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New technologies and sessions on cutting-edge topics draw in attendees

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Thousands of clinicians and supporting staff have descended on the grounds of Caesars Palace in Las Vegas to attend the American Academy of Implant Dentistry’s 64th Annual Educational Conference.

This year’s AAID meeting, "Where Classic Principles Support Cutting-Edge Implant Dentistry," aims to provide “practical education for the practicing implant dentist.” Some topics include the science of implant dentistry; pharmacology of implant dentistry; future of dental implants; soft-tissue management; formulas for success; management of complications; and much more.

Many of Thursday’s educational

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Dr. Carl Misch receives a standing ovation at his keynote presentation Thursday, focusing on Extract and Immediate Implant Placement. (Photos/Sierra Rendon, today Staff)

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sessions drew crowds, such as Dr. Carl Misch’s keynote address, “Extract and Immediate Placement,” which focused on immediate temporization, risk management for immediate implants in extraction sites and guidelines for extraction and immediate implant placement.

Another Thursday session that drew great interest was Dr. Jaime Lozada’s seminar on “3-D Printing Technology in Implant Dentistry,” which featured actual use of a 3-D printer on site during the session.

The exhibit hall was brimming with new products and technology created to make implant dentistry simpler, faster and more successful.

One such new technology is the X-Guide Dynamic 3-D Navigation System by X-Nav Technologies. The AAID is the first show that the X-Guide is appearing at since receiving its FDA clearance just one week ago.

The X-Guide system is designed to elevate the surgeon’s control and precision during the entire implant process, including planning and placement, said Michelle Jackson of X-Nav.

Interactive, turn-by-turn guidance during live surgery gives clinicians the ability to visualize precise movements of the handpiece during osteotomy and implant delivery for more exact implant placement. “It’s like GPS for the drill,” according to Jackson. To learn more, stop by the X-Nav booth, No. 915.

Another innovative new product here at the AAID is the Restful Jaw®, an easy-to-use, clinically proven device that supports the jaw during treatment. Designed by dental researcher and educator, Dr. Eric L Schiffman, the device has been tested in clinical trials for more than a decade.

“One of our clinicians said it best: You may not need it for every client, but when you need to use it, it can be a real lifesaver,” Schiffman said.

Stop by the company’s booth, No. 922, to see how it works.