Pittsburgh is hosting largest gathering of dental hygienists

American Dental Hygienists' Association 93rd annual session is from June 8–14

With the 2016 Center for Lifelong Learning (CLL) at the 93rd Annual Session (ASS) quickly approaching, the American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA) has approximately 2,000 attendees already registered for what will once again be the largest assembly of dental hygiene professionals in North America. To add more excitement and energy to the setting, this year's convention also coincides with the city of Pittsburgh's bicentennial celebration.

With the week-long convention taking place at the David Lawrence Convention Center on June 8–14, attendees will not only experience Pittsburgh's emerging and vibrant downtown, but also the city's numerous venues for entertainment, including outdoor adventure, art, history, festivals, spectator sports, shopping, and great food and dining.

According to data provided by the ADHA and an event evaluation done by the Destination Marketing Association International, the direct business sales impact of ADHA's annual meeting is estimated at $2.6 million.

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Protecting digital tools: Intraoral sensor care and maintenance

A checklist of dos and don’ts

By Mary Ann Rupertus, Sirona Dental

Technology is one of the biggest investments that a dental practice will make, and intraoral sensors are among one of the first tools dentists invest in before going 100 percent digital. There are many considerations when choosing a sensor size/size, integration, service and support, return on investment, and cost. To protect your investment, ongoing sensor care and maintenance are critical right from the start.

The most common reason for sensor failure is a user’s improper handling of the sensor and/or cable. That is why today’s digital intraoral sensors should be designed to withstand years of normal daily use.

Sensor care

There are many dos and don’ts that both novice and expert sensor users should know, some of which we will explore in more detail. Following is a quick checklist of what you should and should not do with a sensor.

Do:
- Handle the sensor as gently as possible.
- Always use a new sheath with every patient.
- Grasp both connector and interface when disconnecting sensor from interface.
- Store sensor in a holster when not in use.
- Disinfect sensor after each use with only the approved disinfectant.
- Keep sensor off the floor at all times.
- Disinfect sensor after each use with only the correct positioners.
- Make sure the sensor is backed by great support, return on investment, and cost.

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Using sheaths

Always cover the sensor with the recommended sheath. Simply slide the sensor into the barrier, pushing it all the way to the end making sure that the upper part of the cable is covered. The sheath should fit snugly to provide a secure barrier around the sensor.

The protective sheaths are for single use only and must NOT be reused under any circumstance for obvious reasons. Reuse may result in patient infection or illness. Do NOT place a sensor into the patient’s mouth without a barrier and never use a damaged sheath.

Please be very careful when removing the sensor from the sheath. It is suggested that users wrap the sensor around their wrist away from their scrubs to prevent the sensor from falling on the floor, pinch the barrier off at the top and it should easily slide off the sensor.

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As part of the largest gathering of dental hygiene professionals in the U.S., the American Dental Hygienists’ Association will launch a charitable fun run/walk titled In Motion: 5K Run-Walk-Fun on Thursday, June 9, at 8 p.m. in downtown Pittsburgh.

Set to take place during the 2016 Center for Lifelong Learning at the 93rd Annual Session, the race is designed to raise funds for ADHA’s foundation, the Institute for Oral Health, which is committed to empowering, supporting and developing education and research opportunities for dental hygiene professionals.

“The Institute for Oral Health is thrilled to host its inaugural 5K to further our mission of service, research and scholarship,” said Kelli Swanson Jaecks, MA, RDH, chair of the ADHA Institute of Oral Health. “This event will be the highlight of the annual session, and whether you run, walk or shuffle, I invite everybody to participate in what will be the first of many memorable 5ks to come.”

Scholarships, research, access to care

Proceeds from the fun run/walk will help fund scholarships for dental hygiene students, provide research opportunities for those expanding the field of dental hygiene, and support dental hygienists who donate their services to improve access to oral health care and education in their communities.

Runners and walkers of all skill levels are invited to participate in the event as individuals or in teams. All participants will be treated to an “After Glow Party” immediately following the race.

In addition, ADHA hosted an In Motion: 5K Run-Walk-Fun Song Contest on social media, in which the song with the most votes at the end of the contest is being crowned as the anthem of this year’s race.

“The In Motion: 5K Run-Walk-Fun is an exciting way to engage students, exhibitors, friends, alumni, states, corporate sponsors and districts, all running or walking together for a great cause,” said ADHA CEO Ann Battrell. “With more funds, IOH can increase its presence nationwide and continue to do great work in the field of oral health.”

For 5K registration information, go to www.crowdrise.com/ADHARunWalk2016. To join in the race excitement and stay updated, you can follow the ADHA on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, using the hashtag #IOH5K. You can also visit facebook.com/InstituteforOralHealth.

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Malaysia is the largest source for U.S. imports of natural and synthetic rubber gloves as reported in tariff and trade data by the U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. International Trade Commission.