OptraGate: Easy retraction of lips and cheeks
Now also available for children in blue and pink

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Effective retraction of the lips and cheeks during the dental treatment – this is the wish of every clinician. OptraGate does not only offer relative isolation but also a comfortable solution. The proven lip and cheek retractor is now also available for children in the colours blue and pink.

Quite often, it is difficult to retract the soft tissue sufficiently with the dental mirror, saliva ejector and cotton rolls. The retraction of the tissue often causes a defensive reaction in the patient. Easy for both clinician and patient OptraGate allows unimpeded retraction of the lips and cheeks over a large area. At the same time, the soft and flexible material gives in to movements of the mouth in a controlled manner, which makes it easier for the patient to keep the mouth open. The dental assistant and the clinician can better check the isolated treatment area, as it is more easily accessible. The dental mirror and saliva ejector are merely used for retracting the tongue and can thus be used more efficiently.

New colour variations
The new colour variations blue and pink are available since September, especially targeted at children. They impart a playful aspect to the treatment situation and facilitate relative isolation in young patients. OptraGate® is a registered trademark of Ivoclar Vivadent AG.
Designing Bespoke Modern Wonder Clinics

When Splyce Interior Designs set about its business, its raison d’être was creating stunning designs that exceeded client expectations. A boutique agency driven to meet satisfactions of a clientele that knew the value of good design and incorporated that into their own philosophy. Never did they think they would end up designing high end dental clinics and would acquire an expertise in the domain. They refer it to as magic-circumstantial, a term pioneering street photographer Henri Cartier Bresson used once.

When they beat the odds to win the 2014 Middle East & North Africa Interior Design Awards for the Healthcare category, it was a justified validation for their vision and how they set about their work. The award winning design was for the Sky Clinic Dental Center JLT. Apart from designing other dental clinics in the region and beyond, they had upped their game and realized and delivered a lot of unique projects.

One day Dr. Micheal Apa walked into their offices wanting Splyce to design the new clinic, Apa Aesthetic Dental & Cosmetic Centre, in Jumeirah, Dubai, the first clinic that he was opening outside New York, where his practice and vision had catapulted him into being a leading force in dentistry. Dr. Apa, a celebrity dentist that shares Splyce’s own values; the attention to detail, the ability to see the bigger picture, and an intense desire to get it perfect. When Ranjit Prasad, the Creative Director of Splyce was asked to describe in a few words the design principle of the clinic, he replied, “As a design principle, fluid. As a customer experience, a spa.” The design was very ingenious, avoiding hard edges and filled with curves. It is a very positive experience walking through the space, an almost zen like uplifting ambiance to the place like a new age clinic. Natural light fills up the space but the use of warm white lighting on the edges of the ceiling paired with the gold and white creates an understated of luxury. Instead of having plain white walls, pearl white paint used for luxury cars have been used. The waterfall in front of the secondary waiting area makes you feel like you are in a cove. There are lights hidden underneath white pebbles and stones that border the reception desk that creates a floating effect.

Glasford Daley, the Sales and Operations Director, describes the stringent requirements of the client. Every function of the dental chair or the television (yes there are television affixed to the ceiling) can be controlled by the iPad or iPhone. Sound absorption qualities of the gypsum wall were made higher than necessary so that no sound seeps through to other rooms. Serghei Perdivar, the Project Director, tells me the logistics of constructing the best in-house dental lab in the region which has a CAD/CAM machine and the best equipment specifically imported from German firm Freuding whose products are unsurpassed. The success of such a job is made a bit more difficult when there are strict Dubai Health Authority standards to adhere to.

Walking through the space, I can understand why it has glowing praises, and realize that no stone has been left unturned. This was exactly what Splyce set out to do. More of their great design principles in the next edition.
Henry Schein Middle East trains dealers in Dubai for improved support of MEA partners

Dubai, UAE: During the last week of August 2015, Henry Schein Middle East took the necessary time to train its Middle East regional dealers on the latest updates of its products. The one week training included dedicated days focused on CAO, Planmeca, Ritter and Busa ranging throughout all the specialties of the dental profession.

Starting with the 23rd of August 2015, CAO provided training to the Henry Schein dealers and partners in Dubai updating all on the full range of whitening, prevention, soft tissue lasers and light curing machines. Henry Schein is becoming more and more active in the Middle East region with the vast amount of products made available for the dental profession, both clinical and laboratory. CAO is a brand leader of providing the latest state-of-the-art technologies privately manufactured dental devices and materials.

Between 24th and 25th of August, Planmeca OY – the Finland based company is one of the world’s leading health care technology providers with a range covering digital dental units, world class 2D and 3D imaging devices, and comprehensive CAD/CAM solutions.

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