DTSC Symposia returns for third year

From ortho to endo, there’s something for everyone each day of the show

For the third year, Dental Tribune is partnering with the organizers of the Greater New York Dental Meeting to offer four days of symposia in various areas of dentistry.

Each day will feature five individual one-hour lectures led by experts in the field. The final day will feature the Osseo University Summit, a program dedicated to implantologists.

Participants in all of the sessions not only earn C.E. credits but also gain

By Jayme S. McNiff, GNYDM Education Coordinator

Welcome to New York and to one of the largest and most comprehensive dental meetings in the United States.

Whether it’s your first time here or your 50th, you will find something to interest you – from the latest technologies to resources and education designed to keep your dental practice current, competitive and rock solid.

The exhibit floor and the diverse continuing education programs are the centerpiece of this annual expansive meeting. Organizers coordinate
D SC presents the first Osseo University Summit

On Wednesday, join Dental Tribune and the Dental Tribune Study Club to learn about implant-driven dentistry from a true collection of masters, carefully selected from across the globe.

Dr. Kenneth Serota, founder of www.OsseoUniversity.com, helped to design the Osseo University Summit for dentists who are interested in better preparing themselves to determine which treatment option is most appropriate for each individual implant patient.

The summit promises to benefit dentists seeking C.E. by offering great relevance to their daily work while letting them learn from a world-class, experienced faculty.

The program, which is moderated by Dr. Benedict Bachstein, offers you a collection of the hottest topics in implantology today.

Course No. 1: 12:45–1:30 p.m.
“Utilizing Patient Specific Abutments to Achieve Exceptional Results” with Dr. Ethan Pansick, United States

This will describe the indications and contra-indications of the different types of implant abutments available for use today.

Course No. 2: 1:35–2:20 p.m.
“Microscopic Management of Alveolar Bone Defects in Fresh Socket Implants” with Dr. Enrique Merino, Spain

For both inexperienced and advanced clinicians, all possible treatment options in fresh socket implants under the microscope are presented in detail.

Course No. 3: 2:25–3:05 p.m.
“Implants and Bisphosphonates, Osteonecrosis, Osteoporosis, Esthetics” with Dr. David Hoester, United States

This lecture presents bone grafts, sinus lifts and implants in patients taking oral bisphosphonates, leading to restoring vertical dimension as well as the creation of a bright youthful esthetic smile.

Course No. 4: 3:10–3:55 p.m.
“Contemporary Concepts in Tooth Replacement: Paradigm Shift” with Dr. Dwaye Karateew, Canada

This multimedia presentation, which incorporates video, animations, computerized graphics and clinical images, will help broaden the understanding in the philosophy and science behind the new and exciting horizons currently being investigated.

Course No. 5: 4–4:45 p.m.
“Balancing the Art, Science and Business of Dentistry” with Dr. Jeffery Hoss, United States

The challenge for the dentist is to provide the patient with a functional, comfortable prosthesis. This lecture will explain how we can take this challenge and make it a positive and productive experience.

Help celebrate DVI clinic’s 30th anniversary at international gala

The American Friends of Dental Volunteers for Israel (DVI) will host an international gala dinner and celebration tonight at the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York City.

The event, which begins at 6 p.m., will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the DVI Trudi Birger Dental Clinic.

Stan Bergman, CEO of Henry Schein Inc.; Dr. Amir Ismail, dean of the Maurice H. Kornberg School of Dentistry at Temple University; Sen. Joseph Lieberman (I-Conn.); Dr. Gordon Chris- tensen; and Dr. D. Walter Cohen are serving as honorary chairmen.

They will be on hand as the American Friends of DVI honors Dr. Alan Helfer, American Friends of DVI president; Steve Kess, vice president, global professional relations for Henry Schein; and Ran Tutttnauer, CEO of Tutttnauer and DVI board member; for their dedication and support to the mission of bringing free dental care to indigent children in Jerusalem of every race, religion and ethnicity.

For more information on the event or to register, visit the organization’s website at www.americanfriendsofdvi.org. Complimentary bus transportation will be provided from the Jacob K. Javitz Convention Center.

About DVI
Dental Volunteers for Israel was founded by Trudi Birger in 1980. A survivor of the Holocaust, Birger devoted her life to preventing the suffering of children. Through her efforts over the past three decades, thousands of underprivileged children have received needed dental treatment. In September 2003, the clinic was renamed the Trudi Birger Dental Clinic in her memory.

DVI operates the only free dental clinic of its kind in the Middle East. It looks after the needs of Jerusalem’s poor children, regardless of their religious and cultural backgrounds. It is staffed by dedicated volunteer doctors from around the world in addition to the general director, Dr. Roy Petel, who is a full time pedodontist. In 2009, President Shimon Peres awarded DVI the President’s Award for Volunteerism.
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The Jacob K. Javits Convention Center is on 11th Avenue between 34th and 39th streets. The 42nd Street Crosstown Bus (M42) and the 34th Street Crosstown Bus (M34) run east–west with stops on every block and outside the center. Fare is $2.25 in exact coins or you can use a MetroCard. Shuttle buses departing from all congress hotels are available today–Wednesday.

When and where do I register?
Registration takes place in the Upper Level of the Javitz Convention Center. Registration hours are as follows:
• Today–Tuesday: 8 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
• Wednesday: 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

What are the dates and times for the exhibit hall?
• Today–Tuesday: 9:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
• Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Can I still buy tickets to any of the paid functions?
Yes. Tickets for all still-available functions can be purchased at all general registration booths located in the registration area on the Upper Level of the convention center. You must pay by cash or credit card.

What about food during the meeting?
Full-service and specialty cafes, food carts and restaurants are located throughout the convention center. Options include a variety of hot and cold sandwiches, salads, snacks and beverages.

What if I'm an international visitor?
The GNYDM has a hospitality center just for international visitors. Find it in the registration area in the Crystal Palace. The center is open whether you want to relax or join colleagues for a cup of coffee. The hours are as follows:
• Today–Tuesday: 8 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
• Wednesday: 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

What if I want to bring my kids?
Children are allowed to attend the meeting. However, baby strollers are not permitted on the exhibit hall floor. A limited number of baby carriers are available in the Exhibits Office. Today, an offering of children’s programs are available.

What are some of the highlights of today’s education sessions?
You won’t want to miss the Live Dentistry sessions, which are just that: dentistry on live patients, in a 300-seat theater with 18 high-definition, 60-inch television screens. What’s even better than watching world-class clinicians work in real time? That tuition to these events is free, so come early to Exhibit Floor Aisle 5400/5500 if you don’t want to stand.

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Raising the bar again

Dermal fillers and Botox/Dysport sessions highlight this year’s meeting

By Jayme McNiff, GNYDM Education Coordinator

In an effort to stand out and leap forward and to expand dental esthetic office procedures, the Greater New York Dental Meeting (GNYDM) is again offering educational programs such as Botox/Dysport and dermal fillers at this year’s event.

The GNYDM is presenting programs by CEO Dr. Bruce Freund and President Dr. Zev Schulhof, co-founders of the American Academy of Facial Cosmetics. These unique hands-on workshops will introduce procedures on actual patients to teach attendees how to use Botox/Dysport and dermal fillers. Both clinicians are renowned educators and have extensive experience in this specialty field.

Dr. John Halikias, general chair of the GNYDM, said: “Facial dermal fillers can greatly enhance the esthetics of anterior dental restorations. These injectables can alter the appearance of the lip, especially in those with ‘smoker’s’ lines around the oral cavity.”

Attendees will learn about the different types of facial fillers, such as Restylane, Perlane, Juvederm and Radiesse, which produce immediate results.

“There is some scientific evidence that certain TMJ pain symptoms can be alleviated with Botox/Dysport injections, which are neuromuscular relaxers,” Halikias said.

“Therefore, dentists should be aware of these alternative treatment modalities.”

The GNYDM will accommodate the expected popularity of Botox/Dysport and dermal filler facial injectables by offering two Botox/Dysport programs and two dermal filler programs during the course of the meeting.

Botox/Dysport and dermal fillers are on the “up and up” and gaining more publicity across the United States and worldwide, said Dr. Robert Edwab, executive director of the GNYDM.

“Participants will learn to use Botox/Dysport facial injectables for facial therapeutic and esthetic treatments, as well as to improve the appearance of the skeletal profile and lips to match the smile and dental esthetics of the individual patient,” Edwab said.

“The hands-on workshops are particularly unique from other programs and courses at dental meetings because they offer a live, up-close view of procedures right on patients at the exact moment they are happening.”

This year, the GNYDM has added a second high-tech live dentistry arena to the mix. In total, two live dentistry arenas offer 16 programs.
The emphasis on periodontics

By Jayme S. McNiff, GNYDM Education Coordinator

The Greater New York Dental Meeting’s periodontal program focuses on the most important topics concerning periodontists by incorporating more seminars and workshops each year. Periodontal disease has become one of the most prevalent conditions affecting adults today. Estimates show that 50 percent of American adults suffer from periodontal disease and are therefore twice as likely to suffer from heart attacks. “Non-surgical Periodontal Treatment,” by Drs. Neil Gottehrer and Jack Martin, will review oral body inflammatory connection and its impact on cardiovascular and periodontal disease as well as periodontal risk assessment (PRA). The seminar is today from 9 a.m.—noon.

Dr. Lee Silverstein’s hands-on workshop is also this morning from 9:45 a.m.—12:45 p.m., and will explore the how, why, what and when of socket grafting. Following in the evening are two workshops from 2–5 p.m. Dr. Frank Milnar incorporates minimally invasive concepts to prevent sensitivity while the usage of glass ionomer while Dr. Silverstein discusses “Suturing for the Dental Practitioner and Surgical Staff.”

“The Future of Periodontal Care” is Monday from 2–5 p.m. with Drs. Gottehrer and Martin. This seminar will discuss the medical risks related to periodontal disease, increased risk of heart disease and the reversal of atherosclerosis following nonsurgical periodontal treatment.

Dr. Jim Grisdale’s “Concepts and Procedures for Predictable Crown Lengthening Techniques” is designed for the general practitioner and focuses on the different techniques utilized in crown extension. The seminar emphasizes soft- and hard-tissue surgical approaches and takes place on Tuesday from 2–5 p.m.

Soft- and hard-tissue complications can lead to unsatisfactory results for the patient, including unacceptable tooth morphology, poor phonetic skills and lack of confidence. On Wednesday, Grisdale’s hands-on workshops focus on “Predictable Soft Tissue Grafting” in the morning, followed by “Predictable Bone Grafting and Guided Tissue Regeneration” in the afternoon.

Implant dentistry

Educational courses in implant dentistry are offered all day through Wednesday. Speakers in workshops, seminars and essays will discuss topics including surgery, restoration and partially edentulous implants.

In addition, attendees will have a chance to visit the free live patient demonstrations in implant dentistry, offered each day from Sunday to Wednesday.

Orthodontic programs

A diverse selection of orthodontic programs is offered from today through Wednesday. At this exclusive series, attendees will learn from world-class clinicians about continuing and upcoming treatments and technologies in orthodontics.

The New York State Academy of General Dentistry Mastership workshop program in orthodontics is today. Drs. Elliott Moskwitz and Laurence Jerold will host “Orthodontic Essentials for the General Practitioner: Learn It Today, Do It Tomorrow.” This hands-on, full-day workshop on the practical utilization of various removable and fixed orthodontic appliances within a general or pediatric dental practice.

Various speakers from New York University’s College of Dentistry and Orthodontic Alumni Association, on Tuesday and Wednesday, will present a selection of innovative anchorage applications and auxiliaries for various malocclusions.

Pediatrics program

Nowadays, parents demand the restorative effects of their children’s teeth to be not only functional but esthetically advanced. Glass inonmers, resins, composites and various types of crowns are illustrated on children and adolescents at Dr. Fred Margolis’s workshop on Tuesday. Attendees will learn to integrate both function and esthetics to maximize a complete pediatric restoration.

Early childhood caries (ECC) is the most common chronic disease of early childhood. Multiple essays in pediatric dentistry will explore this issue today from 9:45 a.m.—12:45 p.m.
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Two are better live than one

This year’s Greater New York Dental Meeting doubles the live arenas

By Jayme S. McNiff, GNYDM Education Coordinator

As the leading dental convention and event in the United States, the Greater New York Dental Meeting (GNYDM) continues to grow and reach for new innovative programs in hopes of attracting the most renowned clinicians and dental professionals from around the world.

In 2009, the GNYDM registered 59,166 attendees from all 50 states and 124 countries, an increase from the previous year. The GNYDM organizers feel their event must contain programs to inspire the entire dental team to excel in their profession. Thus, this year’s meeting has expanded to include two Live Dentistry arenas to incorporate more cutting-edge, oral health-care programs.

This year, the GNYDM is offering an innovative live hygiene session, where for the first time, dental hygienists and assistants will learn and see the latest materials and equipment available on the market to advance their skills and knowledge.

Dr. John Halikias, general chairman of the GNYDM, said, “The ‘Live Dentistry’ arena is a place where the most prominent and respected clinicians can share breakthrough technology and techniques, allowing dental professionals the chance to learn the most about innovative dental products, technology and procedures.”

In these two modern, high-tech arenas, attendees will watch procedures on numerous 60-inch, high-definition LED screens, which project up-close views of live procedures right on the exhibit floor.

Due to its immense popularity, the arenas fill up quickly, so be sure to arrive early to obtain a seat at one or all of the tuition-free sessions. In 2009, the GNYDM not only filled the arena’s seating for 300 attendees during the entire four days, but also had an additional 100 attendees watching from outside the arena.
an invaluable opportunity to learn diverse aspects of dentistry and how to integrate a variety of treatment options into their practice.

The speakers have been carefully selected and are nationally and internationally renowned for their influence in enhancing dental education through extensive clinical experiences and diverse backgrounds.

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**Monday**
- 10–11 a.m.: “Eco-Friendly Infection Control – Understanding the Balance” with Noel Brandon-Kelsch
- 11:20 a.m.–12:20 p.m.: “Incorporating New Advances in Dental Materials and Techniques into Your Restorative Practice” with Dr. Gregori Kurtzman
- 12:50–1:10 p.m.: “A Game-Changing Approach to Difficult Class II Composites” with Dr. Marc Gottlieb
- 1:20–2:20 p.m.: “Optimizing Your Practice with 3-D Cone-Beam Technology” with Dr. Damien Mulvany
- 2:40–3:40 p.m.: “High-Resolution Cone Beam with PreXion 3D” with Dr. Edward Katz

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**Here at the GNYDM**
The DTSC symposia are free for registered attendees, but seating is limited. The program will take place on the exhibition floor in Aisle 6000, Room No. 3.

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Stop in and see the Commercial Service representatives. They are located in the International Business Center, part of international registration, just next to the show office.

International Buyer Program

Once again this year, the GNYDM has been selected by the U.S. Department of Commerce to participate in the International Buyer Program (IBP), a service that significantly enhances the ability to make the show a truly global marketplace.

Through this program, the Commercial Service offers a number of services to help attendees make the most of their show experience and assist small- and medium-sized U.S. businesses in exporting their products and services.

The Commercial Service staff — located at U.S. embassies and consulates throughout the world — works to recruit foreign buyer delegations and helps organize their business plans for the show.

This year, 19 official Commercial Service delegations from all over the world will attend the show, escorted by Embassy Commercial specialists. These delegations include:

- Albania
- Austria
- Brazil
- Canada
- Colombia
- Costa Rica
- Dominican Republic
- Ecuador
- Mexico
- Nicaragua
- Norway
- Russia
- El Salvador (with Guatemala)
- Saudi Arabia
- Slovak Republic
- Thailand
- Ukraine
- Venezuela

Approximately 500 delegates are expected to attend. Commercial Service specialists advertise the GNYDM through various media outlets, encouraging buyers to register and come on their own.

During the show, Commercial Services trade specialists will manage the International Business Center. At the center, buyers can negotiate with sellers, use the meeting rooms provided — free of charge on a first-come, first-served basis — and take advantage of the facility to plan visits to the exhibit floor.

Exhibitors are encouraged to visit the International Business Center for export counseling by staff and to meet with international buyers.

The Commercial Service staff members managing the International Business Center are Michael Grossman, Jutta Dehe, Carol Rudman, Jeanne Townsend, Dina Vulpis and Gerry Zapain. Please see the IBC staff to sign up for a meeting room.

The Commercial Service offers free, interactive export seminar

Through the Commercial Service Export Seminar, exhibitors will learn the tools of the trade and have an opportunity to learn about the different markets represented by international commercial specialists. For the first time, the seminar will take the form of an open forum with international commercial specialists dialing back and forth between each other, the moderator and the audience.

Exhibitors may participate in the showtime, one-on-one appointments made in advance of the show between the delegation leaders from the embassy network and the exhibitor. Together, they will explore export opportunities and discuss the latest market information on their respective countries.

At past GNYDM shows, these Commercial Service efforts, have led to numerous export successes.

The Export Seminar will take place from 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. on Monday in room 1E09.

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Dr. Howard Glazer talks about his DTSC Symposia session, "Beautifil: Go With the FLOW"

By Kristine Colker, Managing Editor

Today, from 10–11 a.m., Dr. Howard Glazer will present "Beautifil: Go With the FLOW" as part of the DTSC Symposia.

In his session, Glazer will discuss the use of this new flowable resin as a base/liner as well as a primary restorative in Class I restorations. He will also discuss the use of Beautifil Flow Plus in combination with Beautifil II restorative materials to provide maximum esthetic results.

Before Glazer takes the podium, Dental Tribune sat down with him to get his thoughts on his session.

Your DTSC Symposia session is "Beautifil: Go with the FLOW." Please tell us a little about what participants can hope to get out of it.

I would hope the participants will have a better understanding of the advantages of the "new" generation of flowable resins and the various indications for use as a dental restorative.

Could you go into a little more detail about the Beautifil product? What are some of the characteristics that you like about it and does it offer any advantages over other products you've used?

To me, the two most distinct advantages are the "no-flow" viscosity of this flowable material and its wonderful chameleon quality. Another distinct advantage is that once applied and photocured, it is about 95 percent finished and polished. Just a quick "touch" with a Supersnap single green and red or a One Gloss disc is sufficient to achieve a glass-like finish and high shine.

Would you say your presentation is geared toward a specific audience or is it more general? Is there anything attendees need to know about ahead of time in order to understand it?

Certainly the presentation is geared toward the restorative dentist who can utilize and fully appreciate the advantages of the flowable resins. Your session is sponsored by Shofu. How did you begin working with the company and what is it that you like about its products and services?

I, like most of my colleagues, know of and respect Shofu for its products designed for finishing and polishing porcelains and composites. With the introduction of the seventh-generation adhesive Beauty Bond and its composite line, Beautifil II, the company has well earned a place in the restorative community. These products, along with Shofu's new flowable line, allow the practitioner to achieve highly esthetic and durable restorations.

If there is one thing you could say to attendees to encourage them to attend your presentation, what would it be?

Come and learn about the "new" generation of flowable resins and the various indications for use in daily practice.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Dr. Richard Rosenblatt talks about how digital impressions can not only improve your practice but perhaps your career as well

By Kristine Colker, Managing Editor

Dr. Richard Rosenblatt will present “Digital Impressions: Are They for Me?” today from 2:40–3:40 p.m. His session will deal with the fact that digital impressions are fast becoming the preferred choice among dentists and labs, leading more doctors to say goodbye to conventional impression taking. Quick and easy quadrant impressions and full jaw impressions broaden the indication spectrum, and because everything is digital, it allows the dental office and the dental laboratory to work together more efficiently.

Digital impression technology is estimated to see double-digit growth rates as more dentists adopt this highly flexible, affordable and accurate solution into their practices.

Your DTSC Symposia session is “Digital Impressions: Are they for me?” Please tell us a little about what participants can hope to get out of it.

People attending this lecture will get information about what digital impression are, what the advantages are in using digital impressions, how to image and submit a case and how digital impressions have improved my dentistry and enjoyment of my profession.

Could you go into a little more detail about some of the advantages of digital impressions?

There are many advantages to using digital impressions. I will discuss numerous advantages in the lecture, but a few quick ones are:

- better visualization of the preparation because it is magnified more than 20 times
- accurate impressions with no pull, tears or voids, which can happen with PVS and other impression materials
- patients love no-impression material (especially gaggers!)
- lab technician can receive the impression within a few minutes and call you back while the patient is in the chair if anything additional would be needed.
- when doing chairside milling, we can deliver the final product in one visit

I’ll discuss many more in the lecture.

Why do you think so many dentists are switching over to them from traditional impressions?

I think so many dentists are switching to digital impressions because they have become much easier, they are profitable and they cause you to be a better dentist.

Seeing your preps blown up 20 times the size in three dimensions makes you really improve your preps. This in turn creates an excellent fitting final restoration and, therefore, a very quick seating visit.

Would you say your presentation is geared toward a specific audience or is it more general?

My lecture is geared to the person who knows nothing about digital impressions but is interested in knowing what digital impressions are and how digital impressions can improve that person's dentistry and enjoyment.

Is there anything attendees need to know about ahead of time in order to understand it?

I don't think that there is anything that an attendee will need to know other than what an impression is. If they have taken a conventional impression, that will be more than enough knowledge.

I will use the hour to go into detail about how the digital impressions work and will also do a demonstration on a model so they can see the entire process live.

When did you first begin using digital impressions?

I started doing digital impressions in 2003.

What was it that made you decide to switch?

What helped us decide to switch was when the system went to the 3-D software. Once I could see the restoration being virtually designed, it made sense.

We already knew that it made sense financially with the size of our lab bill, but I was concerned about the learning curve prior to 2003. The decision was the best one I have ever made and have not looked back since!

Your session is sponsored by Sirona. How did you begin working with the company and what is it that you like about its products and services?

I actually started working with Sirona back in 2001. I started a study club in Chicago for CEREC users in 2005. It became a popular study club and the largest of its kind in the United States.

I brought in Roddy Macleod from Sirona to speak to our members in '06. He was in charge of the beta testing program at the time, liked what I was doing with this study club and asked me if I’d like to help beta test the software.

That is how it all began for me. I have been a raving fan of Sirona since I became a CEREC user. Seeing the passion that this company has for all things digital, the amazing quality it puts into all its products and how phenomenally the company treats its consumers has made me a loyal customer for life!

If there is one thing you could say to attendees to encourage them to attend your presentation, what would it be?

Be prepared for an energetic speaker who loves to speak about this wonderful technology. I'm a bread-and-butter dentist who has a small practice in the northern suburbs of Chicago.

Digital impressions have changed both the quality of my dentistry and how much I enjoy what I do. I hope to share my enthusiasm with those who are looking into what digital impressions can do for their practice.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I think we have touched on pretty much everything. Thanks!
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Dr. Louis Malcmacher explains why Botox and dermal fillers are good for the entire practice

By Kristine Colker, Managing Editor

Today, from 4–5 p.m., Dr. Louis Malcmacher will present “Total Facial Esthetics for Every Dental Practice” as part of the DTSC Symposium.

In his session he will aim to teach dental professionals the background and use of Botox and dermal fillers in daily dental practice for both cosmetic and dental therapeutic uses.

If the teeth that you treat are surrounded by a chin, lips, cheeks and muscles, then Botox and dermal fillers can help your grow your dental practice by adding new services, completing esthetic dental cases, and giving you new treatment options for cases ranging from orthodontics to TMJ and bruxism cases.

Your DTSC Symposium session is “Total Facial Esthetics for Every Dental Practice.” Please tell us a little about what participants can hope to get out of it.

Dentistry is no longer limited to only cosmetic dentistry. Now with every state allowing the use of Botox and dermal fillers for therapeutic uses and more than 30 states allowing dentists to also use them for esthetic purposes in the oral and maxillofacial areas, we have a new category in dentistry called total facial esthetics. Of all the health-care professionals, dentists are the only ones who can truly accomplish total facial esthetics because, along with eliminating wrinkles and folds in the face with Botox and dermal fillers, we can also give them nice, white, straight teeth so they now truly have a great looking smile with beautiful teeth, lips, cheeks and face.

Dentists now have the ability to treat patients for esthetics from the chin to the top of the forehead with soft-tissue esthetics to complement their dentistry.

Could you go into a little more detail about how Botox and dermal fillers can help a dental practice grow?

What are some of the treatment options or services they can allow a clinician to provide?

Botox and dermal fillers are the most common esthetic procedures in the world. They eliminate unattractive wrinkles and folds in the face due to age, muscle contraction and loss of collagen and fat in the facial areas.

Your patients are getting these services right now from other health-care professionals with much less training in facial anatomy. Dentists are the best injectors of all health-care professionals and work on the face every day we practice.

Botox and dermal fillers fit in perfectly with all of the other procedures we do and can rapidly grow a dental practice into new services that your patients are getting elsewhere.

Dentists can now eliminate skin wrinkles in the forehead, between and around the eyes, as well as eliminating those commonly called “smokers lines” around the lips. In addition, dentists can also perform beautiful subtle lip augmentations and add volume to the nasolabial folds and corners of the mouth to frame the teeth as they treat gummy smiles, maxillary and mandibular deficiencies and other dental conditions. These procedures are relatively easy to accomplish with proper training.

Would you say your presentation is geared toward a specific audience or is it more general? Is there anything attendees need to know about ahead of time in order to understand it?

This presentation is geared to all dentists and their teams that want to finally understand how Botox and dermal fillers fit into their practice.

Most dentists don’t even know what these procedures are — we will describe in detail what Botox and dermal fillers are, how it directly affects your everyday dentistry, why they must be a part of many dental treatment plans for TMJ, bruxism, facial pain and certainly dental esthetic cases, and why a dentist needs to get trained in this area.

Using the existing skill sets that dentists already possess, comprehensive training is what you need to get started.

How did you get involved in Botox and dermal fillers? Did it require a lot of training in order to provide these services?

I got involved purely for this reason, as funny as it sounds: My wife found out that dentists could do these procedures and nicely informed me that if I didn’t start performing Botox and dermal filler procedures, she would go pay someone else to get these procedures done.

It turns out we see many dentists take our courses for this same reason. They then realize as I did that this is an outstanding procedure to offer all of their patients.

I spent a lot of time and wasted a lot of money taking a number of courses in this area; there was almost nothing that related to dentistry at the time. Taking a medical training course still left the dentist vastly undertrained.

Having been a dental educator for close to 30 years, I applied that experience to the use of Botox and dermal fillers in dentistry. I practiced these procedures, did research in this area, adapted them to every day dental uses and wrote specific dento-facial treatment protocols that many state boards and liability companies now use.

A few years ago, we started the American Academy of Facial Esthetics (AAFE), which developed educational programs specifically for dentists and is accepted by many of the state dental boards. The AAFE is now the first ever to offer a fellowship and mastership track to build and develop competency in the area of facial esthetics.

I am proud to say that the AAFE now has 50 two-day courses a year in Botox and dermal fillers all across North America and is probably the most comprehensive course continuum in the world. We have a great faculty of some of the most highly respected dentists and physicians in the facial esthetics field who have trained a few thousand dental professionals in the last couple of years, including dentists from many other countries.

If a clinician wants to start using Botox and dermal fillers in his or her own practice, do you have any advice for him or her?

Get trained as soon as you can, bring your team members — who, by the way, will be pushing you to take the course — and get ready to add a great new service to your practice that your patients will love.

If there is one thing you could say to attendees to encourage them to attend your presentation, what would it be?

Get trained as soon as you can, bring your team members — who, by the way, will be pushing you to take the course — and get ready to add a great new service to your practice that your patients will love.

We will show patients being treated with Botox and dermal fillers, and dentists will quickly understand why this is important to add to their practice from a clinical and practice management perspective, how simple it is to do and what the benefits are to the dental office and primarily to the patient.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I want dentists to come to this course as skeptical as possible. I have always found the biggest skeptics are the ones who then get into this area faster once you see the treatment possibilities in adding new services and providing better esthetic and therapeutic outcomes to so many of your existing dental cases.

And if you are a male dentist, don’t forget to bring your wife, girlfriend and team members who will then convince you once and for all to add this to your practice.
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LED curing: A bright idea whose time has come

By John Flucke, DDS

I can still remember seeing the James Bond film “Live and Let Die” when I was a kid. In one of the opening scenes, Bond looks at his watch, which was, at the time, a state-of-the-art red LED timepiece. I can still hear the crowd gasping as Bond pressed the button and the digital time lit up on the face of the watch.

Fast forward 35-plus years to a market with a constant buzz about new technology. One category of products that always creates quite a stir is the LED curing light.

Major manufacturers had managed to take blue LEDs and used them to create devices to cure composites. There were lines in the booths demonstrating the lights, and sales were brisk.

The excitement around these lights persisted until late spring 2002 when one of the manufacturers admitted to having problems with its lights and began to recall them.

Suddenly LED curing lost its luster and the demand for them began to drop.

However, demand for LED lights is on the rise again as more manufacturers have developed devices and more doctors have purchased them. Dentists, seeing others using LEDs with great success, have become intrigued with the idea of LED curing.

LEDs are a unique animal in the curing jungle. They offer wavelengths and intensity similar to an argon laser with the convenience and lower cost of halogen lights. However, LED curing lights offer unique advantages over any other curing modality.

LEDs are durable. The lifetime of the diodes may well exceed the life of the device itself.

LEDs have low power requirements. This means devices can be smaller and powered by rechargeable batteries. This means they are much more portable than other curing devices.

LEDs are bright and powerful. They can rapidly activate photoinitiators.

LEDs are affordable. Compared to most high-intensity curing devices, LEDs are much more cost effective. Prices for LED curing lights can be less than $1,300, which is impressive considering what they bring to the world of dentistry.

There are several different versions of LED curing lights currently being marketed. Each has unique characteristics and advantages.

One that deserves particular focus is Ultradent’s VALO broadband LED curing light.

VALO

Ultradent’s VALO was unveiled at the ADA meeting in 2009. It is the fourth LED curing light from Ultradent. Its predecessors were the Ultra-Lume 1, Ultra-Lume 2 and Ultra-Lume 5.

What happened to 3 and 4? The last edition derived its name from the fact that it used five LEDs.

VALO is a broadband LED curing light unlike any other in the dental industry. It has a sleek and lightweight body that has proven to be exceptionally durable. Because of its design, VALO has the ability to access even hard-to-reach areas.

Unlike many curing lights, VALO’s focused and columnar beam combined with a custom LED pack provide consistent, uniform cures without overheating the wand body. VALO also features a revolutionary plasma emulation mode that rivals plasma arc lights in its level of energy delivery.

In June, VALO received a five-star, No. 1 rating from Reality publishing group and the Bronze Award from the International Design Excellence Awards.

In a very short time. They are convenient, powerful and reliable. Many major manufacturers are now selling the devices and a wide array of designs are available.

If you are in the market for a new curing device, give definite consideration to an LED device such as VALO. The advantages these devices offer are plenty and their drawbacks are few.

See Dr. Flucke

Dr. John Flucke will present “Light Cured Adhesive Dentistry – Science and Substance” today from 11:20 a.m.-12:20 p.m. Theories and protocols abound on how best to achieve successful bonded restorations. Learn the science of light-cured composites and the secrets to routinely achieving sensitivity free composite restorations in a fast-paced and interactive format. Participants will learn techniques and principles that they can use the next day back in the office.

About the speaker

Dr. John Flucke is the technology editor of Dental Products Report Magazine and serves as peer review chairman for the State of Missouri. He is in private practice in Lee’s Summit, Mo., and pushes his office to always be on the leading edge. He consults with many manufacturers on new devices, materials and techniques. He also speaks extensively on leading edge clinical technologies and techniques.
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The 5th Hand: a simple tool to use for accurate dental impressions

By Marc Gottlieb, DDS

We are in the middle of a digital revolution in dentistry, yet we daily must revert to using some of our vintage tools to obtain dental impressions. Most impression articles focus on the impression material. This article will focus on the 5th Hand, a product engineered to make our job faster, easier, and more productive.

The 5th Hand lip and cheek retractor is a simple product designed by dentists for dentists and now manufactured by Danville Materials in California.

Prior to taking an impression with any material, have the patient brush his or her teeth and rinse out his or her mouth. This removes the chance of debris remaining on the teeth.

Once settled back in the chair, insert an appropriately sized 5th Hand lip and cheek retractor. The retractor is available in four sizes. The small size is for young children or patients with a limited opening and the extra large for larger adults and the edentulous. Most patients will accommodate the medium or large size.

The 5th Hand is easily placed inside the upper or lower lip to allow placement of the impression tray or for full lip and cheek retraction for digital photographs. Its black color helps frame the clinical photo highlighting the teeth and alveolar ridge.

This simple device provides better access to the oral cavity and, at the same time, prevents the patient from catching his or her upper lip on the impression tray. You can simply bend the flaps in the posterior to conform to the plane of the cheeks. These flaps were designed to hold dry angles in place and also cause ischemic compression of Stensen's Ducts, blocking the flow of saliva.

If the patient feels discomfort from the retractor resting on the ridge, the manufacturer has provided optional white foam pads to absorb that pressure or you can lightly pull the retractor up and out against the lip.

One of the most common flaws or problems with dental impressions is the patient's lip catching the inside of the tray and limiting the seating of the tray over the teeth. The 5th Hand takes care of that problem. It also will retract the lip and cheeks to prevent facial hair from getting caught in the impression.

This small step speeds up the discharge and cleanup process. With the lip held out of the way, the impression material flows up around the teeth and into the labial fold.

Another challenge is holding the lip out of the way while syringing light or regular body impression material bilaterally against the teeth. Once the 5th Hand is in place, the impression material can be placed along or around the teeth and then the loaded tray seated over the dental arch. In utilizing the 5th Hand, the lip cannot fall back against the teeth, helping to isolate the arch and providing an ideal solution for a final polyether impression for a no-prep veneer case.

A regular challenge in taking an impression for immediate or partial dentures is to capture the entire labial fold. With the 5th Hand in place, impression material can be placed onto the retractor and the loaded impression tray sandwiched onto it.

The retractor is removed before the impression material sets and the lips manipulated into function to contour the material and capture the muscle pulls. This technique works well when using alginate impression material.

Specialized lip and cheek retractors have been around for decades. Utilizing an extra dental assistant to hold the cheeks out of the way requires extra resources and can be expensive. The 5th Hand lip and cheek retractor is a simple inexpensive disposable tool to help take accurate impressions and retract the lips and cheeks for digital photographs.

See Dr. Gottlieb

Dr. Marc Gottlieb will present “Exciting New Tools for Superb Impressions” from 12:50–1:10 p.m. today as part of the DTSC Symposium. His session will feature six new items that optimize access, eliminate gagging, customize stock trays, distribute low-viscosity materials three-dimensionally, save expensive material and grant ergonomic access to difficult areas when it comes to impressions.

About the author

Marc Gottlieb, DDS, was born and raised on Long Island, N.Y., and attended Union College in Schenectady, N.Y., as well as the University of Buffalo School of Dentistry. While at Buffalo, he received many academic scholarships, awards and fellowships. After graduation, Gottlieb went on to a two-year, post-doctoral residency program at Long Island Jewish Medical Center. This opportunity provided advanced training in anesthesiology and all the specialties of dentistry. Gottlieb is on staff at Stony Brook University Hospital, maintains a full-time private practice, lectures all across the United States and has authored more than a dozen dental articles.

Fig. 1: The 5th Hand. (Photo/Provided by Dr. Marc Gottlieb, except where noted)

Fig. 2: The 5th Hand’s black color. (Photo/Provided by Dr. Guzzardi)

Fig. 3: Catching the upper lip on the impression tray.

Fig. 4: Stensen’s Ducts blocking the flow of saliva.

Fig. 5: The impression flows up around the teeth and into the labial fold.

Fig. 6: Impression material can be placed along or around the teeth.

Fig. 7: A final polyether impression for a no-prep veneer case.

Fig. 8: The material can be placed on to the retractor.

Fig. 9: Contour the material and capture the muscle pulls.

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I think we’ve all purchased products at one time or another and shortly thereafter wondered, “What will I do with this stuff?” This might describe how I felt shortly after acquiring Voco America’s Amaris Gingiva. “AG,” as I’ll call it, is a composite system geared toward cervical restoration of teeth with the sole purpose of emulating the appearance of gum tissue as opposed to hard tooth structure. It consists of three opaquers (varying shades of pink) and a universal paste that Voco America calls “Nature.”

It is a semi-translucent paste, allowing the chosen opaquers (applied singularly or mixed) to reflect through and thus influence the final look of the “tissue restoration.” A handy tissue-toned shade guide will assist you in this matter.

To appreciate AG, one has to abandon the concept that a pink restoration will fool anyone on close inspection. Retract a patient’s lips, put on your loupes (or not) and you’ll have no problem identifying a pink composite restoration. You might even ask yourself, as did I, “What’s the point?”

OK, here’s the point: If you or your patient is interested in maintaining the visual symmetry of his or her smile by not throwing a tooth-colored composite halfway up the patient’s face, then AG might just be the ticket. The case that follows will illustrate what I mean by this concept of “maintaining visual smile symmetry.”

Marlene, a patient new to my practice, presented with a fairly new, long-span bridge that featured advanced caries under the #8 abutment. Understanding the economics of having to section or replace such a large restoration, I agreed to attempt to salvage the bridge by restoring #8, if possible. She was told root canal treatment was a distinct possibility.

Figure 1 reveals the tip of the iceberg while Figure 2 demonstrates the carious lesion following a diode laser gingivectomy (Biolase EZlase). (As an aside, the beauty of a laser gingivectomy in advance of taking a carbide burr to the area is the absence of bleeding and the consequent interference with bonding as well as the procedural slowdown.)

Figure 3 finds the root lesion rendered caries free and ready for restoration. While restoring in a tooth-colored resin is certainly a reasonable option, the other option, “pink,” provides a certain amount of insulation from whatever tissue shrinkage might occur following the gingivectomy. Such insulation means that upon a wide smile, teeth #8 and #9 will, at a glance, appear to be the same length, thus maintaining the visual symmetry of the smile — a camouflage, if you will.

In figure 4, a glass ionomer paste (Geristore, Denmat) is being employed as the restoration’s base followed by a coat of Voco USA’s self-etching Futurabond DC. Figure 5 features AG’s included shade guide, searching for the closest shade of pink to match the adjacent tissue. In figure 7, the “light” opaquer has been chosen and placed atop the glass ionomer base.
followed by the translucent “Nature” paste to complete the restoration as seen in figure 8.

Figure 9 demonstrates the two-week post-op result. If you look closely, you’ll notice the tissue is regrouping nicely, but there is an indication that it might not make it back to its original level. Regardless, if you squint when looking at the same image, you’ll notice that #8 and #9 remain visually symmetrical much as they might while my patient is conversing or smiling. Thus, the visual appeal of the bridge has been maintained.

As experience dictates, there will be multiple situations where restoring in “pink” will make sense — most notably in large canine abfractions that can spoil the smiles of our baby boomer patients. Implant provisionals also lend themselves to the occasional need for a pink cervical area, particularly when implant placement was more apical than might have been ideal (We’ve all been there).

So consider a “pink” restorative option to be just another tool in your belt. You won’t use Amaris Gingiva every day, but when the need arises, you’ll be glad you have it, and your patient will think you’re brilliant.

See Dr. Goldstein
Dr. Goldstein will present “A Simplified Approach to Multi-Layer Direct Composite Bonding” from 1:30–2:30 p.m. today as part of the DTSC Symposium. His session will cover a simplified approach to obtaining sophisticated results using today’s direct composite systems. Special attention will be paid to the use of VOCO America Amaris.

About the author
Dr. Martin Goldstein, a fellow of the International Academy of Dento-Facial Esthetics, practices general dentistry in Wolcott, Conn. Recognized as a Dentistry Today Top 100 C.E. leader for the last six years and for his expertise in the field of dental digital photography, he lectures and writes extensively on cosmetics and the integration of digital photography into the general practice. Goldstein serves as a consultant to a host of dental manufacturers including Coltene Whaledent, Parkell, Dentsply Caulk, Voco America and Sybron Kerr. He can be reached at martyg924@cox.net or www.drgoldstein-speaks.com.
If the economy of the last two years has taught us anything, it is this: Dental practices have to be innovative and prepared to meet the challenges of a changing economic landscape. In previous decades, clinicians could enjoy a high level of success even with inefficient or outdated systems. The recent downturn exposed the inherent weaknesses in that practice model.

If dentists want to reach their true potential, they can’t expect outdated systems to drive practice performance. Implementing updated step-by-step systems is the most effective way for dentists not only to jumpstart practice growth, but also to increase their revenue over 20 years by $3 to $6 million. Practices with effective systems gain the following:

- Improved production, profit and efficiency
- Less stress and a more enjoyable work environment
- Time for the clinician to focus on leadership and team-building without detracting from patient care
- A motivated team that enjoys learning and is willing to participate in practice growth
- Greater acceptance for recommended treatment and increased patient satisfaction
- The ability to train new team members more efficiently
- The capability to rapidly adapt to change

**Systems**

Establishing documented systems is critical to long-term practice success. Six key systems that require analysis and possible revision are:

- Scheduling
- Case presentation and case acceptance
- Hygiene productivity
- Practice financial management and budgeting
- Account receivables
- Customer service

Updating your systems should be based on ideal models customized to fit the unique needs of your practice. For example, every practice differs in the type of services provided, number of staff and type of technologies used. Thus, each of these differences necessitates a variation of the ideal model.


If team members do not have efficient, updated systems to guide them, stress and chaos will become their standard operating procedures.

**Conclusion**

Many dentists have “dream practices.” They go to their offices every day and find very little stress despite being highly productive. They add new services on a regular basis and either change or add team members with little effort. How? Their practices have a solid foundation of effective systems that drive growth and increase production. If these practices can achieve this kind of success, so can yours!

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**Practice success begins with systems**

By Roger P. Levin, DDS

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The exhibit hall during the 2009 Greater New York Dental Meeting. (Photo/Provided by the GNYDM)
Snoring and sleep apnea are two words ignored by nearly every dental school in the United States. In fact, most dentists aren't even aware of their role in the treatment of sleep disordered breathing. And while you might think it's safe to assume the average physician would be educated on the treatment of snoring and sleep apnea, you would be wrong.

Unfortunately for the roughly 20 million people in the United States who suffer from sleep apnea, neither profession has made diagnosis and treatment of sleep disordered breathing a top priority, even though half of all American adults snore regularly. The American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine (www.aadsm.org) would love to educate you on how to recognize sleep disordered breathing and the variety of oral treatment devices available.

One available treatment is the aveoTSD anti-snoring device. Developed by Dr. Chris Robertson, a dental sleep medicine expert who has made finding an effective treatment for snoring his life's work, the aveoTSD has been perfected over a period of many years. “We’ve spent in excess of $1 million in development and patent costs to date, but at last we’re now in the international marketplace,” said Robertson, who is based in New Zealand.

“Money is not a big motivating factor for me,” he said. “I’m doing this because it is something I care about.”

Glewight Laboratories is proud to be the North American distributor of the aveoTSD, which we have had trouble keeping in stock. Apparently there are more dentists than we expected who are trying to score points with their spouses.

Unlike most oral devices, the aveoTSD doesn’t advance the mandible or even attach to the teeth. It is an extra-oral appliance with a small suction cup that holds the tongue forward—something that was the whole point of mandibular advancement anyway. Because it doesn’t attach to the teeth, no impressions need to be made, and the medium size fits 95 percent of patients.

If you have been searching for a less-intrusive appliance for yourself, a staff member or a patient, I recommend you give the aveoTSD a try.

Sirona Dental Systems recently announced the expansion of infiniDent, an Internet-based laboratory service that caters exclusively to Sirona inLab® and inEos® Blue users and which will now include Ivoclar Vivadent®’s IPS e.max® CAD material.

Sirona laboratory customers can upload the digital impressions they receive from CEREC® dentists to infiniDent, located in Charlotte, N.C., for fabrication of all restoration types. The Sirona-operated facility then returns the completed work to the laboratory within three business days.

Under the new management of Bob Vasile, the range of materials and indications have been expanded from framework materials to include full-contour materials made from Ivoclar Vivadent®’s IPS e.max CAD lithium disilicate and VITA®’s new RealLife® material.

Vasile recently joined Sirona as the CEREC laboratory manager for infiniDent, and he brings a unique set of skills to Sirona. He most recently worked for a major manufacturer of custom CAD/CAM-fabricated implant abutments.

Additionally, Vasile owned and operated his own dental laboratory for more than 20 years. Under Vasile’s management, and since Sept. 15, infiniDent offers even more services and an expanded list of materials. Initially limited to providing only copings and bridge frameworks, infiniDent now provides a number of complete restorative applications, including recently added full-contour restorations and veneers. New materials now include Sirona CEREC Blocs, IPS e.max CAD lithium disilicate, VITA Mark II, VITA TriLuxe forte and VITA RealLife.

“infiniDent provides an extremely wide variety of indications,” said Vasile. “We’re flexible; if a laboratory owner has only our inEos Blue scanner, for example, he or she can send the case over to us and we will send back the finished product. We’ve also added full-contour materials to meet the growing demands of our inLab and inEos customers.”

infiniDent continues to support existing materials, such as pure zirconium oxide (ZrO2), aluminum oxide (AlO2) and laser-sintered, non-precious metal, as well as fully anatomic wax patterns.

infiniDent enables current inLab and inEos owners to derive additional value from their technology investments by providing access to a continuously expanding menu of materials and indications, as well as providing customers with complete design control of their restorations.

infiniDent is an ideal solution for various lab groups, such as:

• Labs that have their own inLab system but no sintering furnace: These labs can utilize infiniDent to offer pure zirconium oxide crown and bridge frameworks to their dentists without giving up design control, as they would when sending their work to an outsourcing lab. infiniDent allows them to build their volume to a level that enables them to buy their own sintering furnace, if they choose.

• Labs looking for a low-investment, but expandable, entry model into CAD/CAM: In this case, a lab buys only an inEos Blue scanner. It would then scan and design its work in its own lab and have infiniDent fabricate the restorations. As the volume grows, the lab can purchase its own inLab MC XL milling unit, as well as its own sintering furnace.

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Gendex shows off its new sensor, which promises to improve patient comfort and be easier to use

- With the launch of the new GXS-700™ sensor, Gendex has something to “rayve” about! According to the company, the sensor is already getting high marks on its enhanced image acuity, improved patient comfort, portability and ease-of-use.

Quintessential quality
Enhancing image quality to elevate diagnostic capabilities was the highest priority in the design of the 700, according to Gendex. Its advanced CMOS sensor technology delivers more than 20 visible line pairs per millimeter, and its small 19.5 μm pixel size highlights the smallest details and emphasizes distinctions in density. The result: stunning, high-resolution images.

Dazzling design
When size matters, the GXS-700 comes to the rescue, with two ergonomically designed sensors suited for both children and adults. Rounded corners and smooth-edge finishes comfortably fit the anatomical shape of the mouth. You won’t have to fix it if it isn’t broken. The durable materials and components of this product increase the life span of the 700.

Workflow wonder
The sensor works and plays well with others. The 700 was engineered for smooth integration into practice management systems. A time-saver, the unique “Always Ready” feature automatically recognizes the presence of radiation; there’s no need to initiate image capture through the software. And you can take it with you: Direct high-speed USB 2.0 connectivity offers optimum portability, and there is no need for USB controllers, adapters or docking stations. The sensor simply plugs directly into USB 2.0 port on the computer for speed and efficiency.

First reaction
Dr. John Flucke, technology editor of Dental Products Report, notes that his initial reaction was: “Wow!” He adds: “Gendex has hit another home run with the GXS-700 series sensors. The direct USB connection eliminates clutter and hardware hassles. The redesigned sensor case provides amazing patient comfort. However, convenience and comfort are nothing without diagnostically accurate images. “In this regard, the GXS-700 is a game changer. Once you see the image quality, you’ll see why I’m saying the GXS-700 series is a must-have for those who want the very best in digital radiography.”

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Be sure to stop by the Gendex booth, No. 4017, to see the GXS-700 and to see how it can enhance your practice.

Showing off the new Gendex GXS-700 sensor. (Photo/Provided by Gendex)
A new kind of cone-beam imaging

Facial Imaging Mobile brings 3-D cone beam directly to dentists

By Kristine Colker, Managing Editor

— Almost three years ago now, something happened in the tri-state area to change the world of 3-D cone-beam dental digital imaging forever. Elana Magreli, Alon Hayka and Dr. Marvin M. Rosenberg teamed up to start Facial Imaging Mobile, a company dedicated to bringing digital imaging directly to dentists’ doorsteps.

By now, the benefits of a 3-D cone-beam dental digital imaging unit are well known — a more accurate diagnosis and treatment plan for a more predictable outcome, greater treatment acceptance with increased office efficiency, significantly less radiation when compared to a medical CT scan and an almost immediate turnaround time as opposed to having to wait days, or even weeks, to get results of traditional scans.

However, as Magreli, Hayka and Rosenberg knew, there are still a couple of big drawbacks to cone-beam digital imaging — namely, that full field-of-view units are not always affordable for all dentists, and many don’t have the experience working with it.

Keeping all that in mind, the three of them came up with the idea to offer a mobile unit in a customized van that would come directly to dentists’ and specialists’ offices, allowing their patients to take advantage of the latest technology without having to leave the comfort of their own clinicians’ office.

Magreli, Hayka and Rosenberg brought their idea to NewTom, which came on board. Each of the mobile units now utilizes the NewTom VGi Cone Beam CT, the only CBCT warranted for use in a mobile environment and designed specifically to offer state-of-the-art cone-beam 3-D scans to general dentists, periodontists, oral and maxillofacial surgeons, endodontists and orthodontists in the convenience of their own practices.

The company serves practices in the tri-state area, along with the entire state of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C.

Today, mobile cone-beam units are gaining in popularity as more of them are starting up across the country. Magreli, Hayka and Rosenberg, however, know they offer a few things the others don’t.

First is the experience the three of them provide. “We have three world-class experts at the offices of the company,” Rosenberg said. “Alon is the technical side. He developed the Image Guided Surgery Systems for implant dentistry and is an expert in 3-D planning, imaging and navigational systems. I’m the clinical side. I’m a world-recognized specialist in periodontology and have lectured all across the world. I’m also considered to be an expert in implant dentistry. Elana is the managerial side. She is a class-act and the driving force behind us.”

Rosenberg said together, the three of them have all the skills needed to run a successful business.

The second thing Facial Imaging Mobile has that many others don’t is a fully customized van, which features waiting rooms, doors and is more similar to a mobile blood bank than other 3-D mobile units, which leaves patients feeling more at ease about the process.

A look inside one of Facial Imaging Mobile’s units. (Photos/Provided by Facial Imaging Mobile)

To check out the mobile vans for yourself, to discuss creating a joint venture or just to get more information, e-mail Magreli at elana@facialimagingmobile.com, visit www.facialimagingmobile.com or stop by the NewTom booth, No. 5401.

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CarieScan PRO: Superior technology for accurate and confident caries detection

By Prof. Nigel Pitts, BDS, PhD, Fay Goldstep, DDS, FADC, FADEE, and George Freedman DDS, FAACD, FADC

The trend toward more preventive, patient-centered caries management is being advocated by groups such as ICADAS, CAMBRA and the ADA. This approach has led to the promotion of better quality information to make decisions about appropriate diagnosis, prognosis and clinical management at both the individual and public health levels.

In particular, ICADAS also provides a framework to support and enable personalized, comprehensive clinical caries management for improved long-term outcomes.

Modern caries management now involves not waiting until end-stage disease is evident (significant dental cavitation), but seeking to identify also early-stage disease, which can be controlled in many cases without ever requiring surgical intervention.

The value of early caries detection to the patient is the ability to control the disease process sufficiently to contain, arrest or remineralize lesions in order to avoid or delay the burdens and costs associated with a spiral of restoration and re-restoration. Best practice now favors a preventive and patient personalized approach to treatment and recall.

In order to introduce effective caries management, it is essential for the clinician to have suitable protocols and tools for the accurate detection of primary caries.

Scientific evidence shows that purely visual inspection is not able to identify more than 40 percent of initial lesions, leading to further progression of the caries process. X-ray examination is not able to identify primary lesions in their early stage, and more recent laser fluorescence innovations can lead to excessive false negatives.

Excessive false positive readings lead to unnecessary surgical treatment of healthy teeth and uncertainty among clinicians. But now, advanced scientific technology has led to a better solution.

Better technology means better results
The CarieScan PRO™ is the first dental diagnostic device to use ACIST (AC Impedance Spectroscopy) technology to quantify dental caries measurements changing in tooth mineral density.

This direct measurement is compared to a classification map of normal densities built up through six years of research and development at the Universities of Dundee and St. Andrews.

The concept of using an electrical signal for caries detection dates from the 1950s. In 1996, Nature Medicine (February 1996, Vol. 2, 22, pp. 235-237) reported on the first use of multiple electrical frequencies involving a method known as ACIST. The use of variable frequencies was a major step forward in characterizing the status of dental hard tissues more accurately and being able to better differentiate between healthy and diseased teeth.

ACIST uses alternating electrical current (low-amplitude) to pass through tooth enamel and the pulp, measuring mineral density of the tooth. It penetrates through the entire tooth, not just scanning the surface.

The CarieScan PRO system then assigns mapped values of disease probability from 0 to 100 based on electrical impedance, at multiple AC frequencies within four seconds. Both numerical and the LED-colored inDECAyTM provide the clinician with repeatable information for accurate patient-based treatment plans.

The variance in impedance response between the different stages of decay is significant.

The impedance measured in a healthy tooth is significantly greater than that of a demineralizing tooth site with a carious lesion, which in turn is significantly greater than that of a tooth site with extensive decay into dentin.

As a result, the sensitivity (correct detection of caries) and specificity (correct detection of healthy) of the ACIST technology in distinguishing these different stages of disease is far higher than current alternative diagnostic methods.

Positively fewer false positives
Other methods rely on optical or radiographic means. The former are easily confused by stains or discolorations, and the latter subjects the patient (and the clinician) to unnecessary and potentially damaging levels of ionizing radiation.

While fluorescence-based systems are effective in finding established dental lesions and caries better than conventional visual and radiographic methods, they are prone to a very high number of false positive readings, particularly in the presence of staining.

The poor specificity associated with laser fluorescence systems results from false positives readings as high as 40 percent, which can in turn lead to unnecessary drilling of healthy teeth. The CarieScan PRO has a sensitivity and a specificity (minimizing false positives) both greater than 92 percent.

No pain, all gain
There’s no pain, no sensation, no ionizing radiation; simply touch the sensor to the patient’s dry tooth. Readings are clear and easily understood by patients, allowing you to simply explain the treatment plan. CarieScan PRO gives you the technology to build your practice, retain more patients and generate additional revenue.

Manage and monitor long-term dental health
The CarieScan PRO provides consistent, repeatable, reliable data, enabling the clinician to compare readings taken at subsequent patient visits. The comparison data enables the monitoring of the effectiveness of treatment and disease progression or regression. Low cost per patient minimizes your financial outlay, while providing the most accurate data available from a handheld device.

With CarieScan PRO, you can diagnose caries with confidence.

References
Midmark launches dental sterilizer promotion

Midmark has announced the launch of its 2010 dental sterilizer promotion, Crunching Numbers. The national promotion will run through Dec. 31 and will feature Midmark’s market-leading sterilizers, which are known for their reliability and efficiency.

The year-end promotion offers dental practices the opportunity to receive a $300, $400 or $500 rebate with the purchase of a Midmark M9 UltraClave, M11 UltraClave or M3 UltraFast sterilizer. A rebate of $1,000 is offered with the purchase of two sterilizers, an M3 UltraFast plus an M11 UltraClave or M9 UltraClave.

“Through the Crunching Numbers promotion, we are providing customers with proven statistics and simple formulas to use to assess if a sterilizer is ready to be replaced. “We are also providing the tools to help dental professionals choose the equipment that’s best for their practice.”

Important dates to remember:
• Promotional order period goes through Dec. 31
• Must take shipment by Jan. 31
• Must claim incentive offers by Feb. 15

For complete promotional details and product information, visit midmark.com.

About Midmark Dental
Dedicated to helping dental professionals deliver the most efficient patient care, Midmark offers a complete line of innovative equipment solutions for operatories, instrument processing and central utilities. The Midmark Artizan™ Dental Furniture line and Integra™ Dental Casework offer one of the most comprehensive cabinetry solutions available from a dental manufacturer, and its line of ergonomic dental chairs with patented integrated armrests is recognized for comfort and style.

DentalVibe to host gathering with opinion leaders tonight

This evening, after the Greater New York Dental Meeting is done for the day, DentalVibe will sponsor a one-of-a-kind event, “Off the Podium,” a gathering of neighborhood dentists and key opinion leaders, at the Marriott Marquis from 5:30–7:30 p.m.

The event will feature an open bar, appetizers and prizes. The event will be a unique opportunity for dentists to mingle and chat with the lecturers they typically only see on a podium.

Dr. Louis Malcmacher, Dr. Joe Blaes, Dr. George Freeman, Dr. Ron Kaminer, Dr. Marty Jablow, DentalVibe founder Dr. Steven Goldberg and other surprise guests will be on hand.

For more information, stop by the DentalVibe booth, No. 5033.

BrightSquid Dental Link improves communication between dentists, dental labs, and the patient by centralizing information relevant to treatment. Using collaborative web technologies all caregivers can view, annotate, and comment on the treatment; directly improving the quality of patient care.

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Advance your dentistry with modern imaging technology for the 21st century dentist

- Visit Leica Microsystems, booth No. 5334, to enter a drawing for one of four Leica V-LUX2 digital cameras. A random drawing will be held on each of the four days of the exhibit. Leica Microsystems provides microscopes for dentistry that attract patients to your practice with modern, 21st-century technology and design. The Leica M320 F12 with cable-free design fully integrates the following features:
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  - **High-definition (HD) imaging:** Features an integrated HD camera and recording system for easy documentation and sharing of information for teaching and consultation.
  - **High-quality LED illumination:** Produces high-quality, daylight temperature illumination for high-fidelity colors and provides a low cost of ownership.
  - **Antimicrobial surfaces:** Leica AgProtect™ nanosilver coating reduces pathogens on the microscope and prevents their transfer to users and patients.

Leica Microsystems will also show the unique Leica HM500 head-mounted microscope. The Leica HM500 headmounted microscope, like the dental loupe, is worn on the head. The system offers a sharp, 3-D view of all details in the field of treatment from all angles. You can move freely and work in a natural posture for precise and efficient working for restorative dental procedures, in particular. The Leica HM500 headmounted microscope’s variable magnification enhances what you see without changing how you naturally look at the patient’s oral cavity. In addition, the field of vision is always completely and uniformly illuminated. The shadow-free, coaxial lighting delivers high-fidelity color and penetrates even the narrowest and deepest cavities and brings all details to the forefront. The integrated camera allows you to document and display cases on the screen with high resolution, precisely from the dentist’s perspective.

Leica Microsystems supports you with modern imaging technology to provide the best patient care possible. Visit Leica Microsystems at booth No. 5334 to find out more and receive a professional consultation from a board certified DDS for your dental practice needs.
Will you retire healthy?

RGP Dental says ‘yes, you will’

Today’s dental community is more aware of ergonomics than previous generations.

Still, dentists continue to retire early due to disabilities related to their daily working habits. In fact, if statistics and current trending analysis are correct, roughly 30 percent of active dentists will retire prematurely due in part to musculoskeletal injury.

RGP Dental Inc. was founded in the United States in 1996. Ergonomic seating options at that time were minimal. RGP realized the need for products that would not only provide a superior health benefit but would also fit and support the human couture comfortably. RGP’s founders had previously spent five years in Europe investigating the area of ergonomic seating.

Today, RGP Dental specializes in dental stools that help lessen or eliminate the four major risk factors that contribute most to musculoskeletal disorders: repetition, force, mechanical stress and posture.

The active seating that the RGP stools offer helps increase blood flow and keeps the body active.

According to studies, sitting in a static position can create inflammation of the muscles, which can lead to serious injury.

Many of today’s ergonomic speakers recommend using two different types of stools in the office and rotating between procedures. In doing so, the risk of static injury decreases significantly.

Putting your body in different positions throughout the day, or active seating, stimulates a varied muscle group and can help to strengthen the body without injury.

RGP’s 400-D is an easily adjustable operatory stool whose backrest can fit perfectly into the small of anyone’s back. When the lever is engaged, the backrest presses against your back and forces you to press on it in return. This will help actively engage the core muscles of your body.

While strengthening your muscles, the backrest never leaves your back. It will stay with the user when leaning forward or back.

Many of the stools user’s will utilize the active seating feature to find their desired working position and then lock it in place.

The options and positions in which one can sit and be supported are endless with the 400-D.

Along with the 400-D stool, RGP also offers an array of seating options designed specifically for you. A popular alternative to the 400D is RGP’s Straddle Stool.

RGP’s Straddle Stool is an ergonomic stool that allows one to perform a task ergonomically at a height approximately 8–10 inches higher than you would with traditional seating. By straddling the stool as if riding a horse, you pre-position your spine into proper lordosis, or the proper ‘S’ curvature.

During the Greater New York Dental Meeting, RGP is offering a 20 percent discount on each stool and greater discounts on multiple orders.

RGP urges you to at least stop by its booth, Nos. 5209/5307, to see what it can offer to help make your career less painful and more enjoyable.

Here at the GNYDM

For more information on RGP and to try out any of the stools, stop by the booth, No. 5209.

‘Putting your body in different positions throughout the day, or active seating, stimulates a varied muscle group and can help to strengthen the body without injury.’
Invisalign G3 expands on original product to deliver better results

Upgrades also streamline overall planning process

- In the decade since the commercial launch of the Invisalign® system, Align Technology has continuously worked to innovate and improve Invisalign products to deliver the outcomes patients want and doctors expect.

- This fall, Align introduced Invisalign G3, the most significant collection of new features and innovations in the company’s history.

- Invisalign G3 is engineered to deliver even better clinical results, with new aligner and software features that make it easier to use Invisalign, including SmartForce® features designed for increased predictability of certain tooth movements, simpler, more intuitive software to streamline treatment planning and review, and new aligner and software features that make it easier to use Invisalign with Class II and Class III patients.


- The innovations in Invisalign G3 really get at the heart of what doctors have been asking for from Invisalign treatment,” said Sheila Tan, Align vice president, marketing and chief marketing officer.

- “With technology and tools that are designed to expand the clinical scope of Invisalign, deliver greater predictability across all clinical situations and make treatment planning more efficient, Invisalign G3 represents a tremendous leap forward in Invisalign innovation and demonstrated how we leverage our technology to deliver the clinical outcomes doctors expect.”

SmartForce features designed for greater predictability of tooth movements

- SmartForce features are attachments and aligner features engineered to deliver the forces needed to achieve predictable tooth movements.

- Based on biomechanical principles, SmartForce features are customized to each tooth using advanced virtual modeling and are positioned precisely to deliver the proper forces.

- New SmartForce features include an optimized rotation attachment for bicuspids (previously available only for cuspids), a new Power Ridge™ feature for lower anterior (previously available for the upper arch) and a Lingual Power Ridge feature for upper anterior.

- A new variation of the optimized rotation attachment is also being introduced to address clinical situations where placement of the attachment may have previously been difficult.

ClinCheck 3.0 and the Invisalign Doctor Site

- Invisalign G3 also streamlines the overall treatment planning process with a significant evolution of the ClinCheck software, making it easier and more intuitive for clinicians to create and modify Invisalign treatment plans.

- Additionally, a significant redesign of the Invisalign Doctor Site (formerly Virtual Invisalign Practice or “VIP”) makes it simpler and more intuitive for dentists to access Invisalign patient records, review and approve ClinCheck treatment plans, view patient account status, order treatment supplies and more.

NYU residents to take a look at ANEW

- New York University College of Dentistry second-year residents Drs. Jonathan Beley and Spyridon Xynogalas of the Arthur Ashman Department of Periodontology and Implant Dentistry will review case presentations on ANEW™, the narrow body implant system from Dentatus USA, with the objective of introducing this implant modality to all interested dentists.

- The Anew Implant restorative protocol, developed by Bernard Weissman in conjunction with NYU’s Department of Periodontology and Implant Dentistry, has been in continuous use at the school since 2001.

The distinctive benefit of this implant system over others is that it fits where others cannot, advancing the field of implantology with unique solutions for situations that do not permit placement of the 3 mm or larger conventional implants.

- With FDA approval and documented long-term success, narrow-body implants have become a viable and predictable treatment option, making it possible for a much larger segment of patients to have affordable remedies.

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By John C. Comisi, DDS, FAGD, FACD, FICD

There are many things of beauty in this world: the Grand Canyon, Glacier Park in Alaska, the Greek Islands. But in the world of dentistry, beauty is sometimes a difficult thing to attain. There are many “cosmetic” restorative materials available, many of which are basically the same – some type of highly filled resin matrix that is resistant to wear and polishes well.

Shofu has developed a unique product called Beautifil II. It is a giomer. A giomer is a resin-based composite that contains pre-reacted glass ionomer (PRG) particles. These particles are made of fluorosilicate glass that has been reacted with polyacrylic acid prior to being incorporated into the resin.

There are two types of pre-reacted glass that can be used in composites. The first involves only the surface of the glass particles, called surface pre-reacted glass ionomers or S-PRG. The second type is when almost the entire particle is pre-reacted, called fully pre-reacted glass ionomer or F-PRG. Shofu’s Beautifil II contains S-PRG. Why is this important? The S-PRG particles form a film-like surface, which appears to inhibit plaque formation. This is a very important property, because if plaque can be inhibited, the surface of the restoration and the surrounding margin could be less susceptible to new acid attack by the bacteria of the mouth.

Additionally, Beautifil II releases and recharges fluoride in a way similar to a true glass ionomer. This benefit has been well documented in the literature for decades, and the advent and use of a giomer can potentially enhance the benefit of this glass ionomer property in a product that is durable and highly polishable. Beautifil II is easy to handle and has a finish that is comparable to a microfill composite.

Beautifil II is a universal restorative material that is radio opaque and comes in 12 shades, including two opaque shades and an incisal and bleach white shade. The product is available in syringe form, which has a unique one-hand flip top for easy dispensing by your assistant, and it also comes in compules.

Stop by the Shofu booth here at the GNYDM to evaluate Beautifil II. I’m sure you’ll find it to be a beautiful experience.

Here at the GNYDM
For more information on the Beautifil II and other Shofu products, stop by booth No. 4025.

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Each year at the Greater New York Dental Meeting, the spotlight shines on fresh ideas and state-of-the-art concepts. This year is no exception, with what is sure to be some exciting and enlightening experiences that can improve all facets of the dental practice.

Each year, exhibitors display their products in creative and eye-catching ways — and this year technology is bound to play a greater role in the presentations than ever before.

In the spirit of the meeting, DEXIS has combined art and science for its booth presentation. Its “morphing video” is a great way to reach out to the GNYDM audience and spread the news of latest digital X-ray innovations, according to company representatives. Starring the DEXIS Platinum sensor, the video will strive to inspire and inform dentists about the all of the benefits of this single-sensor solution.

After seeing the video, which some have dubbed, “Black, White and 16,000 Shades of Gray,” attendees should understand how Platinum can quickly become a celebrity of the practice.

Viewers will get glimpses of Platinum on the move, with cameo appearances by a morphing cast that demonstrates how the sensor is a perfect fit for patients and offices — regardless of their size.

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By Alan Miller, President and CEO of AMD LASERS

When I launched the Picasso soft-tissue laser, it was much like a sonic boom. A small fighter jet is just a dot in the sky, but at supersonic speeds produces percussion waves that can be heard and felt miles away.

Breaking the price barrier on lasers and making the technology affordable for all has always been my goal — Picasso was, and still is the sonic boom heard around the world.

Just a short time ago, manufacturers were selling their soft-tissue lasers for more than twice the amount they do today — no change in their technology, just inflated pricing. With the introduction of Picasso, we forced the industry to change, and their products dropped in price — a benefit to all.

I am the first (and probably only) laser manufacturer you will hear say: “All of the lasers are good lasers; buy any one of them and you will have technology that can transform your practice.”

AMD LASERS is a company based around this philosophy. We simply speak well of and compliment our competitors.

We practice this philosophy every day at AMD LASERS, and it has established us as the leader, the “professional” guys, the educators in laser technology.

Our company and products often get “bashed” by the competition, and when we are asked to respond, we have only one response: “Doctor, we only sell on the merits of our device, not on what our competitors say about us. Purchase any laser and you will be happy.”

A simple concept that has made the Picasso the No. 1 selling laser in the world. Simple concept, remarkable return.

Mark Twain said, “Build a better mousetrap, and the world will beat a path to your door.” I believe this mousetrap is not just our Picasso laser, but it is the way we conduct business.

Picasso shattered the $5,000 barrier in ’09, and Picasso Lite shattered the $2,500 price barrier earlier this year.

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Placing a matrix band to attain a good contact point and avoiding interproximal overhang after excavation for Class II fillings has always been a time-consuming and laborious procedure. Directa has created a unique and easy solution for this procedure by combining a separating plastic wedge with a stainless steel matrix. The FenderMate is available in regular and narrow width and for left or right application and is color-coded for better identification. According to the Swedish company, the combined matrix and wedge are inserted as one piece. A new technology contours and compliments the curvature of the patient's tooth and holds its shape without having to use a retentive ring that inhibits access to a cavity. The contact point is created by the dual curvature of FenderMate so that further burnishing will not be necessary. With the combination of FenderMate and FenderWedge, Directa also offers a tissue-friendly approach for the preparation and filling of Class II cavities.

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Many differences between two methods

The STA-intraligamentary injection vs. the PDL

By Eugene R. Casagrande, DDS, FAcD, FICD, Director of International and Professional Relations, Milestone Scientific

There are major differences that should be considered between the traditional PDL injection, delivered with the dental syringe, the Ligmaject or the Peri-press, and the STA (single tooth anesthesia) administered intraligamentary injection (STA-II); some of them are as follows:

• The PDL is usually the injection of last resort when the mandibular block fails. The STA-II should be the primary injection for any maxillary or mandibular tooth and can replace mandibular blocks and supraperiosteal infiltrations, which cause collateral numbness to the patient’s lip, face and tongue.
• With the PDL, a small amount of anesthetic is injected under excessive pressure, which produces a short duration of anesthesia. The STA-II delivers a larger volume of anesthetic under minimal pressure resulting in longer duration (40 minutes).
• The PDL is difficult to administer and the flow rate depends on manual pressure. The STA-II is easy to administer, and the flow rate is computer-controlled, consistent and below the patient’s pain threshold.
• The PDL is painful on delivery, results in tissue damage and bone resorption, and can cause postoperative discomfort. The STA-II is a comfortable injection, and a clinical study shows it causes no tissue damage or bone resorption and little or no post-op discomfort.

The STA, using dynamic pressure sensing, allows you to know when you have arrived at the correct site (the periodontal ligament space) for a successful intraligamentary injection; it also indicates if you have left the site and if the needle has been blocked by obstruction or pressure.

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THE BEAUTIFUL SIMPLICITY OF COMPOSITE RESIN BONDING: A LIVE DEMONSTRATION
Composite resin restorations offer a conservative and viable alternative to porcelain. Restorations that were once thought to be impossible or “heroic” at best, can now be achieved easily, reliably, and consistently with composite resin.

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REAL-TIME COMPUTER NAVIGATION TO OPTIMIZE IMPLANT PLACEMENT USING THE IGI – IMAGE GUIDED IMPLANT DENTISTRY SYSTEM – LIVE PATIENT DEMONSTRATION
Live demonstration utilizing the state of the art IGI - Image Guided Implant Dentistry System by Image Navigation Ltd. for the planning and placement of dental implants is shown.

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PREDICTABLE TECHNIQUES TO CREATE A POST AND CORE AND LIFE-LIKE PROVISIONAL- LIVE PATIENT DEMONSTRATION
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Why digital impressions? Why CAD/CAM?

By Dr. Santine Anderson

• Every day dentists find themselves struggling with the challenges of taking final impressions and cementing crowns. As hydrophilic as impression materials have become, we continue to see voids, pulls and tears in our impressions.

We know that impressions can distort, leading to inaccurate models and poorly fitting crowns. We also find ourselves attempting to critically evaluate our preparations by looking at margins and surfaces in our small impressions.

Digital impressions replace the need for traditional PVS impressions. Using a laser or LED light source, a series of individual images or video stream are used to capture all of the details of the prepared tooth and surrounding tooth structure with extreme accuracy. These images are then used to create a three-dimensional model that can be enlarged and reviewed on a 20- to 24-inch screen. This image can then be used to fabricate a restoration in the dental clinic or in a laboratory.

Digital Impressions improve the quality of our dentistry by:
• creating virtual models and restorations with greater accuracy,
• fabricating restorations needing fewer adjustments,
• eliminating the need for remakes because of poor fit, and
• improving the quality of our preparations by allowing us to visualize margins and surfaces at a much larger scale.

In-office CAD/CAM technology begins with a digital impression and then allows the operator to design the restoration on the computer and mill the restoration in the office. This technology provides the ability to fabricate and deliver a restoration in the same appointment, the same day or within a few days.

A traditional impression can also be scanned, designed and milled, if intra-oral scanning is a significant obstacle. These systems also offer the option of sending the digital impression to the laboratory for fabrication of the final restoration.

E4D Dentist and CEREC AC are the two major CAD/CAM systems currently on the market. E4D Dentist uses a laser to capture a series of digital images that are then merged together to create a three-dimensional model. CEREC AC uses an LED light to capture the images from a powdered surface.

Both systems feature software that is used to create a virtual restoration with anatomy based on that of the adjacent teeth and opposing dentition.

A variety of tools are then available to modify the contours, contacts, occlusion and anatomy of the proposed restoration. The information is then sent to the in-office mill for fabrication of the restoration.

E4D Dentist features:
• Anatomically correct proposals.
• Software that is very intuitive and user-friendly.
• Excellent cart design with stable casters, handles for easy maneuvering and slim width for capturing images.
• No need for powdering teeth.
• Easy scanning in the mouth, from an impression or from a model.
• Large sturdy mill and three bur size options enable sharp margins and detailed anatomy.
• Ability to design multiple restorations at once on the same screen.
• Exceptional training provided at the manufacturing facility and included with the purchase of the system.

Remote access from hardware, software and dental technicians for immediate support.

Today more than ever, our patients are involved in their own health care, shopping and evaluating what providers have to offer that stand apart from others. Digital impressioning and CAD/CAM technology offer a tremendous opportunity to enhance a practice as it:
• offers the convenience of same-day restorations,
• reduces the chair time at cementation through greater accuracy of the digital image.
• creates excitement from patients about new technology, and
• engages and empowers the staff as they truly become part of fabricating the final restoration.

Dentistry is changing and the opportunities are tremendous with digital technology as it offers the ability to provide better restorations for our patients, improve the quality of our work, empower our staff and increase the volume of patients in our practice.

Take a look at all the systems and technologies available and see which one is right for you, your practice and your patients — it isn’t a matter of “if” you will go digital, but “when.”

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For more information or to check out the E4D for yourself, visit D4D at the Henry Schein booth, Nos. 1015/1023/1417/1820.

About the author

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Fig 1: E4D Dentist Digital Model (Photos/Provided by D4D)
Fig 2: E4D Dentist Autogenesis restoration proposal
Fig 3: IPS e.max restorations after milling and before firing
Fig 4: Final IPS e.max restorations

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Isolite dental isolation technology garners more industry recognition

Isolite brings home another industry accolade while new IsodryTi named Top Technology Product

Isolite Systems, maker of innovative dental isolation technology, announced its products have received new industry recognition.

Dentistry Today magazine recognized the Isolite dryfield illuminator as one of the Top 100 Products for 2010 for the dental industry. The Isolite dryfield illuminator is an innovative dental tool that combines the functions of light, suction and retraction into a single device, solving many of the frustrations that dental professionals deal with on a daily basis.

The device gently holds the patient’s mouth open, keeps the tongue out of the working field and guards the patient’s vulnerable airway, all while continuously evacuating saliva and excess moisture.

The super-soft mouthpiece used with the device makes for a more comfortable experience for the patient and allows dental professionals to work more efficiently with greater control over the oral environment.

Additionally, the company said its IsodryTi, a non-illuminated dental isolation system, was named to Dentistry Today magazine’s Top 50 Technology Products for 2010. IsodryTi performs all the functions as Isolite, with the exception of intra-oral illumination.

Both dental isolation systems utilize the patented Isolite Isoflex mouthpiece. The unique shape and softness of the mouthpiece is key to the systems’ advanced dental isolation. The latex-free mouthpiece comfortably allows fluids and debris to be aspirated from deep within the oral cavity.

Built-in tongue, cheek and throat shield protect the patient from injury and provide an added measure of assurance that the airway is better protected from possible dental debris. Single-use Isolite mouthpieces are available in five sizes to fit the spectrum of patients from small child to large adult.

Other recognition received by Isolite Systems for its Isolite dryfield illuminator includes:

- DrBicuspid.com “Dental Excellence Award – Best New Instrument” (2009)
- Named a “Best Product 2008” by Dental Product Shopper magazine; received a 4.8 rating (out of a possible 5.0) by reviewing dentists

For more information about Isolite Systems, call (800) 560-6066 or visit www.isolitesystems.com. Both Isolite and IsodryTi are being exhibited at booth No. 323.

The Isolite and the IsodryTi (Photo/Provided by Isolite Systems)

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**A-TRAUMATIC EXTRACTION INSTRUMENTS**

Come see the large selection of A-Traumatic extraction instruments from Zoll-Dental in booth No. 5302. Zoll-Dental has a wide selection of periromes, luxating-type elevators and the new Zator® and Zator®-ZP line of instruments. The Zator and Zator ZP instruments are titanium nitrite-coated for a slicker surface than standard instruments. This slick surface (adapted from the line of non-stick composite instruments, which will also be on display) minimizes resistance to the instrument when it is inserted into the tooth socket when attempting to cut the periodontal ligament. Using this technique allows for a more a-traumatic extraction of the tooth, leaving a more pristine site (extremely useful when one wishes to place implants).

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For more information on Mydent International and the DEFEND brand of products, call (800) 275-0020, e-mail sales@defend.com, visit www.defend.com or stop by the booth, No. 2609.

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10 things to do in NYC

By Fred Michmershuizen, DT Online Editor

If you are coming to the Greater New York Dental Meeting, keep in mind that there is always plenty to see and do in the Big Apple. It doesn’t matter whether you have an hour or all day, whether you have money to spend or you are on a tight budget. When your business is finished at the dental meeting, head out on the town for a memorable time. Here are some ideas.

Laugh it up at a comedy club
Before comedians appear on the Jay Leno show or tape specials for HBO, they cut their chops before live audiences at one of New York City’s many comedy clubs. Audiences are typically small and intimate, and laughs always abound.

There’s usually a nominal cover charge and a one- or two-drink minimum. Check out Carolines on Broadway, 1626 Broadway between 49th and 50th streets. (212) 757-4100. www.carolines.com; Comedy Cellar at 117 MacDougal St., between West 3rd and Minetta Lane. (212) 254-3480. www.comedycellar.com; or Gotham Comedy Club, 208 W. 23rd St. between 7th and 8th avenues. (212) 367-9000. www.thegothamcomedyclub.com

Practice your figure eight
The Rink at Rockefeller Center is open to the public. You can skate beneath the gilded statue of Prometheus and the glittering Christmas tree. You don’t have to go hungry. The snack bar serves hot dogs, pretzels, smoothies, and much more. For information, call (212) 332-7654 or visit www.rockcenter.com; or the Sky Rink at Chelsea Piers at 33rd Street and the Hudson River, (212) 336-6100. www.chelseapiers.com.

Escape to Houdini exhibit
Through impossibly daring feats, Harry Houdini (1874-1926) captivated audiences worldwide, and his legendary escapes instilled awe to this day. “Houdini: Art and Magic” – the first exhibition in a major American art museum on the master magician and his lasting influence in visual culture – features magic apparatus, posters, broadsides, period photographs, archival films and contemporary artwork inspired by the great magician and escape artist.

The exhibition reveals how Houdini’s reputation has evolved over time, and how his tricks and stunts have fascinated and delighted audiences for a century. Revel in his tricks, illusions, and hypnotic states – see the great magician at his best. For more information about “Saturday Night Live.” But if you are willing to stand in line, you might hit the jackpot with standby tickets to another show. For “The Late Show with David Letterman” (CBS), visit the Ed Sullivan Theater at 1667 Broadway, between 53rd and 54th streets.

The Radio City Christmas Spectacular, playing at Radio City Music Hall, is a New York City tradition dating back 75 years. (Photos/Courtesy of NYC and Company)

See a Broadway show
There are dozens of Broadway and Off-Broadway shows to choose from, and you can get discounted same-day tickets at the Theater Development Fund’s TKTS booth in Duffy Square. For evening performances, tickets go on sale at 3 p.m. For Wednesday matinees, the booth opens at 10 a.m., and on Sundays it opens at 11 a.m. To score your tickets for a show tonight, head over to Broadway and 47th Street. Look for the gleaming red steps.

Learn about tenement life
Want to travel back in time? The Lower East Side Tenement Museum, located at 97 Orchard St., tells the stories of immigrants who faced challenges of making a new life, working for a better future and starting families with limited means. Built on Manhattan’s Lower East Side in 1863, this tenement building was home to nearly 7,000 working class immigrants.

Visitors take guided tours of apartments that re-create immigrant life in the 19th and 20th centuries. Along with a glimpse of the past, tours offer insights into current debates about immigration and public health.

All tours begin at the Museum Shop, located a few doors down, at 108 Orchard St. Call (212) 982-8420 or visit www.tenement.org for more information.

Get to the Top of the Rock
You can see just about everything in New York City from top of Rockefeller center, an Art Deco masterpiece of a building. The lines for Top of the Rock here are much shorter than at the Empire State Building, yet the views are just as awe-inspiring.

Tickets are expensive but worth it. It’s located in Midtown at 30 Rockefeller Plaza. For information, call (212) 968-2000 or visit www.topoftherock.nyc.com.

Tablet:
This iconic, black and white mosaic, designed by a team of artists from Naples, Italy, lies in the center of Strawberry Fields.

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