Group aims to get word out on connection between periodontal disease and diabetes

November is American Diabetes Month, and the New Jersey Society of Periodontists (NJSP) is reaching out to patients and caregivers alike to be aware of the link between periodontal disease and diabetes.

"If you have diabetes, you are at higher risk for developing infections, including periodontal disease," explains Dr. Scott Zirkin, president of the NJSP. "These infections can impair the ability to process and/or utilize insulin, which may cause your diabetes to be more difficult to control and/or more severe than a person with the disease," Zirkin said.

People with diabetes are more likely to have periodontal disease than people without diabetes, most likely because they are more susceptible to contracting infections. In fact, periodontal disease is often considered the sixth complication of diabetes, and those people who don’t have their diabetes under control are especially at risk.

A recent study in the Journal of Periodontology found that poorly controlled Type 2 diabetes patients are more likely to develop periodontal disease than well-controlled diabetes patients are. Moreover, research has emerged that suggests the relationship between periodontal disease and diabetes goes both ways — periodontal disease may make it more difficult for people who have diabetes to control their blood sugar.

"We are very much aware of the link between periodontal disease and diabetes and understand the importance of the collaborative care of a periodontist and a physician," said Gina Murdoch, executive director of the American Diabetes Association, New Jersey Area.

A study was published a few years back in the Journal of Periodontology that involved patients with both diabetes and periodontal disease. The study found that when their periodontal infections were treated, the management of their diabetes markedly improved.

"The mouth/body connection is very strong and should not be underestimated by those living with diabetes or their caregivers," Zirkin said.

According to Zirkin, severe periodontal disease can increase blood sugar, contributing to increased periods of time when the body functions with high blood sugar levels. This puts diabetics at a higher risk for diabetic complications. Thus, diabetics who have periodontal disease should be treated by a specialist to control and/or eliminate the periodontal infection.

About NJSP
The New Jersey Society of Periodontists (NJSP) is an organization of New Jersey dentists who specialize in the art, science and practice of periodontics, including implants. The group is dedicated to advancing the knowledge base and understanding of periodontal diseases, as well as advancing ideas in treatment techniques in implantology. The NJSP seeks to explore and discuss problems of mutual interest with those in the practice of periodontics and implant dentistry.

(Source: New Jersey Society of Periodontists)
A perfect body or a perfect smile?

Consumers say they would pay to fix their teeth before they would pay for weight loss help, according to new research from the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry (AACD).

The findings are good news for cosmetic dentists — they suggest that the demand for cosmetic dentistry is stronger than ever.

Of the 80 percent of American adults who in a recent poll admitted they would spend money to hide or correct aging flaws, 62 percent said they would pay to fix the quality of their teeth, compared with 48 percent who said they would invest in weight loss help.

Women are more likely than men to invest in such improvements (84 percent versus 75 percent).

Nearly half (45 percent) of Americans think a person’s smile can defy aging’s effects while eyes come in a distant second (34 percent). In comparison, very few adults find the following features less likely to age well:

- Body shape (10 percent)
- Hair (6 percent)
- Legs (5 percent)

Perhaps speaking from experience, 54 percent of Americans older than 50 attest that a smile can overcome decades of birthdays in contrast to only 38 percent of 18- to 29-year olds.

“A great smile is always in style, and these results prove it,” said AADC President Dr. Ron Goodlin. “Cosmetic dental professionals can rest assured that their services will always be needed.”

The AACD’s research was conducted through a survey with Kelton Global in recognition of Healthy Aging Month, which takes place in September. Kelton Global polled 1,018 American adults ages 18 and older questioning them about their attitudes related to aging and beauty.

The AACD Smile Survey was conducted between Aug. 17 and Aug. 23 among 1,018 nationally representative Americans ages 18 and older, using an email invitation and an online survey. Margin of error is plus/minus 3.1 percent.

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Congress on 3-D imaging features new opportunities for diagnosis, implementation

Imaging Science’s International Congress returns for its sixth year with new chances for clinicians to explore cone-beam options in today’s dental practice

Imaging Sciences International and Henry Schein Dental, the U.S. dental business of Henry Schein, one of the world’s largest providers of health-care products and services to dental, medical and animal health office-based practitioners, hosted its 6th International Congress on 3-D Dental Imaging in Denver from Oct. 26-27.

At this event, experienced dental clinicians and professionals shared their vast expertise of the many dimensions of 3-D imaging — and its applications for implants, orthodontics, TMJ and airway diagnosis, oral and maxillofacial surgery and periodontics.

These leaders also offered their expertise on the practical applications of this dynamic technology — creating a perfect opportunity to meet other 3-D dentists and discuss treatment planning and utilization possibilities.

The many benefits seen from using 3-D technology continue to grow from treatment planning to implementation. Already known as a valuable tool in diagnosis, 3-D technology continues to build a strong reputation for facilitating efficiency, accuracy and detail in treatment implementation as well as new applications that are evolving in conjunction with other treatment modalities such as CAD/CAM, the creation of surgical guides and customized robotic arch wires.

Each year, the congress’ curriculum has expanded to include relevant topics ranging from basic information to detailed clinical use and hands-on training with 3-D planning software programs.

Some of this year’s topics included:

• Advances in 3-D treatment planning for implants
• 3-D imaging for sleep apnea, TMJ and airway evaluation
• 3-D for periodontal applications
• 3-D orthodontics
• 3-D dentistry: Information on technology integration and future 3-D applications.

During the two-day congress, attendees also explored options for various specialties, participated in hands-on training and live 3-D scan sessions and experienced many real-life case examples demonstrating before-and-after 3-D images.

In addition to the clinical applications, practical sessions discussed related topics such as successful reimbursement strategies.

A vendor showcase displayed supporting 3-D products for imaging, implant, restorative systems, orthodontics and 3-D treatment-planning software. Speaker Dr. Juan Carlos Quintero noted: “3-D scans give specialists and general practitioners a view of dental anatomy that gives us a clinical advantage. I have seen firsthand that my i-CAT is an integral part of both diagnosis and treatment. That makes it even more satisfying that I can share the benefits that I have witnessed with my colleagues and help them to improve dental care for their patients as well.”

Imaging Sciences’ Business Unit Director Mark Hillebrandt added: “This dynamic technology offers dentists the opportunity to treat their patients more efficiently and grow their practices. Imaging Sciences International and Henry Schein Dental are proud to co-sponsor this popular educational event.”

The International Congress on 3-D Dental Imaging provided valuable insights to practitioners starting to think about 3-D dentistry as a future direction for their practice as well as practitioners who are already advanced 3-D users.

Attendees received 16 C.E. credits for attending the event.

For more information on Imaging Sciences or the 6th International Congress, call (800) 205-3570 or visit www.imagingsciences.com/events/live-3d-events.
ZEST Anchors introduces a new narrow-diameter implant system featuring overdenture attachment

Until now, choosing a narrow-diameter implant could often mean a sacrifice in attachment performance and, ultimately, patient satisfaction. ZEST Anchors responds to that need by introducing the LOCATOR® Overdenture Implant System (LODI), featuring a new narrow-diameter implant combined with the world-leading LOCATOR Attachment, providing clinicians with solutions to the attachment limitations often found with O-ball mini implants.

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LODI is packaged with the LOCATOR Attachment so it incorporates all of LOCATOR’s sought-after features including its patented pivoting technology and customizable levels of retention, all while maintaining a dramatically reduced vertical height as compared to O-ball mini implant designs.

"The LOCATOR Overdenture Implant System is the result of a collection of inputs from market demands and clinicians expressing their needs," said Steve Schiess, CEO of ZEST Anchors. "To the many clinicians who asked us why a trusted leader in overdenture attachments that has a proven, 40-year track record of continuous innovation doesn’t make a narrow diameter implant for overdentures, I can finally say here is LODI."

For more information about the Locator Overdenture Implant System from ZEST Anchors, call (855) 868-LODI (5634) or visit the new website at www.zestanchors.com.

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The Hiossen ETIII Implant System: A coordinated approach to esthetic restorations

By John DiPonziano, DDS, MAGD, DICOI, CDT

In 28 years of placing and restoring implants, I have seen that three key factors need to be present to achieve esthetic implant restorations: good implant positioning, accurate impressions and proper abutment design.

Implant positioning
The facial aspect of the implant cannot be placed too far labially, or it may cause loss of the alveolar facial plate of bone and implant thread or abutment exposure. In addition, too labial a positioning can decrease the volume of gingiva, preventing an adequate emergence profile of the final restoration. In maxillary anterior cases, the implant/abutment interface needs to be at least 2.5 mm apical from final gingival margin of the restoration to give the restoration enough “gingival drape” for an esthetic emergence profile.

Hiossen implants are available in eight diameters from 2.5 mm to 7 mm. This variety allows the clinician to choose an implant that will not compromise esthetics due to encroachment on the facial bone.

Impression and master model
The Hiossen impression copings, whether the pick-up or transfer type, are designed so it is clear where the coping is positioned in the impression. The copings also come in a variety of heights and diameters, which coordinate with the healing abutments. This aids in developing proper emergence profile of the restoration.

In addition, when a soft-tissue simulation material is used as part of the master model, the technician can create a restoration that emerges from the gingiva with a highly esthetic, life-like appearance.

Abutment design
An abutment needs to be kept small in diameter so as to allow good tissue health in the critical subgingival area. An abutment that is too large can compromise the gingival blood supply, which leads to recession and/or an abnormal tissue color.

From a prosthetic standpoint, a smaller abutment allows for a greater amount of porcelain for the restoration, which optimizes esthetics.

The Hiossen ETIII system has a wide range of stock abutments in various gingival and coronal heights and diameters. In cementable restorations, it is crucial to select the proper gingival height to position the crown margin no greater than 2 mm subgingival. This allows access for cement removal and aids in the maintenance of biologic health.

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