Technology and biology converge in
the ‘Valley of the Sun’

Myths of mini-implant dentistry

Why you’re missing out if you’re avoiding the use of mini-implants

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Mini-implant dentistry has long been a controversial topic, which has steered many dental practitioners across the world away from reaping the multitude of benefits of mini-implant dentistry. They miss out on the benefits to both their practices and to their patients. Despite nearly 25 years in the marketplace, the mini-implant system is still not being used by most practitioners. Why?

This article, and a series of upcoming webinars, will dispel these myths and debunk the many misconceptions about the use of the mini-implant in everyday dental practice.

Myth No. 1: “Mini-implants have the same ‘limitations of use’ as standard root-form implants,” i.e.; health issues, anatomical issues and financial issues.

With an ever-expanding aging global population of potential patients, it is our responsibility to bring the well-accepted benefits of implant dentistry to this group, emphasizing a minimally invasive procedure, doable with minimal available bone and at an affordable cost. Additionally, most medical concerns do not compromise the use of the MDI system and its minimally invasive protocol.

Myth No. 2: “A major concern with MDI placement is violating the inferior alveolar nerve (IAN), hence causing a temporary or permanent paresthesia.”

Pre-operative treatment planning, including use of a panoramic radiograph, diligent intra-oral digital examination, use of the MDI clear overlay measuring guide and adherence to proper surgical protocol should ensure safe implant positioning away from the mental foramen, as well as the inferior alveolar nerve.

Remember, an inferior alveolar nerve block is never recommended,

AAID’s 2013 annual meeting will be Oct. 23–26 in Phoenix

Implant dentistry has come a long way from the early days. The advances are more than evolutionary.

The American Academy of Implant Dentistry’s 62nd Annual Meeting will explore how biology and technology converge to improve the treatment options available to doctors to solve ever more difficult and complex issues for patients.

An international symposium, entitled “International Excellence in Implant Dentistry — The Spanish Connection,” complete with simultaneous translation, will lead off the main podium programs.

Live surgery presentations in the operatory, along with numerous intensive courses, many with hands-on components, will be offered as well.

The office team can look forward to two intensive days of programming on Thursday and Friday. Clinical and hands-on courses will be included.

One distinction that sets AAID’s meetings apart is the opportunity to interact directly with world-class experts and presenters. You will be able to text your questions during the main podium presentations, and the presenter will be given those questions to answer live, at the end of the program.

Join your colleagues in Phoenix this October for the best in implant dentistry, where you will find practical education for the practicing implant dentist.

Check out the abstracts, learning objectives, speakers and complete schedule online at www.aaid.com or by scanning this QR Code.

AAID President Nicholas Caplanis.
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ICOI World Congress heads to Istanbul

The International Congress of Oral Implantologists (ICOI) will convene its World Congress XXX in Istanbul, Turkey, from Oct. 3–5 at the Istanbul Lutfi Kirdar International Convention and Exhibition Centre in the heart of the European side of the dual-continental city. Situated on one of the world’s busiest waterways, Istanbul is flanked by the Black and Mar­mara seas and separated by the famous Bosphorus, or Istanbul, Strait. Two-thirds of Istanbul’s 12 million people live on the European side of town, while one-third reside on the Asian side. ICOI’s World Congress will be held at an ideal time of year in Istanbul, and attendees are assured of favorable weather, the ICOI says.

An endless array of tourist opportuni­ties awaits the delegates to the congress. Istanbul is home to the famous Blue Mosque, the Hagia Sophia Museum, the Topkapi Palace, the Grand Bazaar and the Egyptian Spice Market, among other attractions.

The theme for ICOI’s 30th World Con­gress is “International Innovation and Perspectives for Implant Reconstruction,” and it will feature a world-class international faculty. The scientific pro­gram was designed by Dr. Scott Ganz from Fort Lee, N.J., and Dr. Ady Pali of Baden-Baden, Germany. The Scientific Committee, in concert with the co-hosts for this World Con­gress, the Turkish Society of Oral Implan­tology and the Meffert Implant Institute, has put together a lineup of speakers who will present on topics such as im­mediate loading, bone grafting, three-di­mensional imaging, guided-surgical applications, occlusion and more.

Main Podium lecturers include Drs. Shinichi Abe from Japan, Volkkan Arisan from Turkey, Nahid Barakat from Leba­non, Georg Bayer from Germany, Fred Bergman from Germany, David Garber from the United States, Alist Gabruet from Turkey, Cuneyt Karabuda from Turkey, Christian Makary from Leba­non, Stavros Pelekanos from Greece, Marco Rinaldi from Italy, Nigel Saynor from the United Kingdom, Georgios Romanos from the United States, Avi Schettini from the United States, Debo­rah Schwartz-Arad from Israel, Gerard Scortetti from France, Marius Steig­mann from Germany, Jen Suzuki from the United States, Istvan Urban from Hungary and Gerfrid Widmann from Aus­tria.

The Congress will convene at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 3. However, on Thurs­day morning, delegates will get the op­portunity to attend several pre-congress courses given by the congress’ sponsors. Scientific table clinics and poster pre­s­entations will also be a part of the pro­gram. Those interested in presenting ei­ther a poster or table clinic should visit the ICOI website, www.icoi.org, for guide­lines and application forms or e-mail Dr. Avi Schettini at dravi@perso.org.

The social event of the World Congress will be held at the Falas Cafah as congress­attendees take over the whole club. This popular night spot is located near the convention center, but buses will take guests there, leaving from the con­vention center at 7:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4. Cocktails will be served starting at 8 p.m., followed by dinner. A stage show will entertain the guests until midnight.

For complete information on ICOI’s World Congress XXX, visit www.icoi.org. The ICOI is based in Upper Montclair, N.J. (Source: ICOI)

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