Lynn Mortilla published the resource guide shown above, "Incorporating Implants into Your Practice — Team Strategies for Success."

The guide helps practices learn how to get the most out of implant training and start book- ing more treatments through staff education, identification of implant candidates, case pre- sentation techniques, patient financial forms and more.

The resource guide was printed as a courtesy of Chase-HealthAdvance and you can receive a complimentary copy by calling ChaseHealthAdvance at (888) 388-7633 or visit www.advancewithchase.com.

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Did you know that a person could be identified from the DNA in saliva left behind on a postage stamp? Or that the average person creates enough saliva each day to fill a soft-drink bottle? That teeth can survive fires reaching 2012 degrees Fahrenheit?


Find out how forensic dentists use x-ray records and DNA inter- nals to solve real missing person cases, discover the telling secrets revealed by saliva and find out how your mouth is a window to health for your body.

This interactive Web site features an in-depth exploration of foren- sics, saliva and bioengineering as it relates to science, dentistry and oral health.

Key scientific topics include DNA, genetics, the mouth/body connection and stem cells.

Parents and middle and high school teachers looking for engag- ing topics in scientific exploration for use at home or in the classroom will find plenty of lessons to choose from on this site.

The lessons can also be used in conjunction with a field trip to see the Your Spitting Image companion exhibit at the National Museum of Dentistry in Baltimore or at one of the venues across the country hosting the traveling version of the exhibit (currently on view at the Impression 5 Science Center in Lansing, Mich.).

The Web site features three sec- tions that explore the science of dentistry and oral health. In “Foren- sics: Solving Mysteries,” learn how forensic dentists use DNA testing to help law enforcement identify missing persons using X-rays, bitemarks and DNA testing.

Learn how saliva protects our teeth and how our mouth is connected to the health of the rest of our body in “Saliva: A Remarkable Fluid.” The section “Bioengineer- ing: Making a New You” explores how stem cells and genes are being used to grow replacement teeth and cure disease.

Interactive activities include:

• An exploration into how a few drops of saliva can be used to deter- mine genetic makeup, diagnose infections and identify illegal drug use.
• A step-by-step illustration of how forensic dentists can extract DNA from a tooth to learn the iden- tify an unknown victim.
• An animated cartoon that shows how brushing, flossing and rinsing lead to a healthy mouth.
• A visual timeline of the vari- ous ways humankind has sought to replace missing teeth for thousands of years, from the ancient Egyptians to the future of tooth replacement.

Teacher guides included on the Web site provide easy-to-under- stand, illustrated, age-appropriate lessons for middle and high school students that can be used in the classroom.

All materials are designed to meet the National Science Education Standards developed by the National Committee on Science Education Standards and Assessment and the National Research Council.

The Web site also provides detailed information about the Your Spitting Image traveling exhibit and how it can be brought to communi- ties nationwide.

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The National Museum of Den- tistry is located at 51 S. Greene St. in Baltimore. Admission is $7 for adults, $5 for seniors and students with ID, $3 for children ages 3–19; and free for age 2 and under.

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