AMD updates laser for soft tissue surgery

**NEW YORK, USA/LEIPZIG, Germany:** The US-based manufacturer AMD LASERS has recently launched the Picasso Lite to the worldwide dental markets. As first in the industry, this new and improved soft tissue dental laser will be able to use convenient disposable tips or a low-cost strippable fiber for a wide range of applications, the company said in a press release. Picasso Lite aims specifically at dental hygienists and dentists who have no or little experiences with dental lasers.

Dentists can use Picasso Lite for all kinds of soft tissue surgery, including troughing, gingivectomies, frenectomies, exposing implants/teeth/orthodontic brackets, and treating aphthous ulcers and herpetiform lesions. According to the company, it cuts and coagulates tissue with reduced trauma, bleeding, and necrosis of tissue.

Picasso Lite, which is priced at US$2,495, comes with a set-up DVD, online laser certification, accessories and a world power adapter. AMD LASERS offers a two-year warranty on all its products.

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Argentina, Brazil, and Turkey are among the countries in Asia that spend less than the average of all observed countries. India, Japan, Korea, and Switzerland also spend far more than the OECD average. Luxemburg, France, and Switzerland also spend far more than the OECD average. At the other end of the scale, health-care expenditure in Turkey and Mexico is less than one-third of the OECD average.

The latest edition of Health at a Glance demonstrates that all the countries observed could do better in providing good quality health care. Key indicators presented in the report provide information on health status and the determinants of health, including the growing rates of child and adult obesity, which are likely to drive higher health spending in the coming decades. Based on new data on access to care, the report demonstrates that all OECD countries provide universal or near-universal coverage for a core set of health services, except the US, Mexico, and Turkey.

Europe’s Swiss Smile enters India

**DELHI, India:** Swiss Smile Dental Clinics – Europe’s leading dental service brand has chosen India for its business expansion outside Europe. Swiss Smile has tied up with Global Tech Park to launch a chain of clinics in India at a total investment of around US$50 million. The planned dental clinics will provide state-of-the-art facilities and trained consultants offering specialized dental care to customers, all under one roof.

**Cone-Beam CT in India**

**DELHI, India:** Kodak has installed its 9500 3D cone-beam computed tomography (CBCT) machine for dental imaging at Dwian Chaud Imaging Center in Delhi, India. This is the first machine from Kodak in India.

CBCT designed for imaging hard tissues of the maxillofacial region allows three-dimensional imaging of a focused area, with relatively low radiation exposure. CBCT technology promises to change the paradigm in dental radiology by providing clear and clean view of the entire field determining bone structure, tooth orientation, nerve canals and pathology, and to aid dental professionals in making accurate diagnosis and in treatment planning.