



Stephen Balshi, left, and Dr. Thomas Balshi speak at their afternoon main podium lecture, 'Computer-Guided Implant Placement for the Severely Atrophic Maxilla,' during the AAID meeting in Boston. (DTV/Photo Sierra Rendon, DTA)

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AAID meeting offers problem solving at its finest

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BOSTON: The American Academy of Implant Dentistry's annual meeting, held Oct. 20-23, offered thought-provoking educational sessions and the Implant World Expo. The theme for this year's conference, which took place at the Boston Marriott Copley Place, was "Navigate Zones of Implant Dentistry: Complications, Confidence, Comfort."

Main podium presentations focused on complications and solutions, with topics such as "Implant Prosthodontics Complications and Their Prevention: Some Practical Pearls" by Dr. Tony Daher, "Graftless Solutions: Immediate Loading of the Edentulous Patient with Fixed Prosthesis" with Dr. Edmond Bedrossian and "Computer-Guided Implant Placement for the Severely Atrophic Maxilla" by Dr. Thomas Balshi and Stephen Balshi, CEO of CM Ceramics USA.

Daniel Alam, MD, chief of facial and reconstructive surgery at the Cleveland Clinic, spoke on "Technical and Anatomical Considerations of the First Human Maxillofacial Transplant." In 2008, Alam made history by performing the first near-total facial transplant in the United States on a woman whose face had been destroyed by a shotgun blast. The surgery lasted 22 hours and involved eight surgeons.

For the AAID audience, Alam showed footage of the surgery and related its significance for future use of human face transplantation in treating severely disfigured facial structures.

In addition, noted plastic surgeon Joe Niamtu III, DMD, provided a multimedia presentation on contemporary facial rejuvenation procedures, such as Botox, injectable fillers, laser treatments and facial implants. Attendees learned treatment options for facial aging that can be applied to their practices.

"The face is the frame for cosmetic dentistry, and dentists should consider the benefits of facial volume restoration when performing implant surgery on older patients with facial aging," Niamtu said. "The standard today requires consideration of facial structures and volume restoration to maximize patient satisfaction with cosmetic and restorative dental procedures." Hands-on workshops covered a wide variety of topics, including guided surgery, bone compression techniques, Piezoelectric surgery techniques and more.

Clinical roundtable attendees also enjoyed learning techniques from Dr. Jack Hahn, Dr. Barry Barteo and Dr. Scott Ganz on varied implant topics.

The Implant World Expo featured more than 120 exhibitors who brought their newest products and technology to share with attendees.

Attendees had the chance to examine implant products from companies such as Astra Tech, BioHorizons, Implant Direct, MIS Implants, Zimmer Dental and more.

Digital-imaging technology was on display from [PreXion](#), Materialise Dental, nSequence, Gendex and 3D Diagnostix, as well as many others.

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Attendees keep hands busy with bone-grafting material

Hands-on workshops at the AAID's annual meeting included a sold-out session featuring Dr. Michael Peleg. "Immediate Implant Placement in Fresh Extraction Sites: The Use of Bone Compression Technique and Novel Bone Grafting Material" focused on the pre- and post-operative considerations for immediate implant placement and socket grafting.

"The most important aspect is to have implant stability; if it is not stable, it will never integrate," Peleg said.

He offered his personal advice for success on topics such as bone-grafting materials, bone deficiencies, interradicular bone, appropriate selection of implant sites, implant placement at the maxillary central incisor position, radiographic evaluation, soft-tissue healing, mandibular molars and much more.

The workshop was presented through a grant from MIS and featured information on how the MIS Bone Compression Kit can optimize the surgical procedure.

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