Welcome to hygiene

The goal of this quarterly magazine is twofold. First, it seeks to share practical dental hygiene knowledge that can be put to use in your day-to-day work. Second, it is a vehicle to help you chip away at continuing education requirements.

The amount of new information available in dentistry about products, techniques and research is astounding. It’s difficult to find time to catch up on the latest clinical news and product information. Thus, we hope hygiene will not only be a welcome respite for those rare chunks of time you can devote to reading, but one that provides a practical return on your investment by providing information that you can put to immediate use.

For this first issue of the North America edition of hygiene, we’ve assembled a collection of articles from a diverse group of contributors, each recognized in the profession as a thought leader and respected peer. One example in this issue is the detailed accounting of how important ergonomically correct seating is for dental professionals, especially for hygienists. Patti DiGangi, RDH, BS, and Judy Bendit, RDH, BS, draw on the world of auto racing and aviation to create a strong argument for the use of checklists to reduce the risk of potential injury associated with your work-related seating.

The ergonomics checklist article is just one of three C.E. articles in this edition. Every issue of hygiene magazine will contain C.E. content. That means that by reading the articles in this edition on ergonomics, sleep apnea and medical cross coding, and then taking a short online quiz at www.DTStudyClub.com, you can earn one hour of ADA CERP-certified C.E. credit. Because hygiene is quarterly, you can chisel four C.E. credits per year out of your already busy life without any lost revenue or time away from work. To learn more about this C.E. opportunity, visit www.DTStudyClub.com.

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If you have a penchant for words, it might also interest you to know that authors of the C.E.-accredited articles receive 15 percent of the fees collected from the non-subscribers who take the C.E. quiz online.

I know that taking time away from work to pursue C.E. credits can be costly in terms of lost revenue and time, and that makes hygiene a valuable publication. I hope you enjoy this first issue and that you get the most out of it that you can.

Sincerely,

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