Replacing congenitally missing lateral incisors

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It is estimated that 6 percent of the American population, 18 million people, are congenitally missing a maxillary lateral incisor.

To address this need, DMX Implant Corp., the dental implant division of Dentatus Ltd., has created a unique narrow body implant called the ANEW Implant System. ANEW is the only narrow diameter implant that accepts a screw-retained abutment. This advantage affords prosthetic options unlike other narrow diameter implants.

AAID turns 60

At annual meeting, group celebrates six decades of success and looks to future

Sixty years ago, a small cadre of dental pioneers braved a firestorm of professional criticism and founded the American Academy of Implant Dentistry (AAID) to stimulate research and training in implant dentistry and pave the way for eventual public and professional acceptance of implants as the preferred method for replacing missing teeth.

This year, at its 60th annual scientific meeting, Oct. 19–22 in Las Vegas, AAID will celebrate six decades of achievement in dental implant education and look ahead to challenges in meeting surging global demand for implants.

AAID’s meeting is highly regarded in the dental profession as an innovative forum and valuable resource for continuing education, product demonstrations and networking. More than 1,600 dentists, allied staff and exhibitors are expected to attend. The theme for the conference, to be held at Caesar’s Palace, is “Realities of Implant Dentistry: Stacking the Deck in Your Favor.” As always, the scientific program will showcase an international cast of speakers and offer practical education for the practicing implant dentist.

A major highlight of the meeting will be the premiere showing of a documentary video, produced by AAID, tracing the academy’s history as told by the pioneers who made it.

Dr. Norman Goldberg, AAID’s first president, now more than 90 years old, will introduce the video with current AAID President Joseph Orrieco, DDS, during a plenary session.

“$What I believe is most compelling about AAID’s history is the cour-

Fig. 1: Pre-op panoramic.
age and confidence shown by the founders who stepped out of their comfort zones and went against their professional societies to promote dental implant training and establish the AAID implant credentialing program,” Orrico said. “Today, the AAID credential is the most rigorous and respected implant training program in the world, and without the vision and fortitude of our founders, implant dentistry would not be a mainstream procedure in dentistry.”

Also at the AAID meeting, in an Oct. 20 main podium presentation titled “Treatment Planning — Implants vs. Root Canal Therapy: Read, Analyze and Decide,” former AAID President Jaime Lozada, DDS, chairman of the graduate program in implant dentistry at Loma Linda University, will offer evidence-based recommendations to practicing dentists about choosing either root canal therapy or dental implants for patients with diseased or compromised teeth.

Another prominent and somewhat controversial topic in implant dentistry is early loading of dental implants. Jack A. Hahn, DDS, on Oct. 21, will instruct AAID members about when immediate load implants are appropriate in his main podium session titled “Implants for Immediate Function — Fact or Fiction.”

Implants often are a key element for cosmetic dental restorations and contemporary facial rejuvenation procedures, such as Botox and injectable fillers, which are being used more frequently by dentists to maximize cosmetic outcomes. Most dentists, however, still are not aware of the considerable benefits these treatments offer for cosmetic dental treatment.

In a workshop on Oct. 22, chaired by Pankaj Singh, DDS, conference attendees will learn that facial rejuvenation procedures are a natural and logical expansion for dental practices to help achieve optimal esthetic outcomes in cosmetic and restorative dental care.

The AAID annual scientific meeting program also offers numerous clinical roundtable presentations for more intimate education in a small class environment and will feature live surgery beamed directly to the meeting venue.

A mobile app for the meeting will also be available this year, allowing attendees to enhance their experience at the events and at the Implant World Expo.

About AAID

AAID is the leading professional society dedicated to maintaining the highest standards of implant dentistry through research and education. The annual meeting is the field’s leading venue for cutting-edge, evidence-based implant research presentations and demonstrations of state-of-the-art implantation techniques.

Mobile app for AAID annual meeting

AAID annual meeting attendees can keep up with the meeting on mobile devices with AAID’s new mobile application.

Tweet about your experience in real time. Receive alerts about changes in the schedule. Map out your visits to the exhibit hall by tagging the exhibitors you want to visit and finding the exact location in the exhibit hall on your mobile device. Plan your attendance at the scientific programs and more.

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