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Walking the halls of the Javits Center at the recent Greater New York Dental Meeting, there were six new dental products that caught my eye. Here they are...

SK-800 emergency kit by Sunn Pharmaceuticals – This was a "soft launch" at the Greater New York Dental Meeting. This emergency kit will provide dentists with the latest drugs needed to help in case of a medical emergency in the practice. The kit includes epinephrine auto injectors and ampules, ammonia inhalants, glucose, a CPR mask, and other products and drugs. The company's auto-refill management program ensures that none of the drugs in the kit will ever be expired. For more information, log on to www.sunnpharmaceuticals.com.

The Brasseler Mini Combo kit by Brasseler USA – If you have a pedodontic practice or work with patients with small mouths or health conditions that make it up tough for them to "open wide," here's a kit you need to check out. Brasseler's Mini high-speed handpiece offers a super miniature head size that provides maximum accessibility and visibility. Combine this with Brasseler's selection of Mini burs and your limited access cases will have something to smile about. For more information, visit www.brasselerusa.com.

The ProMax 3D ProFace by Planmeca – I had my face scanned at the Javits Center by this device and, wow, it was amazing. One scan with this device will generate both a 3D photo and a CBVT volume. It can also just do a 3D photo in which no radiation is emitted. The 3D photo can be used for patient education and case presentation, and also be utilized in dedicated orthodontic, maxillofacial, and plastic surgery planning software. For more information, log on to www.planmeca.com.



An image from the ProMax 3D imaging unit

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RAPiD Shorty positioning kit by Flow Dental – Designed specifically for handheld X-ray units such as the Nomad by Aribex, the shortened alignment arms allow proper positioning without colliding with the device's backscatter shield. It achieves proper focal length between cone and tooth, and allows for fast, easy, and comfortable positioning. If you're using handheld X-rays in your practice, this is a product that will help you big-time. For more information, log on to www.flowdental.com.

The Sovereign unit from Planmeca – I don't often include two products from the same company in my show reviews, but I first saw this unit at the IDS meeting in Cologne, Germany, in 2011 and I was thrilled to see it had finally made it to the United States. This unit has plenty of great "bells and whistles" in its automated movements, ensuring that it's easy to switch from right-handed to left-handed operators. That also helps the dentist and assistant to change their working postures according to whatever procedure is needed. Synchronized backrest, headrest, and legrest movements make a smooth transition for your patients. Plus, in my humble opinion, the unit has a great "cool factor." For more information, log on to www.planmeca.com.

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Viive Mac-based practice management software from Henry Schein – No, this isn't just "Dentrix for Mac." I am a Mac user and took a test drive of the new software at the Javits Center. I found it easy to navigate and use, with many of Mac features I am so used to having on a daily basis, including "drag and drop" capability on treatment planning. In less than 15 minutes, I had planned a case, scheduled treatment, and figured out all of the necessary insurance adjustments. I was very impressed and, if you're looking for Mac software that is based around the patient, I think you will be as well. For more information, visit www.viive.com.

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