Travel” and follow standard policies consistent with all Affordable Clinical Education events for payment terms and participation.**

### TUITION

**C.A.R.E. Tuition is offered at \$2,500 per attendee to all dentists in the network.**

Tuition is billed upon final registration confirmation in July, and includes the following:

- Up to 12 hours of CEU (based on final registration)
- CE Materials
- Attendee Gift, Evening Social Activities & Entertainment

Tuition will be billed back to the practice for both Practice Owners and their associate dentists. There will be no out-of-pocket costs to the attendees for tuition. Tuition will be billed in July 2022 upon final registration.

### GROUP TRAVEL

**C.A.R.E. travel costs, including airfare and group travel, will be billed to each attendee’s practice at actual cost following the event.**

All attendees are required to utilize group travel during the C.A.R.E. Conference. Group travel includes the following:

- Hotel Accommodations, Taxes and Resort Fees
- All Meals
- Group Transportation
- Individual Air Travel

**Please note the following Travel Policies apply:**

- **Air Travel:** All air travel must be booked through Direct Travel following registration completion. Air travel will be selected by the attendee in conjunction with the travel agency to ensure the best and most reliable rates and flights are obtained at the time of booking.
- **Mileage/Parking:** Dentists who live in close driving proximity to the C.A.R.E. Conference location will be reimbursed for associated mileage at the standard federal reimbursement rate. Attendees will be reimbursed for all other associated mileage and parking in accordance with the current travel reimbursement policies.
- **Other Travel Costs:** All hotel accommodations, taxes, fees, meals and activity costs are provided during C.A.R.E. and included in the final billed cost of group travel, therefore, any other travel costs or expenses will not be covered and/or reimbursed as practice expenses. Attendees are expected to attend all C.A.R.E. events, and there are no discounted rates or exceptions to this policy as related to group travel costs. Affordable will not reimburse attendees for expenses related to alternate travel or accommodations.

## Guest Attendance at C.A.R.E.

Each attendee is invited to bring one guest to C.A.R.E. at an additional fee of \$950 per guest.

Guest fees include the following:

- Hotel Accommodations, Taxes and Resort Fees
- All Meals
- Transportation
- Attendee Gift, Evening Social Activities & Entertainment

Each attendee is permitted one hotel room per night, and guests would be required to share this hotel room with the attendee. Additional room requests will not be accommodated.

Guests are not permitted to attend the C.A.R.E. Conference general or break-out sessions, however, they are invited to join attendees during all meals and breaks if desired.

Guests are required to abide by the attire guidelines for all events in which they participate.

Each attendee is permitted one registered guest at social events. Guests will be required to bring badge identification to all events to participate. Unregistered guests will not be permitted at C.A.R.E. events.

Guest fees will be due at the time of registration and payable with a personal credit card. Guest registration can be cancelled, and the fee refunded until September 1, 2022. Thereafter, the fee is non-refundable. Each attendee is responsible for paying the guest fee and guest travel expenses, as well as any leisure activities or costs that may be incurred during the C.A.R.E. Conference. If preferred, guest air travel can be booked through the Affordable travel agent and will require payment with a personal credit card at the time of booking.

**Guest fees, travel and any other guest-related costs are not reimbursable or billable to the practice.**

**Children are not permitted to attend C.A.R.E. Conference events.**

## C.A.R.E. Locum Tenens Coverage & Vacation Requests

**We will attempt to secure locum tenens coverage for all practices impacted by the dentist(s) attending the C.A.R.E. Conference.**

- During the registration process, each attendee will indicate if his or her practice will need locum tenens coverage based on attendance. If this is indicated, this information will be sent to the recruiting team at the time of registration to prepare to secure coverage.
- Attendee registration will be closely monitored to ensure there are no gaps for practices where locum tenens coverage was not selected during registration.
- We will work closely with the Operations team to triage coverage requests as appropriate.

**Operations must approve all attending dentist vacation requests that immediately precede or follow the C.A.R.E. Conference dates (October 6 – 9).**

- Approvals must be submitted before C.A.R.E. air travel is booked and/or locum tenens coverage is secured.
- We will not assist in making personal travel bookings for attending dentists.
- Extended hotel stays and other costs are not reimbursable or billable to the practice.

**Locum tenens coverage requests and vacation requests should avoid preceding or immediately following the C.A.R.E. Conference if not related to the event.**

## C.A.R.E. COVID-19 Safety Guidelines

**The safety and health of our dentists, attendees and co-workers are of utmost importance. We encourage all attendees at C.A.R.E. to be fully vaccinated and wear appropriate face coverings, but it is not required.**

The following safety measures will be implemented at C.A.R.E.:

- The C.A.R.E. Conference will abide by CDC guidelines and recommendations for events
- The C.A.R.E. Conference will abide by the state and local recommendations
- Affordable C.A.R.E. will provide appropriate cloth face masks for all attendees
- The C.A.R.E. Conference will optimize the space to allow for the practicing social distancing
- Affordable C.A.R.E. will provide rapid onsite testing and will have a designated COVID-19 contact to handle concerns

Please note these safety measures are subject to change.

## C.A.R.E. Dress Code

**Attire during general sessions and break-out sessions in Business Casual.**

- Jeans are acceptable during daytime sessions only.
- Tank tops, shorts, athletic clothing, hats, ripped or frayed clothing, swimwear, and flip-flops are not allowed.

**Evening Attire is as follows:**

- Thursday C.A.R.E. Welcome Party: Resort Cocktail
- Friday C.A.R.E. Party: Nautical Chic
- Saturday C.A.R.E. Awards Gala: Black Tie Formal

## Questions?

We're here to help!

**C.A.R.E. General Information, Policies, Sponsor Information and Fees:**

- Please contact [Emily Buechler](#), Director of Clinical Operations

**C.A.R.E. Registration and Travel Assistance:**

- Please contact [Jenna Unrath](#), Senior Clinical Coordinator