The Pacific Dental Conference consistently draws some of the top presenters in dentistry from across North America and even internationally. Today’s agenda confirms that this year is no exception, offering eight morning, afternoon or full-day hands-on courses that require preregistration and have a course fee. In addition to the intensive, hands-on courses there are nearly 70 open sessions scheduled throughout the morning and afternoon. A few highlights:

- George Kirtley, DDS, presents the hands-on course “CAD/CAM-design denture using the Pala Digital Denture System” from 1:30 to 4 p.m. in Vancouver Convention Centre West, Room 115. Preregistration and a course fee were required. Each attendee will get experience using the Pala System, working with materials to accurately capture vertical dimension, Gothic Arch tracings, tooth length, lip length — and understand the processes behind CAD/CAM design of dentures and over-dentures. Kirtley is a dually accredited member of the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry and the British Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry. He has been a clinical instructor for the New York City, London and Palm Beach Aesthetic Advantage since 1996. He maintains a private practice in Indianapolis, focusing on aesthetic restorative dentistry. The course is cosponsored by the Canadian Academy for Esthetic Dentistry.
- Robert Fazio, DMD, presents the open session “Medicine, dentistry and drugs,” which is billed as a “chairside-friendly course for clinicians.” The course stands on its own, but many attendees will also have attended Fazio’s morning session, “Antibiotics in dentistry.” Recognizing the growing number of older patients on multiple medications, Fazio will help attendees structure a framework that can help them treatment plan and identify appropriate analgesics, anaesthetics and other prescriptions based on a stronger understanding of potential interactions with a patient’s existing medications or impact on medical conditions. Fazio is an associate clinical professor of surgery at the Yale School of Medicine and has been on Dentistry Today’s “Top 100 Clinical Educators” list for more than a decade.
- Fazio is back Friday morning with “Periodontitis & peri-implantitis: the good, the bad and the ugly” from 8:30 –11 a.m. in Vancouver Convention Centre East, Room 2/3. Fazio will provide insight on how to successfully treat periodontitis in both the compliant and noncompliant patient, explaining how to treatment plan based solely on “evidence-based data” in the dental literature while clearly understanding the “promotional dentistry” of the manufacturers. Attendees will learn all about the protocols and strategies, the curettes, toothbrushes, mouth rinses and toothpaste that will insure success.
- Also Friday, a limited number of attendees will spend the day with Mark Lin, DDS, FRCD(C), in his all-day course “Advance immediate anterior implant aesthetics and immediate posterior implants.” The hands-on workshop will cover atraumatic flapless extraction, immediate implant placement, socket grafting and immediate provisional-

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