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The Dentatus Profin Directional System is a safe, reciprocating handpiece essential to any discipline in dentistry, now more than ever in orthodontics. Profin IPR overcomes obstacles that exist with traditional interproximal reduction techniques, because often there is potential for reduction to be over- or under-performed. Profin IPR diminishes the risk of excessive stripping, ensuring more conservative removal of enamel in prescribed amounts. It also eliminates damage to gingival tissue.

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To learn more, you can visit Dentatus in booth No. 714 in the exhibit hall at the Greater New York Dental Meeting. You also can contact Dentatus at (800) 323-3136 or visit the company online at www.dentatusUSA.com.

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To learn more about OT Equator, you can contact the company by email at info@rhein83usa.it or by telephone at (877) 778-8383. You can visit the company online at www.rhein83usa.com to learn more about all of its products and services, including the OT Equator.

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86A Avenger splash hood: Safety hazard intervention at low cost

By Handler Manufacturing Co. Staff

The Handler Manufacturing Co. has released the 86A Avenger, an innovation for the dental lab designed to help contain contaminants during various polishing and grinding applications. Both OSHA and OSAP standards require the use of a splash-hood device with protection from splashing to contain contaminants when polishing and grinding in the lab environment. In addition to creating a safety hazard, nonconformance could lead to a fine stemming from an OSHA inspection.

New level of safety and cleanliness

According to the company, Handler revolutionized polishing applications with Red Wing lathes. Polishing units and splash hoods, Handler aluminum and resin splash hoods are used in more offices and dental labs than any other containment device when polishing or grinding. Now, according to the company, the 86A Avenger takes the application to a new level of safety and cleanliness. The company describes the 86A Avenger as being a low-cost way to contain hazardous contaminants when polishing or grinding using a Red Wing Lathe or handpiece.

Solid, sturdy resin material

The 86A Avenger, manufactured of solid, sturdy resin material, has two parts: a bottom and a hood that has no hardware or fixed attachments. According to the company, the innovative design makes it easy and efficient to clean and disinfect after every application.

Features and benefits

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- Low-cost solution to keeping the workplace and air cleaner and safer
- Approved by Handler Manufacturing

Silence snoring with ‘NIGHTLASE’ and cutting-edge laser esthetic applications

Fotona Lightwalker dual-wavelength laser offers less-invasive treatment option

By Harvey S. Shiffman, DDS

Of the commercially available hard- and soft-tissue lasers, the Fotona Lightwalker dual laser wavelengths of Nd:YAG and Er:YAG have high efficacy and ability for almost unlimited pulse control, and the following procedures have been developed to take advantage of these attributes. Along with this increased level of performance comes significant patient comfort.

Snoring affects millions

Snoring affects millions of Americans, and of those approximately 67 percent may have some type of significant sleep disorder. Dentists are in a great position to help screen and in many cases treat these problems with airway management. Helping patients improve their sleep can profoundly improve their health, their quality of life and the well-being of their loved ones. The “Gold Standard” for the treatment of sleep-disordered breathing is the CPAP-type device. Following that in 1981 was the introduction of Mandibular Advancement Devices (MAD). Compliance with both of these treatment modalities shows a reduction in time and of significant side effects. However, NIGHTLASE™ snoring reduction therapy protocol is a unique approach to treatment using the Fotona Lightwalker dental laser with a proprietary protocol and handpiece.

NIGHTLASE uses the photothermal capabilities of the Lightwalker laser to convert and initiate the formation of new and more elastic collagen. The target mucosal tissues are the oropharynx, soft palate and uvula. The proprietary pulse characteristics create non-ablative heat generation that initiates the conversion of existing collagen to more elastic and organized forms and also initiates "neocollagenesis," the creation of new collagen. This process results in a visible elevation of the soft palate and uvula and tightening of the oropharyngeal tissues, resulting in an improvement in the upper airway volume. The results can be seen in Figure 1.

Alternative to, or co-therapy with, appliance or CPAP device

NIGHTLASE therapy is indicated for cases when the patient has been diagnosed with chronic snoring, UARS or mild to moderate sleep apnea and either cannot or chooses not to wear an appliance or CPAP device. It can also be used in co-therapy with those devices and represents a less-invasive alternative to current surgical, chemical or radiosurgical options that may require hospitalization, general anesthesia or soft-tissue mutilation.

NIGHTLASE has an extremely high success rate in producing a positive change in sleep patterns. Research has shown that it can reduce and attenuate snoring and provides an effective non-invasive modality to lessen the effects of obstructive sleep apnea.

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MyRay Hyperion X5 is smallest pan unit ever; C-U2 intraoral camera has innovative HD sensor

MyRay: New products coming to U.S.

By Cefla Medical Solutions Staff

In addition to making history as the first-ever, wall-mounted panoramic imaging system, the MyRay Hyperion X5 has the distinction of being the smallest pan unit ever available, which enables it to be installed in virtually every practice, according to the company.

With an ultra-simple user interface, the X5 achieves up to 15 high-definition 2-D projections, including multilayer-panoramic, bitewing and quick-pan modes in just a few simple steps. Installation is quick, with minimal time and cost, according to the company.

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C-U2 intraoral high-definition camera

The C-U2 intraoral high-definition camera has ushered in a new era in patient communication with clear, high-contrast, real-time images, plus footage that showcases the esthetics of a smile or a single tooth with maximum high resolution, according to the company.

Thanks to the f/8 lens aperture and innovative HD sensor, 16:9 aspect-ratio and 1280-resolution images are achieved and benefit from homogeneous light and natural colors under all circumstances.

The progressive-scan digital video system is incorporated into a nimble and precise handpiece for complete flexibility and perfect image capture. It connects via USB to both Windows and Mac operating systems to provide automatic on/off, live video and still images. A multifunction button and automatic focus-free adjustments make it easier than ever to view, browse, enlarge and save. Use of MyRay’s iRYS software platform makes these and other features simple to use.

With the C-U2 HD, the high definition examination has definitely come of age, the company asserts.

In addition to being behind MyRay, Cefla Medical Solutions is a leading source of many other technologically innovative dental brands, including Anthos, NewTom and Stern Weber brands now sold in North America. Cefla’s multifaceted organization and experienced engineering staffs are dedicated to driving the evolution of the industry and helping to lead professional changes and requirements throughout the world.

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Cosmetic procedure: Intraoral facial rejuvenation

SMOOTHLASE is another thermally modified therapy using the Lightwalker laser. It was developed to be used intraorally for facial rejuvenation. Depending on the depth of the vestibule, practitioners are able to treat wrinkles, lines and sagging from the infraorbital area to the angle of the mandible. This includes peri-oral vertical lip lines and the “disappearing lips” often seen in mature adults. SMOOTHLASE uses a high-tech proprietary handpiece that enables virtually painless therapy requiring no injections or anesthetic.

The procedure shows immediate results that continue to improve over the course of treatment and beyond.

Compared with chemical and surgical alternatives, SMOOTHLASE is an all-natural therapy, with no requirements for injecting toxins or artificial fillers. Using the Lightwalker laser, practitioners can now offer patients cosmetic and health improvements that reach beyond restorative and rehabilitative dentistry.

Editor’s note: Shiffman will be presenting these and other cutting-edge laser dental procedures at the 2015 Greater New York Dental Meeting (CEREC®), digital intraoral, panoramic and 3-D imaging systems, dental treatment centers and handpieces. Visit www.sironausa.com for more information about Sirona and its products.

The C-U2 intraoral camera.

"Consistently, Sirona strives to provide dental products that improve the patient experience and benefit the practice lifestyle," Augins said. "It makes sense that we would also give dental professionals the business tools needed to enhance their brand and product offerings to further their success. Raymond John has proved himself as an innovator in industry and a formidable business mogul whose insight will motivate and inspire attendees.

Additionally, Dr. Mike DiTolla will present the latest technology advancements in dentistry, and Fred loyal of 1-800-DENTIST will share how dentists can take their current social media strategy, tactics and implementation to the next level of customer engagement, profitability and ROI.

SIRO WORLD members need a wide variety of skills both clinical and in business," Augins said. "Not only will attendees walk away with business techniques to improve their practice, they will also leave the event with information that will help them increase practice productivity and tips to successfully use social media to further enhance their dental practice.

SIRO WORLD is a membership-based community in which like-minded visionaries gather to create the largest network of technology-driven dental professionals. Membership includes access to the annual SIROWORLD event featuring three days of world-class educational sessions, abundant networking opportunities, unsurpassed entertainment and special celebrity appearances.

Additionally, SIROWORLD members may attend exclusive educational events at major U.S. trade shows, get optional VIP access/reserved seating and join special SIROWORLD trips (e.g. IDS visit or Sirona Benheim visit), all while learning from and connecting with the greatest minds in digital dentistry and being among the first to learn about new software and updated technologies from Sirona.

At the Chicago Dental Society meeting, Sirona is hosting a SIROWORLD Superheroes of Dentistry party on Friday, Feb. 6, at the House of Blues. Attendees are encouraged to dress in their best superhero costume.

A special SIROWORLD event is also planned during the California Dental Association meeting in May. More details will be announced at the annual SIROWORLD kick-off celebration in New York City.

We are excited to launch these SIROWORLD events and continue our long-standing tradition of delivering world-class education and outstanding entertainment to the dental community," said Augins. "Having several events planned during the California Dental Association meeting in May. More details will be announced at the annual SIROWORLD kick-off celebration in New York City.

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Pricing for SIROWORLD is now available at $1,995 a year for a membership and $2,995 a year for VIP membership and includes entrance into all of the celebration events planned at the trade shows and the annual event in Orlando. Total Office membership packages are currently available for $5,995, for a total savings of $4,000 off list price; and includes SIROWORLD membership for up to six people. For further details on SIROWORLD membership and information, please visit www.SIRO WORLD.com or contact your Patterson representative.

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Visalys® Core, the new product from Kettenbach LP (www.kettenbachusa.com), represents the next generation of core buildup materials, according to the company. The most recent addition to the Visaly family is a dual-curing core buildup material with unique Active-Connect Technology (ACT) to ensure a reliable bond with all common adhesives—without an additional activator. The product was unveiled at this year’s International Dental Show (IDS) in Germany.

Visalys Core is the first core buildup material from Kettenbach. The fluoride-containing, dual-curing composite was developed for the fabrication of radiopaque core buildups and core fillings and for cementing root posts.

According to the company, the Active-Connect Technology, unique in the market, enables the material to bond actively with all common light-curing and dual-curing, single-step and multistep adhesives, without an additional activator. The advantage for users is that it enables them to use the bonding agent they are used to—whether it is light-curing or dual-curing—or a single- or multi-bottle system.

According to the company, the technology simply provides a firm foundation—stable and precise. The company reports that Visalys Core ensures easy and reliable handling with “excellent positional stability.” At the same time, it exhibits good flowability and low extrusion force. The compressive strength results in a stable monoblock and a secure bond.

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For detailed information about Visalys Core, visit the Kettenbach website at www.kettenbachusa.com.

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Today, the company is one of the leading international producers of dental impression materials and is also known in other surgical areas of medicine. Brands include Panasil VPS Impression Material, Identium VSXE Impression Material, Futar Bite Material, Silginat Alternative Alginate, Visalys Temp Material, Mucopren Resilient Liner and Visalys Veneers.

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New options for non-vital teeth: Colibri

By Stefan Koubi, DDS, PhD
Founder, l’instutit de la facette

Introduction
Cemented corono-radicular restorations (CCR) using fiber posts are now recognized as an excellent alternative to restorations using cast or prefabricated metal posts. Their success is directly linked to the advantages of what many refer to as “adhesive” dentistry, which is biologically compatible, causes less mutilation and permits rehabilitations of high esthetic quality.

The success of this type of restoration is subject to a specific and stringent methodology and is also linked to understanding a new approach that is very different from the mechanistic dogmas prevailing in the manufacture of inlay cores. Additionally, use of corono-radicular restorations requires improved knowledge of pulpless teeth and the advent of partially cemented restorations, which is a new treatment for pulpless teeth.

For this option the key factor will be a proper and accurate injection of core buildup resin in the root anatomy to get perfect homogeneity. Hence other options can be suggested to reconstruct anatomy if rubber dam or good bonding procedures cannot be used (indirect technique). In these cases, making an accurate impression of pulpless teeth and the adhesive technique employed, it must meet three objectives: 1) retention of coronal restoration, 2) reinforcement of corono-radicular cohesion, and 3) assurance of tooth durability on the arch, in biological and structural terms.

Direct technique for core buildup
Principle of core buildup. The first guiding idea behind this method is to substitute corncob — and above all — excessively rigid posts with epoxy resin-coated quartz or carbon fiber posts. This stable mechanical material combines remarkable mechanical strength, even greater in certain aspects than alloys, with a lower modulus of elasticity, which reduces stress on the residual structures.

The second idea is to associate specific composite resins with these posts, whose visco-elastic properties provide the indisputable advantages of adhesive techniques, ensuring the sealing of the interfaces and retention.

The ultimate objective of homogeneous reconstituted structure with high overall strength can be achieved by using a Colibri (Sulzer Mixpac AG) mixing tip.

However, to get the most out of this solution, certain major points relating to the on the final restoration quality should be emphasized:

- Biomechanical considerations (favor the passive post principle over that of the adjusted post).
- Biological considerations (capital impact of cementing and the composite resin in these reconstructions).
- Esthetical considerations (taking into account the light phenomena in terms of materials used).

Clinical procedures
Operating area: A set of suitable clamps and an elastic, thin — and above all — strong dam is an essential prerequisite for any adhesive technique.

Chamber preparation. With altered tissues and filling residue eliminated from the crown portion, using a series of gates-gilded and large drills of increasing diameter eliminates most of the endodontic filling material and roughly prepares the root chamber. The length of the chamber must be adapted to the anatomy of the tooth in question, while taking into account the additional retention provided by the reconstruction cementing, which reduces its depth within limits well below the root two-thirds recommended for metal posts. It must be equal to the height of the future crown stump (8 to 10 mm).

The chamber diameter does not exceed that of No. 3 large drill or very occasionally No. 4. This result in less mutilation and more saved tissue.

To optimize the quality of surfaces before cementing, the root walls are cleaned using a long-necked ball burr with diameters supplemented by ultrasound with suitable inserts. The number of posts used on multirooted teeth is intimately linked.

Figure 1: Two techniques of reconstruction of non-vital teeth: indirect technique with inlay core (a) and direct technique with fiber post reconstruction (b). Photos/Provided by Dr. Stefan Koubi

Figs. 2a-d: Preparation of root anatomy with large drill (2a); test of Colibri insertion after preparation of root canal (2b); injection of composite resin into the root anatomy for cementation of the post (2c), and placement of the post (2d).

Fig. 3: X-ray view of the accuracy and homogeneity of the injection with Colibri.

Single bottle adhesive self-cures with no light activation

VOCO recently introduced Futurabond M+, a universal single-bottle adhesive. Futurabond M+ versatility enables it to be used in self-, selective- or total-etch mode without any additional primers on virtually all substrates. Futurabond M+ achieves total-etch bond strength levels with all light-, self- and dual-cure resin-based composites, cements and core buildup materials. With a dual-cured activator Futurabond M+ will self-cure without any light activation, which, according to the company, offers a big advantage for endodontic applications such as post cementation where it avoids the pooling effect, a problem with light-cured adhesives. Futurabond M+ also adheres well to metal, zirconia and ceramic, making extra primers unnecessary.

Futurabond M+ needs only one coat and takes 35 seconds from start to ﬁnish. Its low ﬁlm thickness of 9 microns makes bonding margins invisible (no “halo” effect) and prevents pooling problems. It does not need to be refrigerated. Beneﬁts include its indication as a desensitizer for use under amalgam restorations or on hypersensitive tooth necks as a protective varnish for glass ionomers and an.

Ed Matthews appointed VP of sales at TAUB Products

TAUB Products, a manufacturer of dental consumable products, has named Ed Matthews vice president of sales.

Matthews will assume sales responsibility for all of TAUB’s new and existing dental products. The industry veteran has more than 15 years of dental sales and marketing experience.

“We are very pleased to have Ed as an important part of our executive team,” said Jordan Taub, TAUB’s executive vice president. “His dental industry contacts will pay immediate dividends for us.”

Matthews is also the owner of Sure Business Logic, a creative dental sales company. “I am pleased to join the TAUB organization in this capacity,” Matthews said. “I am looking to make their sales programs as successful as possible.”

TAUB will be at the Greater New York Dental Meeting in booth No. 2708. Matthews will be there to meet customers and discuss TAUB’s newest product, Zero-G Bio Implant Cement and Liquid Magic.

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Colibri in posterior area with core buildup and anterior area with cementation and core buildup. In addition, use of micro-instrumentation adapted individually to the anatomical specificity of the root is another key to success.

Colibri provides a new option to simplify reconstruction of non-vital teeth regardless of the selected technique. Indirect technique – for core buildup reconstruction and cementation of the inlay core.

The new device designed to fulfill all of the above-mentioned indications (direct core buildup technique, impression of the root anatomy and cementation of the post) is the Colibri.

The Colibri is a medical stainless-steel needle that enables corrective bendings without restricting the inner-diameter. The material flow is stable and comfortable. Different diameters, ranging from 0.9 to 1.4 mm, fit various material viscosities. Additionally, the rounded ends of the needle remove risk for injuries to the patient (Figs. 5, 6).

The company that manufactures the Colibri, Sulzer Mixpac, offers a market-leading system for single- and multi-component materials to the dental industry. The products are compatible with the various systems for impression and restorative materials.

The product is manufactured in Switzerland and assembled under ISO-9 cleanroom conditions. The raw materials are compliant with FDA regulations. As a result, the Colibri fulfills a high standard of cleanliness and hygiene.

Conclusion

The Colibri provides a new option to simplify reconstruction of non-vital teeth regardless of the selected technique. Direct technique – for core buildup restoration. Indirect technique – for impression of the post core (preparation) and cementation.

Other clinical applications are also indicated, such as cementation of the post with self-adhesive resin cement and traditional impression of cervical margin because of the accuracy of the metal needle on the mixing tip and its ability to bend. Colibri combines outstanding mixing quality with a previous unknown flexibility and can be used everyday in various applications.

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