Every day we are faced with various options to provide the best treatment for our patients. As the practice of implant dentistry continues to evolve, various tools, technologies, and treatment approaches are available to the clinical dentist which often present challenging decisions.

This meeting is designed to bring together the world’s experts in implant dentistry to debate several options of treating a similar situation allowing you to develop practical solutions. Examples of some of the options that will be debated include:

- Should comprehensive reconstruction be the goal or can we settle for conservative Implant restorations?
- Should length matter? Can short implants be a solution to circumvent grafting or does length ensure longevity?
- Is autogenous bone the gold standard? Can allogenic particulate grafts get the same results as autogenous block grafts?
- Connective tissue grafts: How much should we stretch to achieve perfection? Or should we resort to prosthetic solutions for soft tissue limitations?

The American Academy of Implant Dentistry’s (AAID) 2012 scientific program will give side-by-side comparisons of various treatment options, challenging you to think about the choices you make.

They will start Wednesday, Oct. 3 at 1:30 p.m. following a morning of new trends, techniques, and technology presentations and a “Dine and Discuss” session.

In addition, hands-on workshops will be offered throughout the meeting. A session featuring thought leaders in the field of implant dentistry from different parts of the world will be offered.

The best in today’s implant dentistry will be featured in several ways during the meeting, including poster presentations, expert clinicians at table clinics, and research foundation grant investigators’ presentations of their current implant research.
AAID’s annual meeting is well known for camaraderie and networking. Interact with the best and brightest in implant dentistry at two cocktail receptions, two “Implant Expo” lunches, multiple breaks throughout the meeting, and the always enjoyable President’s Celebration. Here are a few of the main podium programs that will compare options:

• Wisdom from Implant Treatment Planning Through the Last Five Decades, by Leonard Linkow
• Soft Tissue vs. Prosthetics: Esthetic and Functional Considerations — What is Predictable?, by Sonia Leziy, DDS, and Brahm Miller, DDS
• Key Implant Position or Biomechanics: What Are the Ideal Parameters?, by Carl Misch, DDS, MDS, PhD (h.c.) and Palo Malo
• Guided Surgery vs. Skilled Surgeries — Scan and Plan or Visualize and Verify: The Utilization of Technology for Implant Surgical Procedures, by Scott Ganz, DMD, and David Vassos, DDS
• Short vs. Long Implants: Does Size Matter?, by Mark Esposito and Michael Pikos, DDS
• Bone Enhancements — Realities of Additives: Do Materials Make a Difference?, by Alfred “Duke” Heller, DDS, MS, and Edgard El Chaar, DDS, MS
• Soft Tissue: Classical Guidelines or Revised Biological Guidelines: The Realities of Implant Abutment Junction, by Michael Sonick, DMD, and Marius Steigmann, DMD
• Autogenous vs. Allogenic: The Gold Standard or the New Standard?, by Fouad Khoury, DMD, PhD, and John Russo, DDS

For more information about the event and to register, please visit www.aaid.com.