Lots more C.E. in store

Two more days of nonstop advanced dental education

More top names in dentistry can be found throughout the listing of hands-on courses and open sessions today and Saturday here at the Pacific Dental Conference. The hand-on courses scheduled for the full morning, full afternoon or full day required preregistration and a fee. Today alone there are four hands-on courses scheduled for this morning, three more this afternoon and five that are set to run for the full day. Saturday’s schedule is similar. The two days are packed even more with open sessions, including about 50 such sessions scheduled today followed by another dozen on Saturday. And, of course, there’s plenty of nonstop education in store throughout every aisle of the Exhibit Hall.

A few highlights coming up this afternoon or Saturday, include:

- **This afternoon from 1:30 to 4, Dr. Samuel Low, DDS, presents the hands-on course, “Implement Laser Technology for Today’s Periodontal Patients.”** The workshop will introduce attendees to a variety of lasers that can be used for various periodontal procedures, aesthetic crown lengthening and other treatments. Low explains why use of a laser enables patients to experience accelerated healing, reduced postoperative issues, shorter procedure time, less pain, greater case acceptance and a more relaxed experience. Low is a professor emeritus with the University of Florida College of Dentistry, an associate faculty member with the Pankey Institute and has 30 years of practice experience in periodontics, lasers and implant placement. He is a past president of the American Academy of Periodontology and was named as a distinguished alumnus by the University of Texas Dental School. He is also a recipient of the Gordon Christensen Lecturer Recognition Award. The session is co-sponsored by BIOLASE.

- **In another 1:30–4 session this afternoon, Joel Epstein, DMD, FRCD(C), presents “Forgotten Oral Functions: Saliva and Taste.”** Epstein addresses current advances in the understanding and management of saliva and taste and their critical functions in relation to oral and systemic health and general well-being. Salivary changes in volume, texture and constituents affects oral and dental health, with low saliva often affecting taste, a neurosensory function that is important in host defense, diet, nutrition – and quality of life. Epstein is professor of surgery at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles and consultant, otolaryngology and head and neck surgery at City of Hope National Medical Center in Duarte, Calif. Previously, he was on the staff of the British Columbia Cancer Agency and was head of dentistry at Vancouver Hospital. He conducts a referral practice in oral medicine in Vancouver.

- **Saturday from 9 to 11:30 a.m., Physical Therapist Tim Caruso presents, “Posture Perfect Workshop.”** Caruso will lead attendees through a simple series of exercises on an exercise ball designed specifically...