Enhancing oral health care across Latin America

FOLA, USDOC honored for expanding access to care

By Robin Goodman, Dental Tribune

▪ A Monday morning breakfast attended by Greater New York Dental Meeting (GNYDM) members, officials from the U.S. Department of Commerce, FOLA members, political dignitaries and key members of Henry Schein’s senior management team was a thoughtful and convivial way to start the day.

The meeting began with a hearty and generous breakfast where...
Going international
Greater New York Dental Meeting pulls out all the stops to welcome those from other countries

By Jayme S. McNiff, GNYDM Education Coordinator

The Greater New York Dental Meeting (GNYDM) welcomes international attendees from more than 120 countries. As a world-renowned venue in dentistry, the GNYDM organizers understand the importance of creating a comfortable and welcoming environment for all its visitors: therefore, the GNYDM offers courses in Spanish, Portuguese and French.

In addition, the GNYDM continues to build a special relationship with the members of all 21 countries that make up the Federación Odontológica Latinoamericana (FOLA), representing more than 350,000 dentists in Latin America.

Educators and clinicians from Mexico, Central America and South America are regular visitors at each annual event.

Business center
As a special feature of the meeting, the international business center meets the needs of manufacturers and dealers who are interested in exchanging their products. It is located in the registration area of the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center and is open during registration hours.

The business center provides international attendees with an ideal location to interact with U.S. exporters to discuss business. The center also provides such support services as meeting rooms, on-site government trade representatives, multilingual interpreters and export counselors.

Export seminar
On Monday, through the Commercial Service Export Seminar, exhibitors learned about the various markets represented by International Commercial Specialists.

For the first time, the seminar took the form of an open forum with international commercial specialists dialoging back-and-forth between each other, the moderator and the audience.

Showtime
Exhibitors were able to participate in “Showtime,” one-on-one appoint-
ments between the delegation leaders from the embassy network and the exhibitor. Together, they are exploring export opportunities and discuss-
ing the latest market information on individual countries. At past GNYDM shows, these commercial service efforts have led to numerous export successes.

Hospitality center
The GNYDM’s hospitality center is also available for relaxing from the busy pace of the exhibition or for joining colleagues in a casual conver-
sation. The hospitality center is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and Wednesday.

“As the demographics of our coun-
try continue to change faster than predicted just a few years ago, we are a company committed to fostering diversity and cultural competency within our own organization and the health-care professions we serve,” Bergman said.

In addition, Bergman explained that those gathered for the breakfast were uniquely positioned to “help health happen throughout the world” via their cultural competency and by fostering diversity. This is in keeping with the Henry Schein Cares (HSC) initiative, a global corporate social responsibility program, which has the motto “Help Health Happen.”

The HSC program includes disas-
ter-response efforts, which targeted tragedies such as the earthquake in Haiti and Hurricane Katrina in the United States. The Henry Schein REACH program supports the growth and development of culturally specific professional associations, including Hispanic communities, across the United States.

— Henry Schein contributed to this report

International Commercial Specialists discuss exporting during a Monday seminar sponsored by the United States Department of Commerce. (Photo/Fred Michmershuizen, Dental Tribune)
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DVI celebrates 30th anniversary

By Fred Michmershuizen, Dental Tribune

Dental Volunteers of Israel (DVI), an organization that provides oral health care services to the children of Jerusalem regardless of background, celebrated its 30th anniversary Sunday night with a gala celebration at the Museum of Jewish Heritage in Lower Manhattan.

Dr. Nedal Alayyan was named DVI Volunteer of the Year. During his remarks, Alayyan recounted his experience as a child growing up in Jerusalem and being treated at the DVI clinic. Inspired by that early experience, Alayyan became a dentist himself and now gives back to today’s children of Jerusalem through DVI.

Stanley M. Bergman, chairman and CEO of Henry Schein, delivered the evening’s keynote address. In remembering the late Trudi Birger, founder of DVI, Bergman said: “Trudi was a humanitarian, a visionary and an entrepreneur. She realized that a healthy smile enables a child to eat, sleep, study and grow up without the distraction of pain associated with poor oral health.

“Now in its 30th year, the energy of the DVI program continues to grow, as evidenced by the letters of praise and support the organization receives every day from volunteers of all walks of life, in every dental specialty, and from all over the world,” Bergman said.

Ambassador Meron Reuben, Israel’s ambassador to the United Nations and to Columbia, also offered remarks to gala attendees.

Steve Kess, vice president of global professional relations for Henry Schein, Dr. Allen Helfer, president of the American Friends of DVI, and Ran Tuttnauer, CEO of Tuttnauer Ltd. and a member of the DVI board, were also honored.

Since its founding in 1980, DVI has been providing free dental care to Jerusalem’s most underprivileged children. At the state-of-the-art Trudi Birger Dental Clinic, children of all faiths referred by the Department of Social Welfare are treated by dentists from around the world.
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Scenes from Monday

Who needs Charlie? Pentron has its own set of 'Angels': from left, Colleen Thomas, Patricia Peckham, Adrienne Collins, Beth- any Camarda and Justine Kilbride. Stop by the booth (No. 825) to chat with one of them about Pentron products.

The professional teeth whitening system Super Smile has been around for 20 years and was created by Irwin Smigel. You can pick the popular products up at reduced prices at the GNYDM show, and Julie Robbins, left, Beverly McGowan can fill you in on the details at booth No. 2915.

Milestone has many specials available at the GNTDM. Stop by the booth (No. 2911) and ask about the High Production package (hint: you’ll get five free boxes)!

Miki Tiedt, RDH, explains the benefits of NuSmile to a GNTDM attendee at booth No. 1007.

New York public school children enjoy the Greater New York Smiles Children’s Program on Monday, which aimed to instruct and demonstrate the importance of oral health care to local youth. (Photo/Carlo Messina, F/X Video & Photo)

GNYDM attendees gather around the Midmark booth (No. 217) to admire the lush seating.

Noel Brandon-Kelsch stopped for a photo just before she took to the podium for ‘Eco-Friendly Infection Control: Understanding the Balance’ during the first lecture on Monday at the DTSC Symposia, located in Aisle 6000, Room 3.

Get your sugarless gum at the Trident booth (No. 5604).
Sherman Specialty (booth No. 703) is known for creating smiles. These furry creatures certainly help. Just ask Debbie Walbrecher, left, and Juan Philip Nobel.

Isolite founder Thomas Hirsch displays how well the system works with Tarah DeSpain at booth No. 323.

Attendees have been flocking to the DentalVibe booth (No. 5033) for good reason. The system, which allows for comfortable and predictable injections, is available for $300 less than its regular price at the GNYDM.

Step into the “Comfort Zone” at Hu-Friedy Mfg. Co. (booth No. 1403).

Sun Dental Labs is offering both 50 percent off and $50 off coupons at its booth (No. 5031). Thomas Caravas and Vanessa Correa will help you out when you stop by.

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Meeting attendees learn more about Dexis during a presentation at booth No. 4007.

Find out how you can have a football signed by Eli Manning at the Aseptico booth (No. 807).
Suni is offering many specials at the GNYDM, such as a three-sensor promo kit at its lowest price ever ($9,995, regularly $19,385) or its Suni 3 D Digital Pan System for $39,900. Visit the booth (No. 425) and Don Jackson or Hillary Elliott can provide additional information.

The leaders of FOLA (the Latin American Dental Federation) present an award to Javier Martinez de Pisón, editor-in-chief of Dental Tribune Latin America, and Torsten Oemus, publisher and chairman of Dental Tribune International, in recognition of their efforts to promote dental health in Latin American countries.

Do you place implants? If so, you’re definitely going to want to stop by booth No. 131 and hear about Osstell — the objective judge of implant stability — from Laura Pestronk, from left, Nazanin Gha fori and Pat Bradyhouse.

Want to hear more about a way to enhance your dentures with long-term performance, plus functional fit and patient comfort? Kate, Jennie and David Lang of Lang Dental can answer all your questions at booth No. 804.

The Greater New York Dental Meeting’s annual Dinner Dance took place Saturday evening at the New York Marriott Marquis Hotel. The black-tie event featured cocktails, dinner and dancing with music provided by The Ultimate Entertainment.
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This year, the Greater New York Dental Meeting (GNYDM) is offering orthodontic specialty programs each day this week. At this exclusive series, attendees will learn the latest trends and techniques in orthodontics.

A unique live demonstration of orthodontic temporary anchorage device (TAD) technology will be among the broad range of educational programs.

The GNYDM introduces and redefines its programs each year to inspire the entire dental team to excel in their profession. This year, various world-renowned speakers and clinicians will discuss a variety of topics, including new advances in orthodontic patient treatment, pediatrics, mechanics and technology.

Drs. Jay Bowman and Elliott Moskowitz will be among the various speakers from New York University’s College of Dentistry and Orthodontic Alumni Association, who will be speaking today and on Wednesday.

Both seminars will present a selection of innovative anchorage applications and auxiliaries for various malocclusions.

At these events, attendees can become acquainted with a multitude of multi-tasking options, including mini-screws and the application of pure skeletal anchorage for molar distalization.

Dr. John Halikias, the GNYDM’s general chairman, said he believes these “sophisticated and grand programs” are what continuing education really means.

“We strive to offer these unique seminars and hands-on workshops so that oral healthcare practitioners at all levels of education can excel in their profession and specialty,” Halikias said.

On Wednesday, Bowman and Dr. Jonathan T. Perry will present a live demonstration of the placement and activation of TADs. This program will include the benefits of incorporating the use of TADs and implants into traditional orthodontic treatment modalities.

“New ideas are a welcome addition to the educational programs at the Greater New York Dental Meeting,” said Dr. Robert Edwab, executive director of the GNYDM. “By expanding to two live dentistry arenas, we are able to revamp oral health-care education.”

In addition, the Greater New York Dental Meeting is again partnering with Align Technology to offer the highly acclaimed Invisalign Expo. This diverse array of educational courses will continue through Wednesday.

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1:20 - 2:20 Dov Almog, DMD
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2:40 - 3:40 Bettina Basrani, DDS, PhD
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Dubai holds dental trade fair

Event sponsored by U.S. Department of Commerce and the Greater New York Dental Meeting to promote the sale of U.S.-manufactured dental products

By Jayme McNiff, GNYDM Education Coordinator

The Greater New York Dental Meeting (GNYDM) once again partnered with the U.S. Department of Commerce for their active participation in their event. Forty-nine U.S. manufacturers and distributors were in attendance with other U.S. companies being represented by local distributors.

The final report from AEEDC indicated it experienced an increase of approximately 25 percent in exhibit space in 2009. There were more than 800 booths from 65 countries, including 15 international pavilions. With such large representation from so many other countries, it was gratifying that the U.S. booths were positioned conspicuously in a prominent position in the exhibit hall. This location gave American products tremendous exposure. The GNYDM booth, which included representatives from the U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. Embassy in Dubai, along with other U.S. companies, was decorated with American flags and other items reflecting our country.

The exhibit floor at AEEDC-Dubai is an example of the competition the U.S. dental manufacturing industry faces throughout the world. Other countries are well-organized and often have governmental support. There are approximately 70,000 dentists in the Middle East. This joint effort between the U.S. Department of Commerce and the GNYDM ensures that American-made products are in the forefront when competing with dental products made by international competitors.

It also affords better exposure for the U.S. dental industry on a global scale and maximizes exhibitor-attendee interaction and the networking experience to produce greater sales opportunities.

As strategic partners in this endeavor, both the USDOC and GNYDM are committed to helping U.S. manufacturers succeed in this global marketplace. Exhibitors depend on show management to deliver a highly qualified audience for them to achieve their objectives. The GNYDM serves this purpose by traveling and exhibiting worldwide to encourage attendance in New York for the purchase of U.S.-manufactured dental products.

The benefits are obvious. Dentists see U.S. products at international meetings and purchase them, thus increasing our exports. Potential attendees are encouraged to visit the GNYDM to buy products and technology on site. In addition, the economy of New York City gains tremendously by these attendees. It is a “win-win” for the dental industry, the United States, the city of New York and, of course, the GNYDM.

As a continuing example of the GNYDM’s commitment to successfully promote the sale of U.S. dental products throughout the world, it is now developing a similar Dental Trade Fair in Beijing, China.

GNYDM Executive Director Robert Edwab feels strongly that the meeting has a responsibility to its exhibitors to work 365 days a year, not just the five days of its event, to promote their products and increase their sales opportunities. He believes exhibitors must have the opportunity to maximize their investments when participating at dental events.

The GNYDM, which continues to be the largest dental event in the United States, with more than 59,000 attendees from all 50 states and 124 countries in 2009, aims to advance the sales opportunities of U.S. manufactured dental products throughout the world, he said.

Small Business Jobs Act contains tax incentives

By Fred Michmershuizen, Dental Tribune

Legislation signed into law recently by President Barack Obama contains provisions that can benefit dentists who purchase equipment or upgrade their practices. The Small Business Jobs Act, described by the Small Business Administration (SBA) as “the most significant piece of small business legislation in over a decade,” is designed to help small businesses drive economic recovery and create jobs.

Drury Drayer, vice president of Henry Schein Financial Services, told today that dentists who attend the Greater New York Dental Meeting and other events can take advantage of several specific provisions in the law.

“These are favorable developments for dentists, whether they are solo practitioners or those practicing in a larger practice arena,” Drayer said.

According to Drayer, there are three particular aspects of the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010 that will benefit dentists:

• First, the allowable deduction for capital equipment purchased doubled to record levels of $500,000 for 2010 and again for 2011.
• Second, for the first time, dentists can take a deduction for qualified real property improvements, which for 2010 and 2011 is set at $250,000.
• And, third, the 50 percent additional first-year bonus depreciation was extended for 2010.

The new law extends SBA-enhanced loan provisions while offering billions more in lending support, tax cuts and other opportunities for entrepreneurs and small business owners, according to the SBA.

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The legislation was signed into law on Sept. 27 by President Obama.
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By Kristine Colker, Managing Editor

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As a conclusion, the development of Revo-S, based on an asymmetry of the blades, has allowed to perform a simplified instrument sequence in order to answer both the biological (efficient shaping and cleaning) and ergonomic (simplification and safety) imperatives which are crucial to perform initial endodontic treatments.

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

MICRO-MEGA is a very serious company, and it is a pleasure to work with them. The products that they have are great. Their range of products is wide and includes endodontics, obturation, handpieces, contra-angles and hygiene products.

MICRO-MEGA is a 100-year-old company, and its goal is to supply clinicians with instruments but, more importantly, provide them with high-performance operational methods and giving predictable clinical results.

With its merger with Scican, the Canadian company specializing in infection control devices, the group is one of the 10 largest dental equipment manufacturers in the world of innovative products for the dental and medical markets.

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

The presentation will have a clinical emphasis and a clinical application, but I will try to show the relevant references to do an evidence-based lecture.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Come and see my lecture! You will be surprised!
Paradigm shifts in implant dentistry

By Kristine Colker, Managing Editor

From 4 to 5 p.m. today, Dwayne Karateew, DDS, will present, “Contemporary Concepts in Tooth Replacement: Paradigm Shift.”

In the session, Karateew will explain how the principle focus of implant dentistry has changed significantly from the era of anatomically driven implant placement to the current practice of restoration-driven implant placement.

Your DTSC Symposium session is “Contemporary Concepts in Tooth Replacement: Paradigm Shift.” Please tell us a little about what participants can hope to get out of it.

There have been approximately three major paradigm shifts in implant dentistry during the past 30 years, all of which continue to improve not only osseointegration but also implant esthetics.

I will review these changes, drawing attention to what is often missed or overlooked and then, capitalizing on these fundamental shifts in thought and implant design, I focus on what is possible clinically. Demonstrating how to achieve desirable results and also the extent of predictable esthetics, which is always evasive.

Could you go into a little more detail about how today’s restorative-driven implant placement is different from anatomically driven implant placement of the past? Why is this important for clinicians to understand?

In the past, implant placement was anatomically driven, meaning that the implant was placed by the surgeon, where the bone was present. It was then placed in the restorative dentist’s hand to deliver the best restoration possible, which often was not optimal.

Today, with the CBCT, CAD/CAM surgical guides, treatment planning software and other tools, we can better understand where the implant is required to be placed. It is the restorative dentist who is driving the treatment planning. The role of the surgeon is simply to place the implant in exactly the correct position spatially and to alter the bone and soft-tissue profile to facilitate this placement.

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 to understand it?

From feedback I regularly receive, this program is geared to all. Certainly generalists can gain information from the content, but specialists have also said there is excellent information in the content. I try not to differentiate between specialist and generalist as there are exceptional practitioners from both categories.

How did you get involved in implant dentistry? How long have you been practicing?

I have been involved in implant dentistry right from dental school (Columbia University DDS) where I was able to watch implants being placed.

At Penn where I completed my certificates in peri- and fixed prosth., we, of course, placed a large number of implants. Upon graduation from that program, I entered private practice and my focus is on implant-based dentistry.

I have been the director of implant surgery in PG periodontics at the University of British Columbia and have taught PG prosth at the University of Washington. I now present my original material nationally and internationally.

I have been practicing now for 18 years ... wow! Time flies. Am I really that old?

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

You snooze, you lose! There are some real gems here in the program. When I see the same presenters time and time again, I always learn something new ... this is new, fresh and relevant material for the modern practicing dentist.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Have fun in New York City!
Diode lasers: the soft-tissue handpiece

By Fay Goldstep, DDS, FACD, FADPE and George Freedman DDS, FAACD, FACD

While dental lasers have been commercially available for several decades, and their popularity among patients is unparalleled, the dental profession has taken this treatment modality rather slowly. Lasers have been thoroughly documented in the dental literature. They are an exciting technology, widely used in medicine, kind to tissues and excellent for healing.

So why have they not been more widely embraced by the practicing dentist? There is a wide perception in the profession that somehow the dental laser is not useful, is too complicated and is too expensive. These parameters have changed forever with the arrival of the diode laser onto the dental scene.

There is now a convergence of documented scientific evidence, ease of use and greater affordability that makes the diode laser a “must have” for every dental practice.

Diode lasers: the science in brief

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A new era for air abrasion

By Marc Gottlieb, DDS

Air abrasion is a time-tested method for conservative preparation of small lesions in teeth. As well as being a very minimally invasive technique for cavity preparation, it has been shown to increase adhesion strength to enamel, dentin, metal, glass and ceramic substrates.

Early units were very large and very expensive; the size was 3 by 1.5 (footprint) feet, which made mobility in the operatory difficult. Another negative was the “messiness” of non-captured aluminum oxide particles being dispersed around the operatory. Large, obtrusive auxiliary vacuum units were recommended but not frequently used.

Enter the Prep Start H2O with its “water-shrouded” particle beam. The powder nozzle being separated from the annular ring of water does not create a “slurry” but rather a “shower curtain” that contains the ricocheting particles after their impact. The result is the efficiency of dry particle cutting with the benefit of water capture ensuring no airborne dust problems.

Rubber dams are recommended with the new units as the dry particle “trampoline” effect is not encountered with the Danville “water-shrouded” unit. Another benefit of a completely segregated water supply is that water can be heated in a microwave oven prior to use thereby yielding 115-degree water. This minimizes or eliminates the use of anesthetic in most cases.

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Fig. 1: Shows recurrent caries on tooth #18, note the old delaminating sealant. (Photos/Provided by Dr. Marc Gottlieb)

Fig. 2: Shows the Prep Start H2O cutting old sealant and new caries out.

Fig. 3: Shows caries detector in use.

Fig. 4: Shows caries detector revealing further prep needed.

Fig. 5: Shows complete removal of caries and old sealant.

Fig. 6: Shows composite material being light cured.

Fig. 7: Shows the finished restoration.

Fig. 8: Shows a ‘clear’ field without powder contamination as was the case in the prior non-water shrouded equipment. This procedure was performed without anesthetic.

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See Dr. Gottlieb

Dr. Gottlieb will present “The Newest Developments in the Art and Science of Air Abrasion” from 12:50-1:10 p.m. today. Air abrasion has its origin in the 1950s. The years since have seen it come and go in popularity as a tooth cutting modality but never in surface conditioning for adhesion. The advent of the water shrouded particle beam has again ignited interest in techniques to create minimally invasive restorations that are both biomimetic and strong. Burs, whether carbide or diamond, can and do cause crazing and cracking of enamel and dentin; particle ablation does not. The last obstacle to overcome was the dust — that has been accomplished with the “water shroud.”

About the speaker

Dr. Marc Gottlieb 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 from dental school, Gottlieb went on to a two-year post-doctoral residency program at Long Island Jewish Medical Center. This unique opportunity provided advanced training in anesthesiology and all the specialties of dentistry. Gottlieb is currently 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.
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Introduction to CBCT, especially as it pertains to prevention of failures in oral implantology

By Dr. Dov M. Almog

Intraoral and panoramic imaging are not three-dimensional and clinicians can obtain only vague measurements from them due to magnification changes as a result of positioning. They are not efficient for viewing certain pathologies and, because of the limitations, cone-beam computed tomography (CBCT), 3-D imaging technologies started to evolve. CBCT 3-D captures a volume of data and, through a reconstruction process, it delivers images that do not contain magnification, distortion and/or overlap of anatomy.

In recent years, CBCT 3-D started to make big inroads into every discipline in our dental profession, expanding the horizons of clinical dental practice by adding a third dimension to craniofacial treatment planning.

CBCT uses advanced 3-D technologies to provide the most complete anatomical information on a patient’s mouth, face and jaw areas, leading to enhanced treatment planning and predictable treatment outcomes. According to dental practitioners using this technology, it makes us more efficient.

Essentially, this was a paradigm shift where measurements and anatomical relationships are precise and provide practitioners clear insight into the patient’s anatomical relationships.

As far as oral implantology, according to Kalorama Information (www.kaloraminformation.com/pub/1099235.html), it is estimated that growth in implant-based dental reconstruction products will outstrip all other areas in dentistry.

The traditional method of replacing a tooth with a dental bridge has been shown to be problematic, and more permanent solutions are badly needed.

With a rapidly aging population trend in the developed world and the resulting enormous unmet need for teeth replacement, a large number of companies see the opportunity to move into these sophisticated dental techniques.

And indeed, as some have predicted, the growth in dental implant-based procedures increased considerably in recent years. As a result, there has been a rapid increase in the number of practitioners involved in implant placement, including specialists and generalists, with different levels of expertise. At the same time, we are witnessing a diversity of unusual complications associated with these procedures.

A literature and web search revealed several published reports of such complications which include: implant fractures (Fig. 1); impingement on adjacent teeth (Fig. 2); perforating the lingual undercut (Fig. 3); sinus perforations (Fig. 4); and displaced implants into the maxillary sinus (Fig. 5), to name a few.

The clinical management associated with some of these complications is difficult at times and considered very invasive.

Therefore, while the quantitative relationship between successful outcomes in dental implant treatment and CBCT-based dental imaging is unknown and awaits discovery through large prospective clinical trials, I strongly believe that using CBCT and 3-D-based dental imaging is becoming a reliable procedure from a precautionary standpoint based on a series of recent preliminary clinical studies and case reports.

The author strongly believes that by taking a CBCT, 3-D-based study prior to placing dental implants, many of the above mentioned complications can be circumvented.

Dr. Dov Almog will present “Introduction to Cone-Beam CT (CBCT), especially as it pertains to Prevention of Failures in Oral Implantology” today from 1:20 to 2:20 p.m. The first half of the lecture will provide an overview on the need for CBCT 3-D-based imaging technology as it pertains to a diversity of applications suitable for both general dentists and specialists. The second half of the lectures will concentrate on CBCT-based imaging as it pertains to prevention of failures in oral implantology in a variety of treatment areas, ultimately facilitating safer treatment planning and predictable restorative/esthetic results, and providing attendees with step-by-step implant site assessment.

About the speaker

Dr. Dov Almog is a prosthodontist representing more than 30 years of diversified professional experience in clinical, academic and research environments. His publications include articles on cone beam CT; dental implants; carotid artery calcifications; and practice management, to name a few. In 2003, in acknowledgment for his research on incidental findings of carotid artery calcifications on panoramic radiographs, Almog received the Arthur H. Wuehrmann Award by the American Academy of Oral & Maxillofacial Radiology. Currently, Almog is serving as the chief of the dental service for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs at the V.A. New Jersey Health Care System. His past professional career appointments include associate director of the University of Rochester Eastman Dental Center and associate professor in the division of prosthodontics. He may be contacted at Dov.Almog@va.gov.
By Robin Goodman, Group Editor

On the second day of the Greater New York Dental Meeting (GNYDM), there were indeed just as many opportunities for continuing education as there were on the first day.

In order to choose one, it is just a matter of what suits your style of learning, of course.

With workshops, luncheon learning, seminars, specialty programs and symposia to choose from, the real problem is finding the time to fit everything in that you would like to take advantage of.

With not one but two Live Dentistry arenas to choose from, these learning locations continue to be a big draw for attendees. Every seat is a good one thanks to the multiple large screen TVs scattered throughout the seating area, as well as the huge screens at the front on either side of the stage.

On Monday morning, while Dr. Stephen J. Gordon worked on a live patient, Dr. Garry Bey explained “The Endo/Restorative Continuum: Modern Techniques and Tools for the General Dentist” that Gordon was demonstrating in the Live Dentistry Arena No. 2.

The glass classrooms Monday were also well-attended and offered a wealth of variety from speakers such as Judy Bendit, RDH, who spoke about “Let’s Get to the Heart of Ultrasonics,” to Dr. Zev Schulhof in the Botox/Dysport workshop.

Over at the DTSC Symposia on Monday, Dr. Gregori Kurtzman spoke on the topic of “Incorporating New Advances in Dental Materials and Techniques into Your Restorative Practice” while Noel Brandon-Kelsch spoke about “Eco-Friendly Infection Control: Understanding the Balance.”

Check the program for the complete Wednesday schedules for each educational venue.

Attendees practice their skills in the glass classroom ‘Implant Esthetics Workshop’ with Dr. Frank L. Higginbottom instructing.

Dr. Gregori Kurtzman speaks at the DTSC Symposia about ‘Incorporating New Advances in Dental Materials and Techniques into Your Restorative Practice’ on Monday morning. (Photo/Robin Goodman, Dental Tribune)
When patients arrive for treatment, these individuals deserve customer service equal to the dentist’s clinical standards. Every patient interaction represents an opportunity to make a favorable impression.

Customer service is about developing relationships with patients to the point where they cannot imagine going to any other office. Such patients will gladly refer their friends and neighbors to your practice.

**Determine the state of customer service in your practice**

To provide an honest look at customer service in your practice, ask the following questions:

- Are front desk personnel merely polite, or also enthusiastic and attentive?
- Are staff members content to provide minimal information, or do they build value for the practice and its services?
- Do new patients receive a practice brochure, directions and forms before their first visit?
- Does the office anticipate patient questions regarding dental insurance, fees and financial options?

Customer service is all about exceeding expectations. Was the basic need of the patient met? Or was the opportunity seized to deliver much more?

**Achieving superior customer service**

Creating the ideal patient experience cannot happen overnight. The entire practice must be trained to deliver that experience.

One critical technique is scripting that prepares dentists and their staff for every conversation with current and prospective patients.

To deliver outstanding customer service, what we call Stage III Customer Service,™ a clinician must implement as many of the following action steps as possible:

- Design scripts that answer frequent patient questions so that you are creating energy and building trust with patients.
- Employ scripts that allow staff members to handle the most difficult patient conversations with ease, whether about major treatment decisions or financial concerns.
- Begin each patient conversation with something personal as opposed to jumping in with clinical conversation immediately. Take the time to talk to each patient about something in his or her life.
- Learn one new thing about a patient during every visit.
- Call patients in the evening to see how they are feeling after a procedure.
- Thank patients who refer family and friends with a handwritten note or a phone call.

**Conclusion**

Each patient contact is another chance to exceed patient expectations and create a loyal patient base. The right training, motivation and leadership can deliver customer service that keeps patients coming back to the practice.

More satisfied patients should always be the goal of practices seeking to increase production.

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**About the author**

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BruxZir® solid zirconia indications for implants

By Dr. Bradley C. Bockhorst

Why should you be interested in the monolithic concept of a solid zirconia crown?

As you know, when you fuse porcelain to a metal or zirconia substructure, there is always the possibility the two layers could separate. The best-case scenario is a small chip of the porcelain that you might be able to polish off. The worst-case scenario is that the porcelain completely fractures, exposing the substructure and requiring replacement.

A key benefit of monolithic restorations is that nothing can chip off, as we don’t have two materials fused together. The restoration is made of one homogenous material.

BruxZir® is a full-contour zirconia restoration with no porcelain veneer. More brawn than beauty, the BruxZir solid zirconia crown has rapidly gained popularity for posterior restorations, thanks to the precision milling of CAD/CAM technology. With the increasing price of gold for porcelain-fused-to-metal restorations, the proven strength of zirconia gives you a viable option for your posterior implant crowns and bridges.

Inclusive Custom Titanium Abutments provide ideal support for the restoration and the soft tissue. This CAD/CAM-designed abutment exhibits a natural-looking emergence and provides strength and durability.

Inclusive Custom Implant Abutments, as well as the screw-retained BruxZir crown, are compatible with the Neoss, NobelReplace, NobelActive, Biomet 3i Certain, Branemark System RP, Straumann Bone Level, Keystone PrimaConnex and Zimmer Screw-Vent implant systems.

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For more information, stop by the Glidewell booth, No. 2203.

A look at ProScore’s XTend Ceramic kits, and turbines

With the launch of its new XTend™ Ceramic line of turbines and kits last year, ProScore offers dentists some of the best quality, do-it-yourself products for high speed handpieces in the market.

Not only are XTend Ceramic products backed with warranties — one-year for turbines and six-months for rebuild kits — XTend products outperform steel bearings while lasting longer and producing less noise and vibration.

The ceramic bearing technology incorporated in XTend Ceramic products provides many handpiece performance benefits:

• Reduced wear: Ceramic balls are twice as hard as steel balls
• Increased durability: Ceramic balls are 40 percent lighter than steel balls, which reduces the internal forces and loads caused by high-speed rotation
• Longer life: Ceramic bearings perform better than steel under marginal lubrication.
• Quieter and smoother operation: Noise and vibration are reduced as a result of lower loads.

XTend Ceramic turbines also feature hardened, heat-treated, precision-ground spindles to enhance concentricity and to further reduce noise and vibration.

ProScore has been dedicated to do-it-yourself handpiece repair and maintenance since entering the dental market more than 15 years ago as Score International.

Here at GNYDM
For more information, contact ProScore at (800) 726-7365, visit www.scoredental.com or find ProScore at the Henry Schein booth, Nos. 1015/1023/1417/1820.

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Discovering the latest techniques and materials
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DMG America’s Luxatemp has been an industry favorite for more than 20 years, and now the company has launched Luxatemp Ultra, and with it, “the best just got better”!

“The new version encompasses all of the benefits of Luxatemp but with added superior, flexural strength,” said DMG America President George Wolfe. “This allows the product to be used in all provisional restorations.”

Incorporating proprietary nano technology, new Luxatemp Ultra contains industry-leading flexural strength – the true measure of provisional stability and long-term durability.

Luxatemp Ultra continues to deliver the unmatched esthetics synonymous with the Luxatemp name, Wolfe said. Along with superior color stability, Luxatemp Ultra includes florescence, to create temporaries that look more like natural teeth in all lighting conditions.

In addition to introducing Greater New York Dental Meeting attendees to the benefits of Luxatemp Ultra, Wolfe said DMG America is promoting its revolutionary treatment for incipient caries and white spots: Icon.

“Icon has been very well-accepted (since its launch a year ago) and has received a lot of attention from consumer media,” he said. “But because it’s a deviation from the norm, it requires a different mindset. It really is revolutionary.”

Icon provides an innovative, never-before option for the treatment of smooth surface and proximal carious lesions.

Prior to Icon, dental professionals had two choices in the treatment of caries: use fluoride and other treatments to re-mineralize enamel in the very early stages — or “wait and see” until it’s time to “drill and fill.”

However, with Icon, instead of taking a “wait-and-see” approach, a clinician can arrest the progress of early enamel lesions up to the first third of dentin in one simple procedure. Using Icon, you can avoid the unnecessary loss of health tooth structure. The treatment is truly minimally invasive, Wolfe said.

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To learn more about Luxatemp Ultra or Icon, stop by the DMG America booth (No. 4615) and ask about show specials. You might even win an iPad!

Icon application procedure
Icon offers fast, simple treatment in one visit – with no drilling!
1) For proximal lesions, the affected teeth are slightly separated with dental wedges.
2) The surface area of the lesion is eroded with a 15 percent HCI gel. This opens the pore system of the lesion body.
3) The pure system is then dried with ethanol.
4) Icon is then applied onto the lesion body with the application aid. The extremely high penetration coefficient of the Icon resin enables it to penetrate into the lesion pores.
5) Excess material is then removed and the material is light cured.

Total treatment time per lesion: about 15 minutes!
Dental chair warms,
massages the patient

By Robin Goodman, DT Group Editor

Midmark devoted years of research and development in order to create a unique dental chair that helps to relax and provide comfort to the patient, but also provides unobstructed access for the clinician.

The Cantilever Forward™ design grants patient access as low as 15 inches and as high as 34 inches. In addition, the optional SerenEscape™ feature warms and massages the patient’s lower back.

Dental Tribune stopped by the Midmark booth, No. 217, to test the chair out and talk to Midmark Director of Marketing Bill Zulauf.

Would you tell us more about the Elevance™ dental chair please?

We introduced the Elevance dental chair late this summer, so it’s relatively new. The key features are its styling, the access for both the patient and the dentist and the comfort.

More details about the styling include the fact that the chair has a cantilevered forward design, which allows one to place the chair very low or very high. Thus, if a practitioner wants to do a procedure standing, this chair makes it possible.

This, of course, gives the clinician good access to the patient, but without the arm rests being in the way. There is also easy access for the patient to get in and out of the chair. The Elevance chair will lift a 450-pound patient. Most dental chairs only go as high as 350 pounds.

From a comfort standpoint, the back of the chair has an integrated heat and massage features that the patient can control. There are three different types of massage—flat, pulse or wave—and the patient can also control the speed and intensity.

We noticed that a lot of dental offices place blankets in the corner of the room for patients to use while seated in the dental chair. So now, warmth through the Elevance chair avoids the sepsis problem associated with using a blanket.

There is a foot pedal for the clinician’s control of the chair, but it also has a wireless remote control with four preset positions that can be programmed as well as a composite safe mode for the dental light.

Additional features include an optional, double articulating, magnetic headrest that comfortably and accurately positions the patient’s head for full access.

The integrated armrests cradle the patient’s body. Advanced lumbar support means the patient stays comfortable even during long procedures. The contoured seat pocket not only increases patient comfort but also ensures proper positioning.
Isolite brings home another accolade while new Isodry™ named Top Technology Product

Isolite Systems, maker of 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 a 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 Isodry™, a non-illuminated dental isolation system, was named to Dentistry Today magazine’s Top 50 Technology Products for 2010. Isodry™ performs all the functions as Isolite, with the exception of intra-oral illumination. The Isodry™ was introduced to the dental industry in February.

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)
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For more information about Isolite Systems, call (800) 560-6066 or visit www.isolitesystems.com. Both Isolite and Isodry™ are being exhibited at booth No. 323.
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Dental Tribune has been combing the aisles here at GNYDM to see what's new and exciting. Here are a few highlights:

• Dental Sharing (booth No. 5227), a company founded by Dr. Glenn Godart, allows dentists to share digital X-rays and other electronic patient files with each other in a HIPAA-compliant manner. The web-based service offers the ability to manage and store full-resolution images and related documents, but it does not require any incremental hardware or software investment.

• At Aseptico (booth No. 807), you can learn about a new, fully self-contained mobile dental cart featuring one low-speed and two high-speed handpiece connections, high-volume and low-volume suction with overflow protection and electronic waste purge, and several options, including a piezo-electronic scaler, a curing light and a height adjustable tray. (You can also enter for a chance to win an autographed football at Aseptico.)

• For clinicians who practice endodontics, Komet USA (booth No. 5422) is offering Endo Rescue tools, which are useful in the removal of instrument fragments that might occur during a procedure. The removal of such fragments is often extremely difficult, but Endo Rescue offers a simple and systematic solution.

• Pentron Clinical (booth No. 825) is offering Fusio Liquid Dentin, the first self-adhesive flowable composite, that bonds to dentin and enamel without acid etching or a bonding agent. By fusing together adhesive and restorative technology into one product, Pentron has created what it calls one of the most versatile materials in dentistry.

• Aribex (booth No. 337) is offering the NOMAD Pro handheld X-ray system. The cordless unit provides hundreds of images from a single battery charge.

• Tess Corp. (booth No. 816) is offering discounts on toothbrushes. (Photos/Fred Michmerschuizen, Dental Tribune)

China Glory opens doors for manufacturers

China Glory Dental Group is a conglomeration of successful dealers selling dental consumables and equipment throughout China. It is capitalized by dental dealers and successful entrepreneurs who are familiar with the needs of dental companies seeking to do business in China, and it recently received a significant investment from one of the leading private equity funds in China.

China Glory has an extensive sales network covering all 28 provinces and 326 cities and municipalities throughout China. Every member of the group has more than 10 years of marketing experience. The members of the group participate in every major Chinese dental exhibition.

Currently, there are more than 200 representatives and 10,000 customers serving the needs of more than 1 billion people in China.

Here at the Greater New York Dental Meeting, the presidents of 11 different companies are presenting their product lines to representatives from China Glory to potentially be sold throughout China.
MOJO VENEER CEMENT

Give your patients their mojo back with the cement that leaves shade shift behind and helps you create a seamless, natural-looking smile.

Pentron is proud to introduce Mojo™ Veneer Cement, the latest in adhesive technology from Pentron Clinical. Mojo Cement is a light cure, esthetic cementation system that is designed for use with porcelain, ceramic and composite veneer restorations. This ideal cement offers two very important features: try-in gels that consistently match the polymerized cement and no detectable shade shift.

The simple, highly versatile shade selections, designed for a simple warming or brightening of the veneer, allow this material to be used with a wide range of veneer cases while offering the least amount of detectable shade shift available. The corresponding water-soluble try-in gels, included in the comprehensive kit, allow for a perfect match to the cured cement.

Pentron Clinical is an established leader in the dental industry, offering a wide variety of products to suit your restorative needs. Its portfolio includes: Fusio™ Liquid Dentin, Breeze™ self-adhesive resin cement, Lute-It Luting Cement, FibreKleer® Posts, Bond-1® SF Solvent Free SE Adhesive, Correct Plus® impression materials and Artiste® Nano Composite.

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VANTAGE DIGITAL PANORAMIC SYSTEM

Progeny, a leading manufacturer of intraoral X-rays in the United States, announces the Vantage™ Digital Panoramic System. Vantage is designed to bring full-featured yet affordable digital panoramic imaging to general dentistry.

Vantage offers a range of features that include advanced user tools, expanded KV and mA range, field-selectable left or right patient entry and a dedicated PC workstation with software included standard on every system. The system is designed for immediate productivity “out of the box.”

Powered by the latest CCD imaging technology, automatic spinal compensation and Progeny’s 3-Motion™ Imaging Rotation, Vantage delivers consistent, detailed images for analysis and diagnosis. Workflow enhancements include three lasers for precise positioning, left and right mechanical controls, four pre-programmed exam selections and the unique VantageTouch™ user interface.

VantageTouch functions much like today’s smart phones and gives new meaning to user-friendly. Its intuitive, multi-touch technology allows clinicians to access any function with speed and confidence just by touching the screen. Exam set-up, real-time image preview and exam status are all quickly accessed at the VantageTouch control. Exam customization and even routine maintenance procedures are all available through VantageTouch.

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