It’s the place to be

By Sierra Rendon, today Staff

As more than 30,000 dentists and dental professionals begin exploring all that the Chicago Dental Society’s 149th Midwinter Meeting has to offer, one thing quickly becomes clear: If you’re looking for the latest innovations in dentistry, you are in the right place.

More than 600 exhibiting companies from around the world have brought their newest and greatest products and technology to this week’s show. Companies such as the KaVo Kerr Group, which strategically unites leading dental consumable, equipment, high-tech and specialty brands under one global platform, and itself is featuring 20 new products here at the Chicago meeting.

Education from all the specialties

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If you have come to this week’s meeting hoping to learn new techniques or to make your current office protocol more effective, there are plenty of educational opportunities for you today.

Here are a few educational highlights for today:

- **Restorative dentistry**: “The Evolution of Digital Restorative Dentistry – LIVE!” featuring Dr. Alex Touchstone, Angela Guanzini, CDD, RDH, and Lee Culb, CDT. This live demonstration from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. will examine the possibilities of same-day restorative dentistry.

- **Special needs patients**: “Workshop: Anxious, Special-Needs Patients” with Dr. Harvey Levy will show attendees many tools used in the dental office to manage patients who have anxiety or special needs. In Room W475B, this 8:30-11:30 a.m. workshop is $90 and will provide three C.E. hours.

- **Looking into lasers**: “Reality or Hype? Lasers in Periodontal Pocket Surgery” with Dr. Lloyd Tilt will help attendees separate fact from fiction and to evaluate what laser might best fit each patient. In Room W475B, this 1:30-4:30 p.m. workshop is free and will provide three C.E. hours.
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- Neutralizes acid on contact
- Demonstrates an anti-plaque effect
Here’s a sampling of some of the new products you can find in the aisles of the exhibit hall:

• **Advanced cone-beam solutions**: i-CAT, at booth No. 1200, is showcasing its new i-CAT FLX CBCT featuring award-winning FLX technology and new Tx STUDIO 5.3 treatment-planning software. The i-CAT FLX offers 3-D imaging at a dose lower than a 2-D panoramic X-ray with QuickScan.

• **New age in water flossing**: WaterPik Inc. is introducing its Waterpik® Professional Water Flosser, a new compact and contemporary design with on/off water control on the handle, an LED information panel and seven water flosser tips. Check it out at booth No. 1611.

• **High-def loupes**: Orascoptic has new Nano HD loupes featuring high-definition, lightweight, comfortable loupes. Try them on at booth Nos. 3600/3801.

• **Broad array of innovations**: DEXIS, booth No. 1200, has its new CariVu caries detection device, DEXIS Mac software, DEXshield radiation-reducing sensor holder and DEXIS photo digital app. Visit them to learn more information about all the company’s new innovations.

• **Mouthwash for braces**: Specially formulated for orthodontic patients, ACT has its new ACT Braces Care anti-cavity fluoride mouthwash at booth No. 4611, available for attendees to try out on site. The mouthwash helps patients prevent caries and clean in and around fixed orthodontic appliances at the same time that it soothes oral tissue and freshens breath.