These are exciting times to be working with dental implants. Advances continue to be made at places like the Ashman Department of Periodontology and Implant Dentistry at New York University’s College of Dentistry. At the same time, companies like Dentatus facilitate these advances with new products that are smaller, less expensive and more efficient than ever. As a result, options are increased for practitioners, and — even more important — results are improved for patients.

Among recent advances is the Anew implant system, a narrow-bodied, screw-attached restoration developed by Dentatus. This new implant is ideal for placement in slim, limiting spaces, and it can also be used for “first-visit” replacement of missing teeth.

Anew implant restorative protocol was developed by Bernard Weissman in conjunction with the Department of Implant Dentistry, NYU College of Dentistry. To help explain and demonstrate, Sang-Choon Cho, DDS, an assistant clinical professor and associate director of clinical research at NYU, recently offered a hands-on workshop for dentists. The title of the workshop, which was conducted at the NYU College of Dentistry Department of Continuing Education on Oct. 31, was “Advanced Narrow Diameter Implant Technologies for Replacement of Patients’ Missing Teeth in Narrow Bone and Limiting Spaces.”

During the lecture portion of the workshop, Cho explained how Anew implants can be used for patients with thin bone, limiting inter-root spaces or narrow teeth. Special characteristics of Anew implants make them ideal for physically compromised patients, or for those with systemic problems. They provide an immediate, economical interim and customized restoration. They can also be used for ridge augmentation procedures. Cho also explained the osseointegration process of immediately loaded narrow-bodied implants and identified the non-invasive, cost savings procedures and benefits to patients.

In the hands-on portion of the course, Cho took attendees, using hard plastic models, through the sequential steps involved in placing Anew implants. Each participant fabricated a single tooth and a three-unit posterior bridge. At the conclusion of the workshop, participants were able to keep their models with constructed restorations for use in training assisting staff in their practices.

Dentatus regularly offers similar educational events throughout the country. For more information, visit Dentatus online at www.dentatus.com or call the company at (800) 525-3136.