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“TEETH-IN-AN-HOUR” COMES TO NYCOMS

Many patients today can have dental implants placed and a prosthesis delivered in less than one hour. This technology, pioneered by Nobel Biocare, provides a level of precision never before seen in implant reconstruction. In a collaborative effort, the NYCOMS team and the restorative dentist preplan the implant placement and create a final or temporary prosthesis. The implant placement is flapless and precise, allowing the preformed prosthesis to be seamlessly integrated during the Stage I procedure. This minimally invasive surgery provides for shorter operating time, quicker recovery, minimal pain, reduced swelling and immediate function. Dr. Jay M. Neugarten and the NYCOMS team have become the first oral and maxillofacial surgeons on Long Island to successfully perform this technique. In less than one hour, six maxillary implants were precisely placed as well as a fixed final prosthesis. This protocol involves the creation of an ideal scanning prosthesis. The patient undergoes a CT scan and the data is used to create a customized precision drill guide and prosthesis. The major decisions of the treatment are made during the planning phase. The patient then undergoes placement of the implants and the prosthesis is delivered. The procedure can be performed under local or light sedation. This new modality provides enhanced patient satisfaction and simplifies the work of the treatment team. **If you feel you have a patient that may be a candidate for this procedure, please contact our office for a consultation.**

SKELETAL ANCHORAGE REMINDER



As the hardware for bone anchorage is improving, the usefulness of this technique is becoming increasingly well-known. If your arches are “lost at sea,” we can provide secure anchorage. This topic will be explored further at the spring meeting. **May 3rd** is the likely date. See you soon!

NYCOMS: “GONE FISHING!”

“Every child should have the chance to hook a *Big One*.” At least, that’s what Dr. Sachs thinks. To help make that vision a reality, Drs. Sachs and Drew recently hosted a fishing trip for 40 kids and their families from the Hagedorn Cleft Lip & Palate Center. They spent a lovely evening this August outside of Captree with everyone having a great time. Everyone, that is, except for the Toothy Tresher Shark that the fishing folk landed!

NYCOMS GOES INTERNATIONAL

This year two members of the **NYCOMS** team have taken their skills overseas in effort to share their own knowledge and benefit from the knowledge of others. Below are brief accounts of their memorable journeys which we have included to demonstrate our ongoing commitment towards continued professionalism and dedicated patient care.

AUSTRIA

“Vienna awaits you!” was the catch phrase of the ICOMS’17th international symposium comprised of oral and maxillofacial surgeons from around the globe. The conference was hosted in Vienna, Austria from August 29-Sept. 2, 2005. Dr. Stephanie Drew attended this exciting meeting which boasted oral and maxillofacial surgeons from 72 different countries.

The symposium was held at the Hofburg Convention Center, a former palace located in the heart of Vienna, Austria, which was renovated to suit the needs of this type of convention. There, Dr. Drew was invited to present **NYCOMS**’ ongoing research on “*Maxillary Distraction used as a Staging Procedure in the Cleft Lip and Palate Patient Population.*” She also lectured with her colleagues Dr. Gabriele Milesi of Vienna and Dr. Suzanne McCormick of California on Distraction Osteogenesis in Class II patients. In the words of Dr. Drew attending the symposium was truly “...an exciting experience to be able to share ideas and learn from the best around the world.”

CHINA

BEIJING... HONG KONG... SHANGHAI. From October 18-28th, 2005, Dr. Stephen Sachs will enjoy the rich union of science and culture that has characterized China’s past for thousands of years. In a People-to-People Ambassador program originally created by President Eisenhower and now sponsored by the AAOMS, Dr. Sachs will travel with approximately 40 oral surgeons and their families throughout the heart of China. The itinerary includes visits to some of China’s famous attractions, such as the Opera School and Summer Palace of Beijing, as well as meetings with Chinese oral and maxillofacial surgeons.

One stop in the journey includes Guilin, a famous site of medical and oral training in China. While there, Dr. Sachs will present an update on Orthognathic and Cleft Palate care in America. Dr. Sachs looks upon this exciting venture as “an opportunity to go and exchange ideas with Chinese oral surgeons.”

~BEST WISHES~

The NYCOMS Team would like to take this opportunity to extend a heartfelt “Thank You” to all of our referring doctors for your kind referrals this year. We look forward to a continued working relationship with you and wish you a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

~NEW TO NYCOMS~

NYCOMS would like to welcome Joseph Robinson onboard. A recent graduate of Stony Brook University Joseph joined the NYCOMS team in June of 2005 and will be carrying out the responsibilities formerly executed by Jessica Joseph.

NEXT ON THE NYCOMS AGENDA:

This fall NYCOMS will be hosting a series of exciting continued education events. For further information or questions regarding the seminars please contact **Joseph Robinson** at **(631) 376-1560**.

❖ **NOVEMBER 3 & 4, 2005: THE EXPANDED APPLICATION OF ALVEOLAR RECONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUES (16 CE Credits)**

Highlights use of autogenous bone grafting techniques and the acquisition of tibial bone. Alveolar Distraction Osteogenesis will also be presented in great detail.

❖ **November 16, 2005: ADVANCED TECHNIQUES IN ORTHOGNATHIC SURGERY: AN ORTHODONTIC PERSPECTIVE (8 CE Credits)**

Topics to be covered include: the use of skeletal fixation appliances for orthodontic anchorage, orthodontic techniques for post-surgical stability, practical video imaging and more.

❖ **November 17, 2005 (6:30-9:00pm): CLINICAL EVALUATION & MANAGEMENT OF THE HIGH ANGLE OF THE ORTHODONTIC PATIENT (3 CE Credits)**

Speaker Richard Bach will present his lecture at Tina’s II restaurant. Dr. Bach completed his post-doctoral training at Columbia University hospital and has been in private orthodontic practice since 1974.