Aribex celebrates, donates 10,000th NOMAD Handheld X-ray device

Aribex®, a worldwide leader in handheld X-ray technologies, will be celebrating the production of 10,000 NOMAD® Handheld X-ray devices at the American Dental Association Annual Session in San Francisco, booth No. 845.

In marking this milestone, Aribex will provide customers who purchase a NOMAD during the meeting 10,000 cents in the form of a fresh $100 bill. In addition, purchasers will be entered into a daily drawing for a no-charge Total Care Plan, a $495 value.

Unlike the conventional wall-mount and portable X-ray systems, NOMAD handheld devices from Aribex are lightweight, rechargeable (battery-powered) and can go anywhere. Dental professionals around the world have rapidly chosen the NOMAD as their preferred X-ray device, both in and out of the office.

“We’re proud that because the NOMAD has been so widely accepted in the market, we’ve been able to reach this 10,000-unit milestone,” said Ken Kaufman, president and CFO of Aribex. “We’ve worked hard to get to this point, and we can’t thank our customers enough for their continued patronage and support.”

In August, Aribex donated its actual 10,000th NOMAD unit to the Christian Medical & Dental Associations (CMDA). Headquartered in Bristol, Tenn., CMDA centers much of its work on humanitarian outreach — the common denominator of both organizations.

“The NOMAD Handheld X-ray was created in response to humanitarian needs,” said Kaufman. “We thought it appropriate to donate this historic unit to CMDA, an organization that does wonderful work among those who need the help so desperately.”

CMDA will utilize the NOMAD as a diagnostic tool by dentists and dental students as part of its Global Health Outreach program. CMDA schedules 45 trips to 25 countries each year. In addition, CMDA helps train dentists in emerging nations, lectures at international dental schools and is developing a ministry for disaster relief.

“We’re grateful for the capability the Aribex donation will provide CMDA,” said Dr. Peter E. Dawson, founder of The Dawson Academy, a renowned training center that has provided continuing dental education courses for more than 30 years. “CMDA will put this X-ray device to good use in dozens of humanitarian dental missions.”

Aribex will share the humanitarian outreach journey made by the 10,000th NOMAD on its website, www.aribex.com, where visitors can follow the travels of the NOMAD and CMDA in the organization’s efforts to bring greater access to care to those who truly need it.

(Source: Aribex)
Visit Philips booth #726 and see how healthy whitening can be.

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To learn more call (800) 278-8282.
Clinical benefits of Inclusive Tooth Replacement Solution

By Darrin W. Wiederhold, DMD, MS, and Bradley C. Bockhorst, DMD

With the new Inclusive® Tooth Replacement Solution from Glidewell Laboratories, the clinician receives all the components necessary to place, provisionalize and restore an implant. Custom-designed temporary components allow for immediate provisionalization specific to each patient, and a matching custom impression coping communicates the final gingival architecture to the laboratory. The Inclusive Tooth Replacement Solution supports a streamlined workflow that ensures predictability and long-term success.

With this solution, experienced and novice clinicians alike can place and restore dental implants with greater confidence than ever before. Once you’ve selected a diameter and length of implant, forward the diagnostic materials (impressions, models, bite registration, shade, implant size) to Glidewell for fabrication of the custom components.

The laboratory will pour and articulate the models and assemble the components, delivered to you in an all-inclusive box, including a prosthetic guide, custom temporary abutment, BioTemp® provisional crown (Glidewell), custom healing abutment, custom impression coping, surgical drills and Inclusive tapered implant (Glidewell).

On the day of surgery, place the box contents alongside your usual surgical armamentarium. Confirm the fit of the prosthetic guide prior to beginning the procedure (Fig. 1).

After placing the implant and verifying its position (Fig. 2), decide based on the level of primary stability whether to place the custom healing abutment (Fig. 3) or custom temporary abutment and accompanying BioTemp crown. Either option will begin sculpting the soft tissue architecture around the implant to develop the future emergence profile.

Upon successful osseointegration, the Restorative Phase begins. Contours of the custom impression coping match those of the custom abutment, so it’s simple to remove, seat the impression coping and take an accurate full-arch final impression.

At final delivery, remove the temporary abutment. Try in the final Inclusive Custom Abutment (Glidewell) and BruxZir® (Glidewell) (Fig. 4) or IPS e.max® (Ivoclar Vivadent; Amherst, N.Y.) crown. Check the contours, contacts and occlusion, and adjust as needed.

In response to the dental implant market embracing the importance of soft tissue contouring, Glidewell Laboratories’ Implant department has now expanded the Inclusive Tooth Replacement Solution to accommodate all implant systems compatible with the Inclusive Custom Abutment product line. This creates the opportunity for more clinicians to offer their patients the advantages of the tissue contouring system contained within the Inclusive Tooth Replacement Solution. Whatever implant system you use, you and your patients can now benefit from the tremendous effects of training tissue from the time of implant placement.

Halloween candy buyback targets cavities, helps troops

Dr. Fresh offers special price on FireFly toothbrushes to participating practices

Dentists across the country will collect excess Halloween candy from young patients on Nov. 1 as part of the ninth annual Halloween Candy Buy Back Program.

Through the program, children who bring unopened candy to designated locations the day after Halloween, are rewarded with prizes, such as the popular light-up FireFly® toothbrush and in some cases $1 cash per pound. The candy is sent through Operation Gratitude to troops serving overseas as part of holiday care packages. For a limited time, Dr. Fresh® is offering colorful FireFly toothbrushes at a promotional price of 81 cents per unit to participating dentists.

To order, call (866) 373-7371. For details, visit www.halloweencandybuyback.com.

For more on Operation Gratitude, visit www.operationgratitude.com.

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Opening General Session – October 18th
Doors open at 7:15 a.m. Introductory entertainment begins at 7:50 a.m.
Moscone West, Level 1 Badge required for entry.

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Manufacturers of ARM & HAMMER, ORAJEL and SPINBRUSH prominent at American Dental Association meeting

Church & Dwight Co., manufacturer of the ARM & HAMMER™, SPINBRUSH™ and ORAJEL™ brands of oral care products, will sponsor two of the highest-profile events at this year’s American Dental Association Annual Session: the Distinguished Speaker Series and the presentation of the Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Dental Research. The ADA Annual Session will take place in San Francisco, Oct. 18 – 21.

2012 Distinguished Speakers Series
This year’s Distinguished Speakers are Pulitzer Prize-winning political columnist George Will and economist and former Secretary of Labor Robert Reich. Both will sit for a Q&A session with ADA leadership after their introductory presentations.

Reich is one of the world’s leading economic thinkers. A best-selling author and professor of public policy at the University of California at Berkeley, he previously served with three national administrations, most recently as Secretary of Labor under President Bill Clinton. He also served on President Barack Obama’s economic transition board. In 2008, Time magazine named him one of the 10 most successful cabinet secretaries of the past century, and The Wall Street Journal named him one of the nation’s top 10 thought leaders.

Will is one of the country’s most widely followed political columnists and one of its foremost conservative voices. His twice-weekly column for The Washington Post syndicate reaches nearly 500 newspapers throughout the United States and Europe, and he has appeared regularly on ABC’s This Week, a topical news program, since its debut in 1981. In 1977 he won a Pulitzer Prize for commentary for his newspaper columns, and over the years has published eight collections of his essays along with two best-selling books on baseball.

The Distinguished Speakers Series will take place during the meeting’s opening general session, from 8–9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 18.

Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Dental Research
The 2012 ADA Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Dental Research is being presented to John S. Greenspan, BDS, PhD, in recognition of his ground-breaking research on the oral aspects of AIDS and the role of viruses in oral lesions.

Church & Dwight has cosponsored the Gold Medal Award with the ADA since 2005. Church & Dwight Vice President, Oral Care, Timothy Seitter answered a series of questions about the company’s long-standing support of the award.

Why does Church & Dwight Co. support the Gold Medal Award?
Since 2005, Church & Dwight has been honored to cosponsor this renowned award with the ADA and present the gold medalion to Dr. Lorne M. Golub in 2006 and Dr. Harold C. Sawk in 2009. As a leading manufacturer of oral care products, we value the work of the ADA, its membership and the research community.

We appreciate having the opportunity to learn about the latest advancements firsthand, and are proud to share and celebrate these leaders’ innovative accomplishments with the broader dental community at the ADA Annual Session.

Can you comment on the 2012 Gold Medal Award recipient, Dr. John Greenspan?
We are excited to recognize the work of Dr. John S. Greenspan at this year’s Gold Medal Award ceremony. His long and distinguished career includes pioneering research in the oral aspects of the AIDS epidemic, Epstein Barr virus, dry mouth, Sjogrens syndrome and other crucial disease areas. In addition to his own award-winning research, Dr. Greenspan has served as president of both the American and International Associations for Dental Research. Dr. Greenspan’s lifetime dedication to oral health research and education, along with his lasting impact on the global community, solidifies his inclusion in this esteemed circle of Gold Medal Award recipients.

(Sources: Church & Dwight, ADA)
Advances in teeth whitening

Philips Zoom WhiteSpeed has variable intensity settings to maximize sensitivity management

By William Simon, DMD

Dentistry’s primary concerns are establishing and maintaining optimal patient oral health. Our responsibilities include identification and control of disease, patient education, clinical and radiographic examination, health and family history evaluations, risk factors, bacterial identification and a constellation of treatment modalities. How does whitening fit into our professional responsibilities? The ADA refers to in-office whitening as “professionally applied whitening” where the higher concentration of gels are used for shorter periods of time, and preferred by patients who want results immediately.

Efficacy of in-office whitening

Patients who prefer same day in-office whitening are being treated with light-activated whitening gels of varying concentrations. A body of research has demonstrated the efficacy of a supplementary light source; some studies demonstrated enhanced whitening with light sources, but indicated the importance of shade guides to measure changes in tooth color. Other studies have demonstrated improvement in whitening outcomes of 35–48 percent measured by spectrophotometer and visual methods, compared with non-light-activated whitening gels. The safety of light-activated whitening gels is of primary importance. Philips Zoom gel has a pH of 8.0, which does not demineralize teeth. It provides faster diffusion through enamel and dentin, hastening the whitening reaction. Deleterious effects on enamel and dentin reported in some studies may have been due to the acidic pH level of the in-office gels in the study. There have also been concerns regarding the safety of light-activated in-office whitening treatments on dental materials. Studies have shown the use of high concentrations of hydrogen peroxide do not affect the surface finish or hardness of restorations.

Early whitening preparations created high incidences of sensitivity — in some cases severe enough to necessitate cessation of treatment. Considerable improvement has occurred since the earliest preparations were available. A 2012 study in Compendium of CE in Dentistry evaluated the effectiveness of 15 percent and 25 percent light-activated gels. The authors concluded that both concentrations produced significant tooth whitening immediately and seven days post-treatment, with no reports of gingival irritation or tooth sensitivity. Other studies have demonstrated a higher incidence of sensitivity with the use of light-activated whitening gels. Some in-office whitening systems have made modifications to maximize sensitivity management.

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Is a blind spot costing your office thousands?

Here’s how your front-desk staff can help you stop the loss

By Jay Geier

Odds are your practice is suffering because of a blind spot that I guarantee you’re not aware of: A blind spot that is costing you $5,000 to $52,000 a month (maybe even more). A blind spot that, if removed, could boost your new patients by 20-50 percent, maybe even as much as 100 percent.

Sandwich board gets attention, but doesn’t close appointments

It’s been about 15 years ago. I was vice president of marketing for a large private practice in Georgia. My sole responsibility was generating new patients, and my livelihood depended on it. I employed every imaginable tactic to get new patients — screenings, health fairs, referral programs, contests, magazine ads, newspaper ads, radio spots, television spots, and even a sandwich board. I worked day in and day out to discover the blind spot and figure out what was negating every marketing dollar spent and costing the practice thousands of dollars a day.

I was able to use our practice as a learning lab. I worked day in and day out to discover the blind spot and figure out how to get rid of it. I knew I had cracked the code when the calls started translating into booked appointments and our staff set a practice record, scheduling 601 new patients in one week.

Turn your largest expense into your greatest investment!

To discover the blind spot in your practice, it doesn’t require an additional investment. It doesn’t require a new source of new patients. It requires an open mind because it almost seems too simple to be true. The secret lies in your telephone and your team, specifically your front-desk team. Both are investments you have already made, but they are not being leveraged to their peak performance potential.

No doubt your staff is courteous and helpful to everyone who calls your office — and while that’s a good thing, it’s simply not good enough. In fact, their courtesy is probably resulting in lost new patients. And lost new patients means lost money. For example, let’s say your average new patient is worth $1,500. Then one lost would cost you $1,500. Five lost would cost you $7,500, and 15 would cost you $22,500. And that’s just one month’s worth. Imagine the impact of that over an entire year or how the impact would increase drastically if your patient value is higher.

Being courteous and helpful are not praiseworthy qualities if your staff doesn’t produce a profitable result and, even worse, if it is costing you money. Actually, effective “closing” skills are the attributes your staff should strive for mastery. But you can’t just expect them to possess this and know how to effectively use it. No one is born with these skills. They must be taught, then practiced, then reviewed on an ongoing and consistent basis.

Not knowing this could cost you tens of thousands

If you are among the majority of dentists who are spending money to market your practice, you are absolutely not an exception. In fact, the reason for recognizing this blind spot and taking action to eliminate it is even more compelling because you are investing thousands of dollars, maybe tens of thousands, to get your phone to ring. And if the phone rings and it’s a shopper and the shopper doesn’t translate into a new patient, you might as well take every dollar, one by one, and flush them down the toilet.

Revenue-producing dream team

It takes a lot of skill — and an open mind — to scrutinize your practice to create positive change.

It takes even more talent, knowledge and a gift for teaching with your staff on the fine points of the changes needed to take your practice to the next level, and way beyond. But it’s worth it and it’s a win-win.

Your staff can be one of your best and most profitable marketing tools if they are trained and you leverage them correctly. But if not, they could cost you thousands.

Create a plan to get your staff trained. Talented employees want training. They want to perform better and contribute to your practice’s growth and success. If you have someone who doesn’t, they shouldn’t be on your team.

‘I knew I had cracked the code when the calls started translating into booked appointments.’

Jay M. Geier is president and founder of the Scheduling Institute. He helps his clients reach new levels of success and create a lifestyle they dream of — using their practice as the vehicle. He has a unique ability for getting results in a practice by leveraging its current resources, with a primary focus on getting the staff to take more ownership and responsibility and teaching them how to produce results. To find out today how your staff is performing with new patient calls, see www.schedulinginstitute.com and click on “Take the 5 Star Challenge.” Call the office toll-free at (877) 373-6543 or send Geier an email at JayGeier@SchedulingInstitute.com.

There’s a good chance your practice is failing to realize between $5,000 and $54,000 a month, or even more, because you have failed to identify and address an often-blind-minded business盲点。
While caring for their patients, dental and health care professionals are constantly exposed to bodily fluids that may carry viruses and other infectious agents. It is therefore critical that the gloves they use provide the best possible barrier protection.

Many types of gloves are available today, but it is important to know that not all gloves have the same barrier capability, depending on the type of material used. For example, natural rubber latex gloves have long been acknowledged for their very effective barrier properties, while non-latex gloves, such as vinyl (PVC), have inferior barrier capability as shown by numerous studies.

Other synthetic gloves, such as nitrile and polyisoprene, perform much better than vinyl, but are more costly, especially polyisoprene gloves. Using gloves with inferior barrier capability could expose both the patients and users to undesirable/harmful infections.

Malaysia is the world’s largest medical gloves exporter (latex and nitrile). Both quality and user’s safety are of top priority to the nation’s glove industry. To this end, a quality certification program (the Standard Malaysian Gloves or the SMG) has currently been formulated for latex examination gloves.

All SMG-certified gloves must comply with stringent technical specifications to ensure the gloves are high in barrier effectiveness and low in protein/low allergy risks, in addition to providing excellent comfort, fit and durability — qualities that manufacturers of many synthetic gloves are attempting to replicate. Furthermore, latex gloves are green products, derived from a natural and sustainable resource, and are environmentally friendly (You can find more information online at www.smg-gloves.com and www.latexglove.info).

The use of low-protein, powder-free gloves has been demonstrated by many independent hospital studies to vastly reduce the incidence of latex sensitization and allergic reactions in workplaces.

More important, latex allergic individuals donning non-latex gloves can now work alongside their co-workers wearing the improved low-protein gloves without any heightened allergy concern. However, for latex-allergic individuals, it is important that they use appropriate non-latex gloves that provide them with effective barrier protection, such as quality nitrile and polyisoprene gloves.

Selecting the right gloves should be an educated consideration to enhance safety of both patients and users. For decades, gloves made in Malaysia have been synonymous with quality and excellence, and widely available in an extensive array of brands, features and prices. They can be sourced either factory-direct (www.mrep.com/trade and click “medical devices”) or from established dental product distributors in the United States.

(Source: Malaysian Rubber Export Promotion Council)
Solved: One of dentistry’s most vexing problems

Wand/STA reduces or eliminates pain perception of injections

Of all the procedures performed on a routine basis, the one procedure that is universally perceived by patients as the most fear and anxiety provoking is the dental injection. In spite of the significant advances made over the past 100 years, our profession has yet to conquer one of the greatest challenges of dentistry — or has it? Milestone Scientific, after spending the past decade responsibly and methodically studying this problem, now believes that with the introduction of its new product, The Wand/STA System instrument, it has finally conquered this age-old problem.

The Wand/STA System instrument represents the world’s first and only technology that uses the patented dynamic pressure sensing (DPS) technology that accurately and safely performs a pressure-regulated intra-ligamental dental injection. The new Wand/STA System can also perform all traditional dental injection techniques, i.e., inferior alveolar block, supra-periosteal infiltration, etc. All techniques are performed more efficiently, more effectively and virtually painlessly. Milestone’s new technology incorporates visual and audible real-time feedback, giving clinicians unprecedented level of control and information when performing a dental injection. The Wand/STA replaces the antiquated, heavy, metal dental syringe with an ultra-light-weight disposable handpiece weighing less than 10 grams for superior ergonomics and tactile control. The experience for both patient and dentist is one that is significantly less stressful.

Milestone Scientific created and defined a new category of dental instruments called C-CLAD (computer-controlled local anesthetic delivery) systems. These are the only dental injection instruments that have the published scientific data that substantiate the claim of eliminating or reducing pain perception when performing a dental injection. This technology has undergone the rigors of clinical testing that has been performed in numerous universities and research centers throughout the world for more than a decade. These studies are published in some of the dental profession’s most highly respected dental journals. No other instrument, technology or device developed specifically to reduce pain and anxiety while performing a dental injection can currently make that statement.

With the introduction of C-CLAD technology, several newly defined injections were also introduced to dentistry. The Wand/STA System has been optimized to perform these new dental injections. The first of these techniques, the anterior middle superior alveolar (AMSA) nerve block, published in 1997 by Friedman and Hochman, is a contemporary technique to achieve maxillary pulpal anesthesia of multiple maxillary teeth from a single palatal injection without producing the undesired collateral anesthesia to the lip and face. Subsequently, Friedman and Hochman introduced a second injection named the palatal-approach anterior superior alveolar (P-ASA) nerve block, in which pulpal and soft tissue anesthesia of the central and lateral incisors are achieved by a single palatal injection. The general reduction in pain perception for all injections has lead to innovative ways to producing more efficient and effective dental anesthesia.

In addition to the new dental injection discussed above The Wand/STA System instrument improves the success rate of traditional injections such as the inferior alveolar nerve block. Holding the Wand handpiece, with the unique pen-like grasp, allows the clinician to easily rotate while simultaneously moving the needle forward — increasing accuracy by decreasing needle deflection. Added to the ability to use the new multicartridge injection feature, the Wand/STA instrument provides numerous advantages when performing traditional injection techniques.

The introduction of The Wand/STA System instrument represents a material improvement over previous versions of this exciting technology. Numerous innovative new features are available in the Wand/STA System; they include: automatic purging of anesthetic after completion of use; and a multicartridge feature enables multicartridge injections and reduction of anesthetic waste.

Milestone Scientific has developed a novel training program for clinicians using the Wand/STA System instrument, providing clinicians with spoken instructional guidance on the use of the instrument, thereby substantially reducing the initial learning curve. The Wand/STA System instrument is today’s most advanced C-CLAD technology and represents the next generation of a computer-controlled drug delivery instruments for dentistry.

(Source: Milestone Scientific)

Editorial Note: A complete list of references is available from the publisher.
How many times have clinicians started an oral surgery procedure or faced a medical challenge only to reach the limit of their expertise and comfort level? How many times have clinicians started surgical procedures and needed to call an oral surgeon for help? Sound familiar?

While dental schools expose students to surgery, their goal is not to make them oral surgeons. Our surgical experiences are limited in school. Some are fortunate to continue their education in a general practice residency, the armed forces or in a specialty residency. Others learn by trial and error. But there is always more surgery we need to learn and appreciate.

Comprehensive three-part series on oral surgery

As part of its series of continuing education modules offered in partnership with the Dental Tribune Study Club, xpAPce is presenting a comprehensive three-part series on oral surgery that is clearly and concisely delivered by Jay Reznick, DMD, MD, who is both a dentist and physician.

Each module is three hours long. The program runs the gamut of surgical teaching, including: how to handle emergencies; new instrumentation that make procedures easier; medical complications; bisphosphonates; flap and suture design; removing third molars; and much more.

Every practicing dentist can benefit from these modules. The first module, "Oral Surgery 101 (Basics of Oral Surgery)," which is accessible through both www.xpapce.com and www.dtstudyclub.com, has the following course objectives.

Course objectives

Upon completion of module one, the learner will:

• Have a greater understanding of how to "think like a surgeon."
• Know in detail the basic instruments necessary to successfully perform office-based oral surgical procedures.
• Be more comfortable recognizing and managing the most common medical emergencies that occur in the dental office.
• Understand principles of surgical management of impacted third molar teeth.
• Be able to obtain "informed consent" for surgery after discussion of risks, benefits, and alternatives of treatment.
• Know how to approach removal of teeth using atraumatic surgical techniques.

Instructor: Jay B. Reznick, DMD, MD

Reznick is a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, received his dental degree from Tufts University and MD degree from the University of Southern California. He trained in oral and maxillofacial surgery at Los Angeles County/USC Medical Center.

Reznick's specialized clinical interests are in the areas of facial trauma, jaw and oral pathology, dental implantology, sleep disorders medicine, laser surgery and jaw deformities. He also has expertise in the integration of digital photography, 3D imaging and CT-guided implant surgery in clinical practice.

Reznick frequently lectures at continuing education meetings, and has published articles in the JADA, Journal of the California Dental Association, Oral Surgery-Ocular Medicine-Ocular Pathology, Compendium of Continuing Education in Dentistry, DentalTown magazine, CE Digest, and Gastroenterology and is on the editorial and advisory boards of a number of journals and organizations. He is the Director of the Southern California Center for Oral and Facial Surgery (www.sccofs.com) in Tarzana, Calif, and a consultant for many dental and surgical manufacturers. He can be reached at jreznick@sccofs.com.

xpApce: Online dental community

In addition to posting monthly courses on the Dental Tribune Study Club website, www.dtstudyclub.com, xpApce uses a unique format to provide e-learning for the dental profession: a dental community where courses may be taken anytime it is convenient for the learner.

First-time users should register at www-2.virtualevents365.com/xpsquared; and be sure to visit the xpApce eLearning booth in the site’s “Exhibition Hall.”

Sources: xpApce, XPsquared and Dental Tribune Study Club.
All-pink FlashTips support work by National Breast Cancer Foundation

Sultan Healthcare donates portion of sales to support early detection efforts

Sultan Healthcare continues to take strides to ensure that it makes an impact not only in the dental industry but also in society as a whole. A portion of its sales of pink FlashTips® is being donated to the National Breast Cancer Foundation, whose mission is to save lives through early detection and provide mammograms for those in need. Its mission includes increasing awareness through education, providing diagnostic breast care services for those in need and providing nurturing support services.

You can support a great cause by purchasing your pink FlashTips today, through this limited-time offer.

FlashTips support healthy practices
Sultan wants to ensure healthy practices for its customers on a daily basis. Every day, dental practices go to great lengths to prevent the spread of infection among their staff and patients. One of the most common tools used by dentists and hygienists every day is a potential breeding ground for cross-contamination: metal air water syringe tips.

It is estimated that nearly 75 percent of dental practices in the United States use metal tips. The problem with metal tips is that they need to be reprocessed after every patient use. Metal tips are exposed — even submerged — in blood, saliva and a variety of dental materials. It can be difficult to clean and sterilize them because of the tips’ small lumens.

CDC recommends single-use devices where possible
How can you guarantee that the metal tips you’re using are properly cleaned and sterilized? The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends the use of single-use devices where possible, rather than reprocessing devices to prevent cross-contamination.

FlashTips Disposable Air Water Syringe Tips from Sultan Healthcare provide the performance you expect from an air water syringe tip, while reducing the risk of cross-contamination that can occur with metal tips.

FlashTips was awarded the 2012 Top Infection Control Product by the Dental Advisor. This exemplifies Sultan’s dedication to providing high-quality products that help protect against cross-contamination in the dental industry.

Visit www.flashtips.net/award.html for the complete Dental Advisor study on the risks of using metal tips versus disposable air water syringes.

Limited-time offer on all-pink
With FlashTips, you can feel assured that you are protecting your patients. Purchase regular FlashTips in five sleek colors to stylize your syringe. Choose from blue, green, pink, orange and purple; or you can show your support for the National Breast Cancer Foundation by purchasing all pink FlashTips for a limited time from your Schein, Patterson and Benco dealers.

(Source: Sultan Healthcare)
If asked “What's your key lesson learned after teaching and practicing implant and restorative dentistry these past 25 years?” my answer is “Find the sweet spot in course content and delivery that gives dentists the confidence to go back to their offices and immediately implement what they learned.” All the training in the world does dentists no good if they can't go back to their practice and immediately apply what they've learned to improve patient care and grow their practice. The obstacles to effective application are usually:

- A lack of confidence in their ability to apply what they were taught, caused by too much confusion about what they learned.
- The inability to recall what they were taught because of how the information was delivered to them.
- Or, the information was more theoretical than clinical.

At Hands On Training Institute, we knew we hit the sweet spot when more than 95 percent of our graduates were implementing implant dentistry in their practice almost as soon as they got their suitcases unpacked. Some faster than that. How did we build this kind of confidence and ability? Simply put, we at Hands On Training Institute evolved our training from old-school techniques to embrace what we've distilled as five key observations based on teaching fundamentals.

Five key observations

1. Hands-on training. Dentists wanting to learn implant training are clinicians. Teach them from a clinician’s viewpoint: using good, quality information that's relevant to their everyday practice. Implement hands-on modules to build practical skills and confidence.

2. Content structure. Course content must be structured in a well-organized way that's easy to understand. Each lesson must build upon the prior lesson for dentists to understand the message and see a clear path to the goal. If a student receives a disjointed sequence of lessons or modules, confusion results.

3. The power of video. At a major meeting in Liverpool, England, I was invited to lecture about patient education marketing. I introduced the premise that if a patient isn't educated about a procedure and doesn't know what's going on, how can a dentist expect that patient to buy into a procedure? To showcase my point, I covered the video portion of my presentation so that only the narration was heard. Later, I unmasked the video animation. The difference between live low-value learning (narration only) and the high-value learning (adding video) had tremendous impact on the audience. Dentists sitting in a classroom subjected to live visual stimulation have the same low-value learning experience, which is why we keep stepping up our content delivery. And we noticed something.

4. Scribble less, learn more. What we noticed, after increasing multimedia content delivery to include a four-volume manual set with color images and captions to give the complete flow of educational content.

5. The MyDentalPad training tablet is packed with narrated animation and video.

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Hands On Training Institute finds learning’s ‘sweet spot’

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The National Dental Association and Tom Joyner join forces to promote oral health

Philadelphia expo, Oct. 19-20, promotes wellness in African-American community

The National Dental Association (NDA) is partnering with award-winning radio personality and community activist Tom Joyner for a signature health event Oct. 19-20, for the yearlong Take A Loved One to the Doctor (TALOTTD) campaign.

The TALOTTD Health Festival will be in Philadelphia at the Liacouras Center and will feature an expo and live broadcast of Joyner’s nationally syndicated Tom Joyner Morning Show on 100.3 WRNB. The health-focused festival offers attendees access to free oral exams and education on oral health.

The NDA, based in Washington, D.C., represents the priorities of more than 10,000 African American and minority dentists, as well as dental students, dental hygienists, dental assistants and auxiliaries across the country. The NDA mission speaks directly to providing access to dental service for underserved communities, and education and advocacy for its members. The “Take a Loved One to the Doctor” message will be carried on more than 105 radio stations, reaching 8 million listeners, when Joyner launches the event Oct. 19 with a 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. ET live broadcast from the festival.

Festival attendees will get to see Joyner and guests such as Sybil Wilkes, J. Anthony Brown, Jacque Reid and Roland Martin — as well as nationally known performers and interviews with today’s top health experts.

New Era Dental Society local host

The NDA has designated The New Era Dental Society, the NDA’s award-winning Philadelphia chapter, as its local host. The festival also features the Crest-Pro Health Dental Zone, designed under the leadership of NDA member dentists loan Malcolm, Glenn Brown, Renee Dempsey, Arlene Lolly and Charmen Douglas.

The NDA local chapter has enlisted the support of NDA member dentists in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland and Delaware. The NDA also has engaged other community partners, including the Links Incorporated, the University of Pennsylvania, Temple University, the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, the Greater Philadelphia Health Centers, the Southern Jersey Medical Centers, and the Oral Health Academy.

The Dental Zone will include mobile dental units and portable dentist chairs for screenings; a Children’s Corner; various Ask-the-Experts kiosks with dentists, physicians, and pharmacists; free dental product donations; information for adults, oral cancer screenings; referrals to area providers; and special dental information for senior citizens and their care givers.

NDA President-elect Edward Chapelle, DDS, who will participate in Tom Joyner’s Town Hall meeting, said, “The program is a tribute to the commitment of Tom Joyner to total health and his awareness of the important link between oral health and overall health. The NDA is proud to be a part of this nationwide effort and to contribute to increasing dental health literacy in African-American communities and vulnerable populations.”

National sponsors include the Alzheimer’s Association, Bayer, Crest, Denny’s, Legacy For Health, Novo Nordisk, NeighborWorks America, Susan G. Komen Circle of Promise, the Ohio State University Medical Center and Walmart/Belon Prime.

For a full event schedule and more about the festival, visit the TALOTTD micro site on www.blackamericaweb.com, www.draloy.blackamericaweb.com.

For additional information on the NDA, contact Robert S. Johns, executive director, at the National Dental Association headquarters office at (202) 588-1697. Visit NDA online at www.ndaonline.org.

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