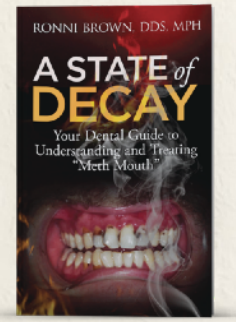
Dr. Ronni Brown

Ronni Brown, DDS, MPH, FADI is a dentist, researcher, speaker and author who bridges the gap between dentistry, public health, and substance misuse.

With more than 30 years of experience as a public health leader, clinician, published researcher, speaker, and author, Ronni Brown, DDS, MPH, FADI has built a solid reputation as "the speaker you want" to deliver high-impact, powerful, and engaging presentations on the oral effects of addiction. Her presentations are both inspired and informed by her current position as a community health planner developing strategic action plans that raise awareness of the opioid epidemic and her years of experience treating patients whose oral health had been impacted by substance-use disorders.

Dr. Brown recognizes both the satisfaction and challenges in improving "one smile at a time" and advocates for population-based strategies that improve the "overall health of all." Her research studies on the impact of drug-use patterns on caries severity and harm reduction strategies for dental patients has garnered international attention. She is the author of the #1 best seller, *"A State of Decay: Your Dental Guide to Understanding and Treating Meth Mouth".*



Dr. Brown earned a bachelors, dental, and master's degree from the University of California, Los Angeles and completed a post-graduate dental practice residency at the Veteran's Administration Medical Center, San Francisco and a dental public health residency at the University of California, San Francisco.

She is a member of the American Dental Association, California Dental Association, VOCO's International Fellows, and the Academy of Dentistry International. Dr. Brown is the recipient of the 2025 UCSF Alumni Practitioner Award for her boundless clinical empathy, understanding, and caring across multiple domains of health care.

> "Dr. Brown is a thoughtful and enthusiastic speaker. She intersperses research with patient vignettes to provide a unique and evidence-based presentation that keeps all audience members engaged." *Jennifer Clemens, DMD, MPH*

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Presentations (Partial Listing)

Academy of Cosmetic and Adhesive Dentistry
Academy of Dentistry International
Alameda County Dental Society
Alameda Dental Group
AmeriCorps Training Day
American Dental Association FDI World Dental Congress *(multiple)*
Angel City Dental Society
Berkeley Dental Society
California Dental Association CDA Presents *(multiple)*
California Indian Health Service Dental Education *(multiple)*
Capitol Dental Care *(multiple)*
Central Valley Dental Forum
Charter Oak Dental Meeting / CSDA
Chicago Midwinter *(multiple)*
Colgate Oral Health Network
Contra Costa Dental Society *(multiple)*
Delta Study Group
Fresno Madera Dental Society *(multiple)*
Greater Bay Area Dental Society
Great River Study Club
Harbor Dental Society
Humboldt Del Norte Dental Society *(multiple)*
Journees dentaires internationales du Quebec (JDIQ) *(multiple)*
Louisiana State Dental Association
Maine Dental Association
Marin County Dental Society
Massachusetts Dental Society
Monterey Bay Dental Society
National Dental Association Centennial Convention
Northern California Dental Society
Rhode Island Dental Association
Rutgers School of Dental Medicine *(multiple)*
Sacramento District Dental Society *(multiple)*
San Gabriel Valley Dental Society *(multiple)*
Southern Alameda Dental Society
Star of the South
Star of the North *(multiple)*
The University of Alabama, School of Dentistry
University of California, Los Angeles, School of Dentistry *(multiple)*
University of California, San Francisco, School of Dentistry *(multiple)*
University of Kentucky, The College of Dentistry *(multiple)*
University of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry
University of Texas Science Center at Houston, School of Dentistry *(multiple)*
Vermont State Dental Association *(multiple)*
Viva Learning Interactive Webinar *(multiple)*
VOCO America Webinar
VOCO Fellow Symposium
Wallingford-Meriden-Chesire Dental Society
Western Regional Dental Experience *(multiple)*
Yankee Dental Congress *(multiple)*

Memberships & Associations

- American Dental Association
- California Dental Association
- Alameda County Dental Society
- Academy of Dentistry International
- American College of Dentists

Featured In

- Dental Town Podcast
- Dental Products Report
- DeW Magazine
- Mind Your Own Business Podcast
- A Tale of Two Hygienists Podcast
- The Dental Brief Podcast
- Dental Clinical Companion Podcast
- On the Cusp Podcast
- UCSF Magazine

> *I WOULD ABSOLUTELY RECOMMEND DR. BROWN'S COURSES TO MY COLLEAGUES - THIS INFORMATION NEEDS TO GET TO THE PUBLIC.*

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Testimonials

"I knew that the workshop was going to be fabulous but I could not imagine how fabulous it turned out to be in every aspect. Dr. Brown has a wonderful workshop leadership style and has mastered adult learning. I enjoyed the workshop tremendously." *Pam Alston, DDS*

"Ronni, I want to thank you for your keynote speech at the Fellow Symposium in Germany. It was very well received and **the feedback was amazing."** *Dr. Matthias Mehring, Knowledge Communication Manager VOCO GmbH*

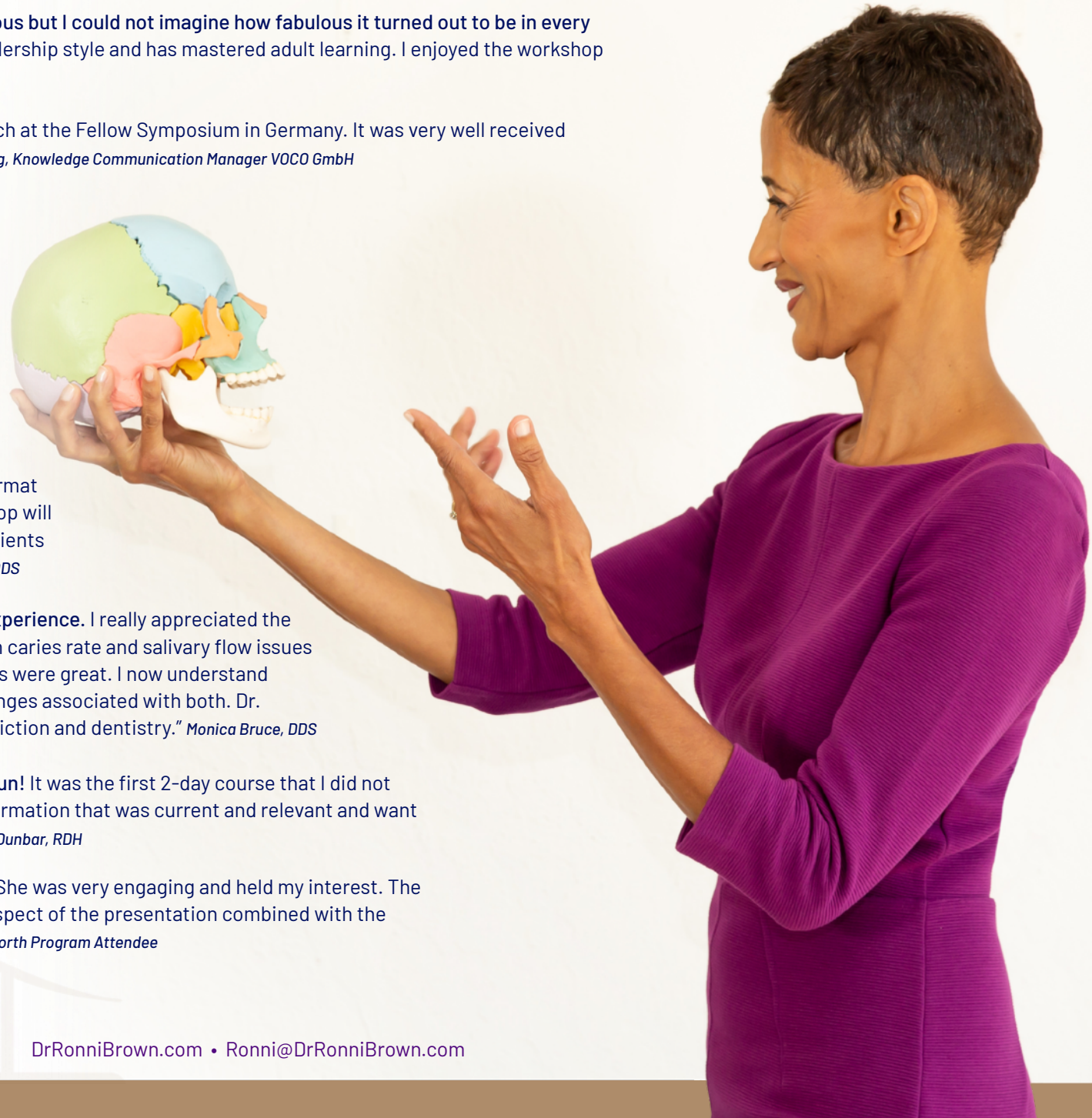
"Dr. Brown's teaching style is rare. This is the first workshop that I have ever attended that kept me completely engaged for 2 days! The information was practical for day-to-day dentistry and the group exercises solidified my learning and comfort with the subject! Thank you, Dr. Brown. You did a great job."
David Duhon, DDS

"I had an awesome time and learned a lot. The format was really engaging and interactive. This workshop will help me properly develop treatment plans for patients who are using methamphetamine." *La Ron Cotton, DDS*

"I loved the workshop. It was truly a wonderful experience. I really appreciated the treatment strategy part and how to treat the high caries rate and salivary flow issues of methamphetamine users. The breakout groups were great. I now understand about both addiction and sobriety and the challenges associated with both. Dr. Brown shed a whole new light on the topic of addiction and dentistry." *Monica Bruce, DDS*

"This workshop is educational, interactive, and fun! It was the first 2-day course that I did not want to miss. I walked away with a toolbox of information that was current and relevant and want to share with my patients and colleagues." *Sonya Dunbar, RDH*

"Very thorough presentation on a current topic. She was very engaging and held my interest. The three hours flew by! Loved the biology science aspect of the presentation combined with the everyday applicable information." *2025 Star of the North Program Attendee*



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"Dr. Brown was an amazing, intelligent, and passionate speaker and I learned a lot listening to her tonight. Her commitment to patient education was very inspiring. She showed that passion plus a well thought out plan can be effective in improving people's oral health and lives." *A. Tumanyan*

"Our group of dentists, hygienists, and office staff was so impressed with her Evidence-based Dentistry presentation that we invited her back for her Meth-Mouth presentation and were not disappointed." *Jennifer Clemens, DMD, MPH*

"Dr. Brown is an excellent speaker who empowers her audience with useful information." *Contra Costa County Dental Society*

"The reviews for your course were outstanding. Your presentation was a success at our annual meeting." *Amit Desai, DMD, Coordinator; Connecticut State Dental Association*

"Dr. Brown's passion and depth of knowledge make the course interesting and engaging. Dr. Brown helped me feel more comfortable identifying meth use and talking to my patients about meth. The patient testimonials were informative and helped provide a context for the course. I now feel that I have a practical approach to treatment and a better understanding of these patients."
Leslie McGarvey, DDS

"You are a phenomenal speaker and our team was lucky to have you." *Tanya Clark*

"Dr. Brown, it was a pleasure to have you. All attendee comments were positive. A few of the comments: 'Very informative. Interesting subject. Clear information. Excellent topic and the speaker was amazing. Should be mandatory course in all schools.' Thank you for coming!"
Dan Hinrichs, Executive Director; Humboldt Del-Norte Dental Society

"Awesome speaker, valuable content. She is easy to listen to. Dr. Brown has condensed and simplified the content and developed techniques that facilitated our comprehension of the material." *2025 Star of the North Program Attendee*

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