Come Aboard is the theme of the 54th annual Yankee Dental Congress® (YDC), New England’s largest dental meeting, which will be held Jan. 28 through Feb. 1, at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center (BCEC).

The YDC is the fifth largest dental meeting in the country and is sponsored by the Massachusetts Dental Society, in cooperation with the Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont dental associations. The estimated 35,000 dental professionals expected to attend the convention in Boston next year will not only discover YDC 34 to be educational, fun and informative, but also filled with entertaining events, top-notch speakers, 500-plus exhibitors and more than 450 educational association courses from which to choose.

On Thursday, the Big Apple Circus Circus Circus To Go! will entertain and delight audiences, pogo stick enthusiasts, clowns and wirewalkers. Have lunch with author Dennis Lehane, best-selling author of Mystic River and Gone Baby Gone. Friday evening, the YDC presents the first-ever Comedy Night, starring comedians Frank Caliendo and Kathleen Madigan.

The YDC 34 highlights by day

**Thursday, Jan. 29**

*The Scottsdale Center for Dentistry* will offer attendees an integrated approach to achieving excellence that incorporates every aspect of success, including patient care, clinical excellence and business profitability. Featuring Drs. Gordon Christensen, George Bailey, Teresa Donovan, Edward McLaren and Jon Suzuki.

**Team Development Day: Real World Communications Made Easy** is designed specifically for the dental auxiliaries attending the YDC. This day of practical sessions with the Coaching Center will build clinical knowledge and strengthen team relationships. In this participatory program you will learn the basic skills of effective communication with colleagues and patients.

**Dr. Joe Camp**, an adjunct professor in the department of endodontics at the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry, will present “Mechanical Instrumentation of Root Canals” and “Endodontic Diagnosis.”

**Dr. John Sorvisto**, a diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics and founder of the Pacific Dental Institute, will discuss “Optimizing Esthetic Outcomes in Implant Prosthodontics.”

**Dr. George Priest**, a diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics, will present “Young Patients and Implant Esthetics.”

**Dr. Terry Tanaka**, a clinical professor of graduate prosthodontics at the University of Southern California School of Dentistry, will offer a talk on “Problem Solving for Fixed, Removable and Implant Procedures.”

**Dr. Jeffrey Wood**, president of the California Society of Pediatric Dentistry and professor and chair of the department of pediatric dentistry at the University of Southern California School of Dentistry, will present “Space Maintenance in the Primary and Mixed Dentitions.”

**Dr. Rhonda Savage**, past president of the Washington State Dental Association and current CEO of Linda L. Miles and Associates, will discuss “Communication and Teamwork.”

**Gary Zelesky**, who has been presenting to audiences around the world for more than 25 years as a life and team coach for business professionals, dentists and teams, will speak on “The Passion-Centered Practice” and “Naked in Paradise.”

**Dr. Theresa Gonzalez**, a diplomate of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and a professor at the Naval Postgraduate Dental School, will present “Conducting a Head-and-Neck Examination” and “Redefining Dentistry’s Role in Forensics.”

**Dr. Urhe Odiatu**, a clinical instructor at the University of Toronto, a certified trainer, and a wellness author, and Kary Odiatu, an NCDA certified trainer, wellness author and a Ms. Fitness Universe, will speak on how to “Raise a Happy, Healthy Family.”

**Friday, Jan. 30**

**Loretta LaRoche**, founder of The Human Potential Inc. and consultant to Fortune 500 companies, has starred in four PBS specials and teaches audiences to beat the odds with humor, wisdom and patience. She will present the personal development seminar “How to Prevent Hardening of the Attitude.”

**Dr. L. Stephen Buchanan**, a diplomate of the American Board of Endodontics and an assistant clinical professor at the University of Southern California School of Dentistry, will discuss “The Art of Endodontics.”

**Dr. Gordon Christensen**, the dean of the Scottsdale Center for Dentistry, director of Practical Clinical Courses and a senior consultant for Clinicians Report, will talk on “New Aspects of Dentistry for 2009.”

**Dr. Ronald Jackson**, the director of the advanced adhesive esthetic dentistry and anterior direct resin programs at the Las Vegas Institute for Advanced Dental Studies, will present “The Art of Direct Resin.”

**Dr. Roger Levin**, a world-renowned consultant, speaker and author, and the founder, CEO and president of the Levin Group, will discuss “Eight Secrets of Highly Successful Practitioners” and “Double Your Production and Profit.”

**Robin Wright, PhD**, a nationally recognized communications expert and president of Wright Communications, will speak on “Team Up for Treatment Acceptance” and “Tough Questions, Great Answers.”

**Jerome Groopman, MD**, the chief of the division of experimental medicine at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and professor at Harvard Medical School, will discuss “How Questions, Great Answers.”


**Dr. Stanley Malamed**, a diplomate of the American Board of Dental Anesthesiology and professor of anesthesia and medicine at the University of Southern California, will offer a talk on “Local Anesthetics: Dentistry’s Most Important Drugs” and “Update on Local Anesthetic Techniques.”

**Jill Rothman, RDH**, a visiting clinical instructor at the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine and editorial director for Dimensions of Dental Hygiene, will discuss “Determining Risk, Redefining Treatment” and “An Update in Periodontics — What Every Office Should Know.”

**Orthodontic Symposium**

**Dr. Jackie Berkowitz**, a diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics and a clinical associate professor of orthodontics at Ohio State University and St. Louis University, will present “From Excellence to Eminence.”

**Periodontic Specialty Symposium**

**Dr. Donald Callan**, an associate professor in the department of periodontics at the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry, will present “Tissue Regeneration vs. Tissue Grafting.”

**Saturday, Jan. 31**

**Richard Wynne, PhD**, a professor of pharmacology at the University of Maryland Dental School and the lead author of Drug Information Handbook for Dentistry, will discuss “Aspirin, Antibiotics, Antidepressants, Alcohol.”

**Dr. Anthony Cardoza**, a forensic dental consultant for San Diego and Imperial Counties and a fellow at the University of Southern California School of Dentistry, will present “Forensic Dentistry Computer Workshop.”

**Dr. Robert Vogel**, a visiting lecturer, will present “Predictability and Simplification: Implant Overdentures and Retained Partial Dentures.”

**Endodontic Specialty Symposium**

**Dr. Mahmoud Torabinejad**, a professor of endodontics and director of graduate endodontics at Loma Linda University School of Dentistry, will discuss “Root Canal or Implant? Clinical Applications of MTA.”

**Oral & Maxillofacial Specialty Symposium**

**Dr. Michael Block**, clinical professor in oral and maxillofacial surgery at Louisiana State University School of Dentistry, will speak on “Practical Use of CT to Help with Efficient Implant Placement,” and “Immediate Loading — Practical Approaches.”

**Dr. Jeffrey Shafer**, who has a comprehensive dental practice within the Harvard School of Dental Medicine Faculty Practice, will give a presentation on “Pain Management in the Oral Surgery Setting for the Dental Auxiliary.”

**Mary Hirtle, RN**, a PACU nurse at Jordan Hospital in Plymouth, Mass. and Jefferson Union, NY, area, and cofounder of Baystate Health Educators, will discuss “Today’s Jeopardy: Oh Be Still My Heart.”

**Prosthodontic Specialty Symposium**

**Dr. Joseph Carpentieri**, a fellow at the department of periodontology and implant dentistry at New York University College of Medicine, will present “The Standard of Care for Fixed vs. Removable Implant Prostheses.”

**Dr. Richard Smith**, an associate clinical professor in the department of...