The Greater New York Dental Meeting (GNYDM) is traditionally an event where the most up-to-date techniques are taught and discussed, and this was no different in 2009. Implants were a hot topic at the event, which took place Nov. 29–Dec. 3. Here is a sampling of the many GNYDM speakers and topics that involved implants:

• “You’ve Taken Implant Training... What Do You Do Next?,” by Lynn D. Mortilla, which discussed integrating implants into your practice.
• “Immediate Tooth Replacement in the Esthetic Zone,” Dr. Barry Levin, which showed that the time frame of three to six months of unloaded healing is not always mandatory any longer. He explained how immediate temporization can give the patient an immediate sense of security and esthetics.
• “My First Esthetic Implant Case — Why, How & When?,” by Dr. Maurice Steigmann, explained that success from the esthetic aspect requires bone height and width, soft-tissue architecture and prosthetic restorations close to nature.
• “Mini Dental Implants to Retain Lower Dentures,” by Dr. Bruce Lish, which showed how mini dental implants can be used to help retain and stabilize a complete lower denture.