

Dear Reader,



Dr Clara Spatafore

It is my pleasure to share with you greetings on behalf of the American Association of Endodontists (AAE). This year, our association set the theme of *Bridging the Gap* in seeking to enhance communication and partnerships with various professional groups: general dentists, dental specialists, dental students and international communities, amongst others. Our efforts in this regard have taken shape in a few significant initiatives. I encourage you to evaluate and take advantage of them, for the benefit of your referral relationships and professional growth.

The first initiative is the pending release of a new clinical resource, the *AAE Treatment Options Guide for the Compromised Tooth*. The guide will be available this autumn and aims to assist in the assessment of and treatment planning for compromised teeth by providing specific case examples that illustrate good outcomes for patients, including treatment considerations and prognoses. The guide will be distributed at national dental meetings in the US, to dental schools and to target groups of general dentists, and will be available in print and electronic format via the AAE website at www.aae.org.

On that note, I am pleased to announce that the AAE website has recently been redesigned to enhance access to reliable content and stimulate dialogue amongst all who have an interest in endodontics worldwide—both dental professionals and patients. Clinical and practice management tools, dental news from various reliable sources, patient education materials, discussion boards, the first AAE blog and Facebook page, and more are all now available on our site. In addition, the AAE Live Learning Center (www.aae.org/livelearningcenter) has expanded its library of online continuing education content, now offering CE credit for articles in the *Journal of Endodontics* and the *ENDODONTICS: Colleagues for Excellence* newsletter, in addition to multimedia presentations from AAE events.

Finally, AAE meetings have never been better, with the upcoming 2011 Annual Session in San Antonio, Texas, promising to be another outstanding venue for learning, networking and volunteering in the local community (www.aae.org/annualsession). Educational sessions will emphasise multidisciplinary speaker panels, hands-on workshops and continued expansion of the Master Clinician series. An *Access to Care* event will also be held to provide complimentary endodontic treatment to underprivileged patients in the area.

Our endodontic community continues to be strong and is constantly growing. I am pleased that the AAE has been able to gather peers from all corners of the world to engage in truly impressive knowledge sharing and camaraderie. If you have not yet considered the possibility, please do join us!

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clara M. Spatafore".

Dr Clara Spatafore
President of the American Association of Endodontists