IDS 2027: The future of dentistry comes to Cologne

From 16 to 20 March 2027, Cologne will once again become a global meeting place for the dental industry. The 42nd International Dental Show (IDS) will bring together companies, professionals, and decision-makers from around the world to explore new products, technological advances, and practical solutions for dental practices and laboratories.

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How are digital technologies reshaping dentistry? Which materials are opening up new possibilities in patient care? And how can practices and laboratories make their workflows more efficient? IDS offers an opportunity to explore these questions and gain a comprehensive overview of the international dental market.

Beyond discovering new products, visitors can step back from their daily routines, compare approaches, and exchange ideas with colleagues. These encounters can provide fresh perspectives on current challenges and valuable inspiration for future developments.

Innovations for practices and laboratories

The exhibition spans a wide range of disciplines, from diagnostics and prevention to restorative dentistry, implantology, orthodontics, and dental laboratory techniques. Instruments, dental treatment units, hygiene products, and solutions for practice organisation and administration complete the offering.

Digital technologies are expected to attract particular interest once again. Intra-oral scanners, CAD/CAM systems, additive manufacturing, and software-supported processes are transforming collaboration between dental practices and laboratories. Their potential extends beyond individual tasks to more closely connected workflows, clearer communication, and smoother coordination throughout treatment and production.



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Artificial intelligence brings further opportunities—and important questions. What value can it add to diagnostics, treatment planning, and documentation? How should its reliability and suitability be assessed? IDS provides a forum for exploring these applications, discussing their limitations, and considering their role in everyday clinical and laboratory work.

A visit to IDS offers far more than browsing product catalogues. At exhibitor booths, dental professionals can learn about new products, explore their applications, and discuss specific requirements directly with suppliers. Comparing solutions first-hand helps visitors look beyond individual features and assess what best meets their needs.

Visitors with concrete projects in mind can use the exhibition to gather information, meet potential partners, and establish contacts for follow-up consultations. Clear objectives and well-prepared questions can help turn a broad market overview into a sound basis for investment decisions.

International exchange and fresh perspectives

Discussions with colleagues and suppliers offer opportunities to compare experiences, challenge assumptions, and discover different approaches to familiar issues. Whether the focus is on improving daily processes or evaluating emerging technologies, personal exchange adds depth to the products and solutions on display.

Combining an extensive market overview with professional dialogue, IDS 2027 will offer ideas and connections to support the continued development of dental practices and laboratories—and a closer look at what the future of dentistry could mean for everyday patient care.