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ALD® 33rd YEAR 1993-2026

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 — ***Using Lasers to Help Diagnose and Manage Auto-Immune Diseases*** — Laura Braswell, DDS
10:55-11:15am — ***Innovative Approaches in Managing Oral Biofilm and Periopathogens Using Laser Therapy*** — Kinga Grzech-Leśniak, Prof., DMD, MSc, PhD
11:20am-12:00pm — ***Lasers for the GP and Beyond*** — Larry Lieberman, DDS
12:00-12:30pm — ***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 — ***Erbium: Chromium Laser Workshop*** — 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 — ***Every Procedure is a Laser Procedure!*** — Robin Horton, BDS, FALD, FWCLI
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**
2:00-2:35pm — ***Integrated Photonics-Enhanced Precision Dentistry*** — Ambrose Chan, PhD, MSc, BDS, FRACDS, FICD
2:35-3:05pm — ***From Perforation to Preservation*** — Mohamed Yehya, DDS, PhD
3:05-3:35pm — ***Laser-Assisted Management of Severely Curved Canals to Prevent Ledge Formation*** — Md Arifur Rahman, BDS, MSc
3:35-4:00pm — **Break**
4:00-4:25pm — ***Bridging Chairside Laser Therapy and At-Home PBM*** — Alan Kwong Hing, DDS, MSc
4:25-4:45pm — ***Combination Laser Therapy—Effectively Using Multiple Wavelengths for Best Overall Treatment Results*** — Maki Tanaka, DDS, PhD
4:45-5:10pm — ***Laser-Induced Hypoxia of the Post-Extraction Socket to Preserve Bone Volume Without Grafting*** — Ernesto Vatteroni, DDS, PhD

DENTAL HYGIENIST TRACK

8:00-9:00am — ***Illuminating Precision: Understanding Laser Wavelengths in Dental Hygiene*** — Alfred Wyatt, DMD
9:00-10:00am — ***The Oral Systemic Connection*** — Laura Braswell, DDS
10:00-10:30am — **Break**
10:30-11:45am — ***Utilizing PBM to Treat Cancer Symptoms and Cancer Treatment Side Effects*** — Mel A. Burchman, DDS, MALD
11:45am-1:00pm — ***"Lighting the Way" Photobiomodulation for Healing, Pain, and Health in Hygiene*** — Lynn Atkinson, RDH
1:00-2:00pm — **Lunch**
2:00-2:45pm — ***From Operatory to Educator: The RDH-to-Faculty Journey Through Laser Dentistry and Higher Education*** — Laurie Bricker, RDH, MS
2:45-3:30pm — ***Are the Rules and Regulations for Lasers in Dental Hygiene Changing Again?*** — Angie Wallace, RDH
3:30-4:00pm — **Break**
4:00-5:20pm — ***Deferring and Referring with Confidence*** — Erin Doffoney, 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 Workshop*** — Georgios Romanos, Prof., Dr. med. dent., DDS, PhD

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