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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

8:00-8:40am	Keynote Lecture: Recent Advances in Photobiomodulation: From Precision Personalized Care to Policy Updates	Praveen Arany, PhD, DDS
8:40-9:20am	Keynote Lecture: Innovative Flapless Periodontal Surgery Using Er:YAG Laser: Er-LCPT	Akira Aoki, DDS, PhD
9:20-10:00am	Keynote Lecture: Mastering the Parameters of PBM	Jan Tunér, DDS
10:00-10:30am	Break	
10:30-10:50am	Every Procedure is a Laser Procedure!	Robin Horton, BDS, FALD, FWCL
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

8:00-8:40am	Keynote Lecture: The Systematic Effects of Photobiomodulation Therapy: A Review of Evidence For and Against	Juanita Anders, PhD
8:40-9:20am	Keynote Lecture: Advances in Laser-Assisted Regenerative Periodontal and Peri-Implant Plastic Surgery	Homa H. Zadeh, DDS, PhD
9:20-10:00am	Keynote Panel: The Evolving Role of PBM in Orofacial, Head, & Neck Care: Expert Roundtable	Drs. J. Chris Castiel, Praveen Arany, Chukuka S. Enwemeka, & Violet Vakunseh Bumah
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	Haitham 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

8:00-9:00am	Illuminating Precision: Understanding Laser Wavelengths in Dental Hygiene	Alfred Wyatt, DMD
9:00-10:00am	Deferring and Referring with Confidence	Erin Doffoney, RDH
10:00-10:30am	Break	
10:30-11:30am	"Lighting the Way" Photobiomodulation for Healing, Pain, and Health in Hygiene	Lynn Atkinson, RDH
11:30am-1:00pm	TBD	Jodi Deming, RDH
1:00-2:00pm	Lunch	
2:00-2:45pm	Are the Rules and Regulations for Lasers in Dental Hygiene Changing Again?	Angie Wallace, RDH
2:45-3:30pm	From Operator to Educator: The RDH-to-Faculty Journey Through Laser Dentistry and Higher Education	Laurie Bricker, RDH, MS
3:30-4:00pm	Break	
4:00-5:20pm	Using Lasers to Help Diagnose and Manage Auto-Immune Diseases	Laura Braswell, DDS

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	Georgios Romanos, Prof., Dr. med. dent., DDS, PhD