New and improved

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I nnovation seems to be top of mind here at the American Association of Orthodontists 115th Annual Session in San Francisco this week. Orthodontists who look to the future and aim to stay informed on the latest and greatest innovations in the industry are sure to feel right at home as they peruse the exhibit hall of the AAO 2015 or learn about something new during a lecture or presentation.

Many companies are launching new products and technology right here at the Moscone Center.

Here is a quick look at some of the new innovations and education you’ll want to seek out in the exhibit hall:

• 3M focuses on esthetics: With a variety of new products, 3M Unitek is confident that its new products will allow orthodontists to be more productive and efficient than ever. One particularly innovative new product you will find at the 3M booth, No. 1129, is the APC Flash-Free Adhesive Coated Appliance System. Senior Global Brand Manager Barbie Filmalter said this eliminates the flash removal step from bonding, which saves time for the doctor, staff and patients. It protects enamel under the adhesive during treatment, and it also makes debonding easier.

In addition, while you’re at the booth, ask a representative to show you 3M’s New and improved Attendees check out hundreds of exhibitors and products at the American Association of Orthodontists 115th Annual Session at the Moscone Center in San Francisco. Photo/Sierra Rendon, Ortho Tribune Staff

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I f you came to the AAO Annual Session to learn new techniques and practice-management tools from experts in the industry, with two days left of this year’s meeting, there are still plenty of opportunities to fit in some more educational sessions.

Here is a sampling of classes that are taking place today and Tuesday:

• “Miniscrew Assisted Slow Expansion of Mature Sutures” with Dr. Ross Jeffrey Pulver, being held at 8:20 a.m. today.
• “A New Lingual Orthodontics Using Mini-Tube Appliances (MTA)” with Dr. Hyeon-Shik Hwang, being held at 10:30 a.m. today.
• “Resin Infiltration for Treatment of White Spot Lesions” with Dr. David Covell, being held at 8:45 a.m. Tuesday.
• “Root Resorption Following Traumatic Injuries Implications for the Orthodontist” with Dr. Patrick K. Turley, being held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday.
• “Expansion and Periodontal Concerns in Adults” with Dr. Sunjay Suri, being held at 3:45 p.m. Tuesday.

For even more, pick up the on-site program or download the AAO 2015 mobile app to your smartphone.
Throughout April, the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) partnered with Arizona’s starting pitcher, Patrick Corbin, to promote National Facial Protection Month. An all-star example of safety on the field, Corbin wears a mouthguard for his position on the pitching mound and while at bat.

Corbin is dedicated to facial protection and created a radio public service campaign to encourage athletes of all ages to cover their bases when it comes to protecting their mouth, teeth and face. His goal is to remind players of the importance of wearing a mouth guard and the serious repercussions of an injury to the teeth.

National Facial Protection Month is an annual initiative that reminds athletes to play it safe by wearing a mouth guard and appropriate safety gear at every practice and every game.

Corbin, all-star starting pitcher for Arizona, is a prime example of a professional athlete who takes protecting his teeth seriously. When baseballs can be hit at speeds of more than 100 mph, Corbin protects himself on the pitching mound by always wearing a mouth guard.

“Wearing a mouth guard on the field is just as important as any other protective gear,” Corbin said. “In baseball, a line drive can come at you when you least expect it, and it’s crucial to be protected.”

National Facial Protection Month is sponsored annually by the AAO, AAOMS, AAPD, the Academy for Sports Dentistry and the ADA.

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Esprit, Class II corrector
Esprit, a Class II corrector, brings a variety of unique features, including a CNC-machined body that is smooth and durable and a new, innovative, patented clip. The clip is guaranteed to be easy to install and remove, and it stays in place without disengaging during treatment. Esprit also features a mesial hook that prevents rolling into the occlusion. The hook is smooth for patient comfort and can be removed with ease — no cutting required. Esprit’s enclosed stainless-steel spring prevents painful pinching and unhygienic trapping of food. This enclosed spring also resists deformation and maintains consistent force throughout the patient’s wear.

Epic X
Epic X from Biolase is the newest generation of the company’s award-winning portable dental laser. Epic X features pre-initiated tips, laser-assisted whitening and temporary relief of minor pain, all from a single diode laser solution. Biolase also is offering a reliability assurance plan, which ensures users are never without the Epic X for more than 24 hours.

Edge Animation app
The Edge Animations app is a free Apple/Android application for all orthodontists and orthodontic residents. The app contains an ‘Introduction to Orthodontics” video that explains to your consulting patients and parents why treatment from a certified orthodontist matters. The Edge Animations app also includes many compliance videos to help ensure patients are fully informed about their treatment, with videos on brushing, foods to avoid and much more.

Tx STUDIO 5.4
The new and enhanced Tx STUDIO 5.4 treatment planning software delivers a host of powerful treatment tools for dentists and specialists working with implants, airway, TMD, orthodontics and surgical procedures. In addition to its already existing capabilities for accurate planning, Tx STUDIO 5.4 offers new and improved tools, including an enhanced abutment design that allows the crown to be placed onto the abutment and prepped teeth as well as simulation of pontics and bridges.
Assure Plus All Surface Bonding Resin
Assure™ Plus All Surface Bonding Resin makes it possible to bond directly to every intraoral surface using one bonding primer and any bonding paste — chemical or light cured. The product increases adhesion to normal, atypical, dry or slightly contaminated enamel, and now zirconia and acrylic temps, without additional primers. The universal bonding agent also bonds to metal restorations and porcelain.
Reliance Orthodontic Products, booth No. 805

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The M5 G&H Thermal Copper Nickel Titanium Wire is a premium nickel titanium wire that incorporates a precise temperature transformation at 27 degrees Celsius for predictable tooth moving forces. G&H quality manufacturing and testing processes make M5 distinct from other archwires used in orthodontics.

*G&H, booth No. 2029*

**The Myobrace for Braces series**

The Myobrace for Braces series is a new addition to the Myobrace appliance range. It is a three-stage appliance system, which facilitates the treatment of the habits causing malocclusion alongside simultaneous treatment with fixed orthodontic braces. The appliance series, which can assist in providing more stable orthodontic treatment results, incorporates the B1 for habit correction, B2 for habit correction and arch expansion and the B3 for habit correction in the retention phase with clear aligners.

*Myofunctional Research Company, booth No. 1843*

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*Dolphin Imaging, booth No. 829*

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- American Orthodontics enhances its products: American Orthodontics is introducing a broad range of product enhancements here in San Francisco. The company is launching its newest instrument line, Luno Instruments. Crafted from American-forged steel to resist corrosion, Luno is available in a wide range of cutters, benders and specialty pliers. Also, new arch forms for the Tanzo Premium Heat Activated Arch Wire line are being introduced. Its PowerScope Class II Corrector will now feature a prominent laser marking ID for quicker and easier activation and an improved screw and attachment mechanism for increased durability. The company is providing live PowerScope demonstrations at its booth (No. 815) every hour.

- Ortho Classic offers in-booth lectures: For even more learning, Ortho Classic is offering a variety of in-booth clinical lectures continuing today and Tuesday. Drs. Tom Pitts, Tomas Castellanos and Daniela Storino are among the lecturers. Stop by booth No. 2017 starting at 10 a.m. today to catch a lecture.