

Camaraderie at the AAID 67th Annual Conference

The American Academy of Implant Dentistry's (AAID) 67th Annual Conference, "The Future is Now," presentation will take place September 26–29, 2018 at the Hyatt Regency Dallas in Dallas, Texas. This meeting is designed to offer a state-of-the-art implant continuing-education program that will benefit all dental implant team members.

World-renowned leaders will provide main podium presentations, combined with hands-on workshops, e-posters, and table clinics. Presentations will focus on how to experience and implement the future of implant dentistry, picturing patient treatment clearer through digital dentistry, and how to identify, treat, and avoid complications. Doctors from all levels of implant experience will find a program that will enlighten them as well as improve their understanding and practice of implant dentistry. Participants will have the opportunity to earn up to 20 hours of implant-specific continuing education.

Those desiring to learn more about the AAID and the American Board of Oral Implantology/Implant Dentistry (ABOI/ID) credentialing process will have an opportunity to attend presentations that will help demystify the credentialing process.

Emmy award winning CNN Chief Medical Correspondent, Dr Sanjay Gupta will provide the keynote presentation on Wednesday afternoon, delivering insights into the human impact of medicines.

The Dental Implant Team Network will be conducted Thursday, September 27 and Friday, September 28. The Team Network will incorporate more than 20 presentations focused on practice growth, treatment planning, and the team's role in case presentations. Additionally, on Friday, September 28, the program will offer breakout sessions for hygienists, dental assistants, and office administrators.

Dallas offers diverse shopping, entertainment, and dining

opportunities for the participants, staff, and their families. Also, beginning on September 28 in Dallas, there will be entertainment provided by the Texas State Fair's "Celebrating Texas Innovation".

The above are all good reasons to attend the AAID Annual Conference. However, there is another powerful reason to make time for this meeting: the camaraderie that results from attending. Camaraderie develops when there is a mutual trust and friendship among people with similar interests and who spend productive time together. Camaraderie can be in the form of mentorship or conversation between equals. This trust and friendship is necessary for all clinicians, regardless of age or experience level. Often, dental clinicians and the team members can become isolated in their offices and only see what they already know. Daily practice becomes a grind and burnout sets in. However, when clinicians open their minds and seek to understand and appreciate the passion of others, good things happen. Our abilities are expanded when clinicians brainstorm on clinical cases, trouble shoot complications, discuss career development, and/or compare notes on communicating with staff and patients.

Regardless if one is learning a new technique or sharing a time-honored idea, the camaraderie process leads to careers with greater satisfaction and success. Please come to the meeting for the education, take time to develop new friends or visit with existing friends, but by all means enjoy the benefits of the camaraderie that is certain to follow.

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