Google Glass is currently only available in the US. When the device will be released to European markets is still unclear owing to some technical limitations and the lack of distributors, according to reports. The technology, however, is currently being experimented on for its future use in general and dental medicine. Last year, for example, Dental Tribune reported on the first maxillofacial surgery broadcast with the device, which took place at Hospital de Molina in Murcia in Spain.

Completely digital solutions however are already available in dental offices. Biolase, for example, offers such solutions and has expended great effort on its Total Technology Solution in recent years. In addition to its complete range of dental lasers, the US dental technology company now offers sophisticated imaging equipment and CAD/CAM solutions, such as the GALAXY BioMill System, which allows digital fabrication of restorations chairside.

“The adoption cycle of new technologies is growing increasingly shorter and more advanced technologies like the Waterlase will rapidly find their way into dental practices. Dentists that do not upgrade their equipment will likely begin to lose patients, become uncompetitive and lag behind,” CEO Federico Pignatelli explained to Dental Tribune International (DTI) at the show.

DTI CEO and publisher Torsten R. Oemus invited dentists who are unsure about how digital technologies could benefit their practice to attend the Digital Dentistry Show, the first edition of which will be held in autumn 2014 at the International Expodental show in Milan in Italy. Focusing entirely on digital products and applications for dentistry, the unique expo format will not only showcase the latest products and solutions by leading providers in the field, but also offer education in the form of lectures and webinars from 16 to 18 October. Information about what to expect from the event and how to register is available on the events website www.digitaldentistryshow.com/Milan.