The Clip Mirror: Increasing productivity and easing daily physical stressors

An interview with dental hygienist Patricia Blundon, Canada

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Dental hygienist Patricia Blundon is the developer of a mirror that clips on to a saliva ejector to aid dental hygienists, therapists and assistants in treating patients. In response to growing demand for the Dental Hygiene Clip Mirror, she has introduced the device to the US market and plans to expand her business globally. Dental Tribune Online spoke with Blundon, who has 30 years’ experience and graduated from the Algonquin College of Applied Arts and Technology in Ottawa, to learn more about the mirror.

Helping to improve treatment has always been important in dentistry. Why did you decide on developing the Clip Mirror and set-tings or compromised patients. I chose the brighter size 5 titanium mirror, as the standard rhodium mirror pales in brightness and quality in comparison, and then decided to encourage dental care providers to try various products to find what works best for them to help maintain proper posture, as we all know dentistry can take a huge toll on one’s body. Dentists have been asking about the Clip Mirror, stating they wish their employers would purchase them for their hygiene tray setups. Many have seen the value of the Clip Mirror in increasing their productivity and easing the daily physical stressors of providing dental hygiene treatment. The majority of purchases are by dental hygienists who are already suffering from a career of dental hygiene.

How has the success of the Clip Mirror been globally?

I decided to introduce the Clip Mirror to the US after years of feedback from my Canadian customers. I have had customer interest from Australia, Ireland and the UK and would love to team up with a partner to serve these markets and many others. Dentistry is worldwide, so the sky is the limit.

Thank you very much for the interview.

Asia’s first Research Academy Course in Hong Kong a success

By DTI

HONG KONG: For the first time ever, Asia played host to an Osteology Research Academy Course. Held from 3–6 June in Hong Kong, the Core Module Course received enthusiastic feedback from participants and presenters alike, the Osteology Foundation stated.

The four-day course, which was jointly organised by the foundation and the University of Hong Kong’s Faculty of Dentistry, brought together 35 participants from 11 different countries, including Australia, China, Japan, Malaysia, South Korea, Taiwan and the UK. Equally international were the presenters, who came from Germany, Japan, Hong Kong, South Korea, Spain and Switzerland.

In lectures and workshops, the participants elaborated on all kinds of topics related to the field of dental and craniofacial research, including good research practice, methodology and design, as well as strategies to obtain research funding and managing research communication.

Designed for postgraduates and dentists who are more scientifically inclined, the research-focused educational courses are available as core and expert modules. So far, more than 200 young clinicians from all over the world have participated in the programme.

More information about the registration process, study grants and upcoming courses can be found at www.osteology.org/education/research-academy.