Come and join your colleagues to “Ride the Wave to Success in Dentistry,” the theme of the 2012 Yankee Dental Congress® (YDC), New England’s largest dental meeting. The convention will be held Jan. 25–29 at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center (BCEC). YDC is the fifth largest dental meeting in the United States and is sponsored by the Massachusetts Dental Society, in cooperation with the Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont dental associations.

The 27,000 dental professionals who are expected to attend the convention in Boston will not only discover YDC 2012 to be educational, informative and fun, but also filled with entertaining events, top-notch speakers and more than 500 educational courses for dental professionals.

A major highlight of this year’s meeting is a course being taught by Daniel Alam, MD, on Thursday, January 26, at 2 p.m. Dr. Alam is the current head of the Section of Facial Aesthetic and Reconstructive Surgery in the Head and Neck Institute at the renowned Cleveland Clinic in Ohio. He helped to make history in 2008 by being part of the multidisciplinary team who performed the first American near-total facial transplant.

During Alam’s presentation, “Facial Transplantation Versus Conventional Reconstruction,” he will discuss the groundbreaking operation, including the basic scientific research, ethical considerations and technical challenges of such a procedure.

The woman who received the transplant had suffered severe facial trauma and received a transplant of approximately 80 percent of her face. The procedure essentially replaced most of her entire face, except for her eyelids, forehead, lower lip and chin. Alam will also describe the advances in conventional microvascular reconstruction and the outcome limits of present surgical science in this field.

In addition, back by popular demand for Yankee 2012, is live dentistry on the show floor, which allows attendees to see all-new live cutting-edge procedures. Yankee’s High Tech Playground on the show floor is also back this year and has been expanded for 2012, enabling dental professionals to get an up-close look at high-tech products available for their practices. Take advantage of this relaxed setting to ask questions and try various tools and state-of-the-art gadgets.

Yankee Dental Congress also features more than 450 exhibitors, admission to select free continuing education courses, alumni events, and various networking and social functions.

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