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SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2026 | PRE-CONFERENCE

THURSDAY WORKSHOPS

8:00am-5:00pm	Standard Level Laser Training & Certification Course	
12:30-6:30pm	Mastering Frenectomy & Soft Tissue Surgery: A Complete Clinical System from Diagnosis to Long-Term Outcomes	Lawrence Kotlow, DDS
5:00-7:00pm	Reception w/ Exhibits & Badge Pick-Up	

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2026

8:00-10:00am	Keynote Lectures	
10:00-10:30am	Break	
10:30-10:50am	Every Procedure is a Laser Procedure!	Robin Horton, BDS, FALD, FWCLI
10:55-11:15am	Innovative Approaches in Managing Oral Biofilm and Periopathogens Using Laser Therapy	Kinga Grzech-Leśniak, Prof., DMD, MSc, PhD
11:20-11:50am	Lasers for the GP and Beyond	Larry Lieberman, DDS
11:55am-12:15pm	Laser to Legacy: Converting Clinical Excellence into Long-Term Wealth	Nick Clausen, MBA
12:20-12:30pm	When Evidence Falls Short: Rethinking How We Interpret Research in Laser Dentistry	Ali Obeidi, DDS, MSc, MS, FALD
12:30-1:00pm	Membership Meeting	
1:00-2:00pm	Lunch	

FRIDAY WORKSHOPS

2:00-6:00pm	Standard Level Laser Training & Certification Course: Erbium: Chromium Laser Certification	Marina Polonsky, DDS
2:00-6:00pm	Photobiomodulation in Dentistry	Grace Sun, DDS & Arun Darbar, DDS, MS
2:00-6:00pm	Oral Biopsies and the Roles Lasers and Light Technologies Play	Alfred Wyatt, DMD

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026

DENTIST TRACK

8:00-10:00am	Keynote Lectures	
10:00-10:30am	Break	
10:30-10:50am	Use of Erbium Lasers for Debonding	Janina Golob Deeb, DMD, MS
10:55-11:15am	Laser-Assisted Implantology	Saleh Anvaria Aria, DDS, MSc
11:20-11:40am	Thermal Imaging—Monitored At-Home PBM Therapy for Orofacial Inflammatory Processes	Haitam Elafifi, DDS
11:45am-12:10pm	Using Lasers to Help Diagnose and Manage Auto-Immune Diseases	Laura Braswell, DDS
12:15-12:35pm	Laser Dentistry as a Transformative Educational Tool: Opportunities and Barriers in Academic Integration	Natalia Elson, DDS
12:40-1:00pm	Utilizing PBM to Treat Cancer Symptoms and Cancer Treatment Side Effects	Mel A. Burchman, DDS, MALD
1:00-2:00pm	Lunch	
2:00-2:20pm	From Perforation to Preservation	Mohamed Yehya, DDS, PhD
2:20-3:00pm	Effect of PBM Therapy on Postoperative Pain and Trismus Following Implant-Related Oral Surgeries	Nahid Derikvand, MDS, Laser Fellowship
3:00-3:30pm	Laser-Assisted Management of Severely Curved Canals to Prevent Ledge Formation	Md Arifur Rahman, BDS, MSc
3:30-4:00pm	Break	
4:00-4:20pm	Bridging Chairside Laser Therapy and At-Home PBM	Alan Kwong Hing, DDS, MSc
4:20-4:40pm	Combination Laser Therapy—Effectively Using Multiple Wavelengths for Best Overall Treatment Results	Maki Tanaka, DDS, PhD
4:40-5:00pm	Laser-Induced Hypoxia of the Post-Extraction Socket to Preserve Bone Volume Without Grafting	Ernesto Vatteroni, DDS, PhD
5:00-5:20pm	PBM Therapy Using 980 nm Diode Laser in Management of Temporomandibular Joint Disorder	Ujjwal Prem, MDS

DENTAL HYGIENIST TRACK

8:00-10:00am	Keynote Lectures	
10:00-10:30am	Break	
TBD	"Lighting the Way" PBM for Healing, Pain, and Health in Hygiene	Lynn Atkinson, RDH
TBD	Deferring and Referring with Confidence	Erin Doffoney, RDH
TBD	Are the Rules and Regulations for Lasers in Dental Hygiene Changing Again?	Angie Wallace, RDH

SATURDAY WORKSHOPS

8:00am-5:00pm	Standard Level Laser Training & Certification Course	
2:00-6:00pm	Diode Laser Workshop: From Fundamentals to Immediate Clinical Implementation	Ali Obeidi, DDS, MSc, MS, FALD
2:00-6:00pm	Elevating Patient Care with Laser Dentistry	Larry Lieberman, DDS
2:00-6:00pm	CO ₂ Laser Certification	Edward Kusek, DDS

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