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750th Aquacut Quattro Installed

Bexleyheath, in Kent, is now firmly on the map as far as Fluid Abrasion is concerned! The 750th Velopex Aquacut Quattro has been installed at Dr H. Shafifie’s busy practice, in The Broadway, Bexleyheath. This light and airy building provides a superb backdrop for this busy dental practice – which now offers all patients the availability of fluid abrasion: Cleaning and Treating, in a calm soothing environment.

Dr Shafifie commented: “I’ve got the Velopex Colour Laser as well as the Aquacut Quattro it’s great! It’s an essential part of modern technology in a modern practice!”

The Velopex Aquacut Quattro contains two chambers, which can accommodate any combination of the 5 Cleaning and Treating media available. The 55i Treating powder allows the clinician to ablate hard tissue (Composite, enamel and dentine) creating a relatively rough surface - which is ideal for the latest bonding and restorative materials. The 29i Treating powder gives the clinician a much smoother cut for finer work. For Cleaning, the Bi-carbonate of Soda allows smoking stains to be removed as well as carious dentine. The combination of these powders, in a single unit, provides the modern dental practice with a unit that can cover a wide range of dental treatment applications.

For more information or to ask any questions, please contact Mark Chapman at Medieval Dental Projects Ltd Barretts Green Road LONDON NW10 7AP Tel 07734 044877.

P&G Professional Oral Health

Oral-B products are based on sound evidence-based research; therefore it is only logical that P&G want to assist the profession in meeting their CPD requirements, so that dental professionals may make evidence-based decisions in practice that better serve the patient. P&G offers various complementary means to gain verifiable CPD. For example, Oral-B’s Dental Summary Review (DSR) is produced twice a year and contains a mix of summaries culled from recently published research papers from which recipients can gain three hours of free, verifiable CPD. The company has also produced a DCP version as it recognises that dental nurses play an important role in preventive practice.

The Company is also committed to supporting oral health education and produces a range of free literature covering both manual and power brushing techniques as well as floss usage. Please call the P&G Helpline for more details (0870 2421850).

The main focus at this year’s Showcase was Triumph SmartGuide, a power brush whose breakthrough technology goes beyond clinical superiority to tackle the challenging issue of compliance.

Takara Belmont

This year’s Dental Showcase really gave Takara Belmont the chance to display and profile their complete range of equipment. The company offers a choice of chairs and treatment centres to meet every individual requirement. All equipment boasts a high level of reliability and durability as well as a variety of build in options. One feature that impressed many visitors was the newly launched luxurious ‘soft touch’ upholstery, which ensures patients are as relaxed and comfortable as possible. Not only is this new range of upholstery ultra soft, it’s also available in over 80 different colours, which further extends Belmont’s vast upholstery selection.

Good looks are irrelevant if they do not go hand in hand with reliability and functionality. The team at Showcase were able to demonstrate both, and interested parties were invited to view the Company’s equipment first hand at their dental showroom without obligation. No pressure, no obligation, just honest advice. If you weren’t able to get to Excel and would like to experience the equipment for yourself please contact Lucy Moscrop (020 7515 0355, dental@takara.co.uk).
P&G Presents Oral-B Pro-Expert Toothpaste to the Profession

Procter & Gamble (P&G) Professional Oral Health presents Oral-B Pro-Expert, a toothpaste that protects seven different aspects of oral care. P&G dramatically changed oral healthcare globally with the introduction of the first clinically proven fluoride toothpaste by Crest in 1955 and with the first electric toothbrushes with rotating technology from Oral-B in 1991.

It is the first and only toothpaste to combine two powerful ingredients: stannous fluoride to protect against plaque, gingivitis, cavities, tooth sensitivity and bad breath, and sodium hexametaphosphate, which removes stains and prevents calculus build-up. Together these ingredients deliver unique, comprehensive protection for teeth as never before, whilst also helping to bring back their natural whiteness.

“For the first time, we have formulated a toothpaste with the active ingredients people need to help protect their teeth and encourage good oral health,” said Dr Guy Goffin of P&G in Stockholm during the prestigious FDI Annual World Dental Congress. “Our technology and key ingredients are supported by more than 15 international patent applications and 25 published studies proving that Oral-B is at the forefront of scientific innovation and advancement in oral care.”

Complete Confidence in Eschmann at the BDTA Showcase

It was apparent from the moment the show opened its doors, that it was not only the innovative features of Little Sister autoclaves and instrument washer disposers that impressed visitors, but the fact that Eschmann can offer their customers a level of confidence and peace of mind, both in the products and ongoing care provided as a matter of course to its customers in today’s dental marketplace.

Of even greater importance was the message being received as to the importance the dentists were placing on the value of the comprehensive help and advice Eschmann are able to provide, particularly in respect of compliance to the new dental guidance document HTM 01-05. An example of this was how to implement an effective ‘flow process’ for instrument decontamination to avoid the consequences of non-compliance with HTM 01-05.

For more information call 01903 875787 or email ic.sales@eschmann.co.uk, www.eschmann.co.uk.

Enzyal remineralisers by using the body’s defences

In the fight against enamel demineralisation caused by the caries process, Enzyal helps strengthen and support the body’s own enamel defence system. The acid-mediated attack on the mineral-rich surface of tooth enamel is derived from harmful micro-organisms in dental plaque which gradually leach away the tissue’s content, causing gradual softening and eventual cavitation.

Incorporating three important enzymes, Enzyal’s activity is sustained by harmful micro-organisms in the mouth works by enhancing the body’s natural anti-bacterial system. Fluorides in Enzyal reintegrate mineral nutrients from the saliva into the enamel on a natural basis. The consequent remineralisation can balance or even reverse the lack of minerals in the early dentine caries cycle, restoring the surface to its former strength and adding to its future resistance.

Sold in dozens, the 75ml tubes contain 1450ppm fluoride and Enzyal is SLS free.

Dürr Dental (Products) UK LTD

Dürr Dental’s huge choice of digital technology was on show.
If you want more information about embarking on a trial with Sonicare FlexCare and the UV Sanitiser or recommending them, visit www.sonicare.co.uk or call 0800 0567 222.

Delivering on its promises
A survey reveals why the new Sonicare FlexCare is so successful and what the search is on to find new trailers

Aquadent Quattro fluid abrasion unit in Tanzania
Mwanza, in Tanzania, is now firmly on the map as far as Fluid Abrasion is concerned! Velopex have provided an Aquadent Quattro which has been installed at the busy Bridge2Aid Hope Dental Centre in Mwanza.

Dr Ian Wilson commented: “The Donation of the Velopex Aquadent “Quatro” allows us to provide restorative services in restorative treatments. Using the Fluid Abrasion technique with the Velopex Aquadent Quatro, our patients have access to conservative techniques where minimal tooth tissue removal is needed”.

PerioBalance hits the streets
Following hot on the heels of the success Sunstar enjoyed at the BDTA with the burgeoning awareness of their GUM brand, the company is celebrating further success in October. It’s unique oral probiotic, PerioBalance, is causing quite a stir and will be stocked in all the leading Boots stores across the country from the end of October. The natural health supplement which has been well documented to help restore the natural balance of the mouth and contribute to improved oral health is accredited by The British Dental Health Foundation. It is also stocked in 750 Lloyds pharmacies, all the UniChem and Day Lewis pharmacies, as well as some highly respected independent pharmacies including those in Selfridges, Harrods and John Bell and Croydon which also stock other products from the full Sunstar GUM range of over 80 products.

At the BDTA a large number of practices signed up to evaluate PerioBalance with their periodontal patients and in the coming months Sunstar will be reporting some of their most interesting and successful case studies. The exhibition also highlighted the popularity of the Sunstar’s interden tal products in particular, with its Chlorhexidine-coated Trav ler brushes, coupled with a magnetic allure for practices looking for interdentals which were both effective and cost effective (a prime concern in times of the credit crunch).

For more information and to find a list of local stockists of Sunstar GUM products visit www.sunstargum.co.uk.

If you would like to join the growing ranks of practices stocking GUM products it is available from dental wholesalers or visit www.dentalwholesale.co.uk or telephone 01677 424 446.

Oral probiotic found to help Xerostomia symptoms
Xerostomia is defined as dry mouth resulting from reduced or absent saliva flow due to a disease, rather a symptom of a variety of health conditions or a side effect brought on by medical treatment. The condition may be a sign of an underlying disease, such as Sjögren’s syn drome, and/or controlled diabetes and other causes of insufficient saliva include anxiety, medicines, the consumption of alcohol beverages, physical trauma to the salivary glands, their ducts or nerves, excessive breathing through the mouth or radiation therapy to the head and neck. Patients who have endured chemotherapy usually suffer from the condition, and the condition may also come about as a result of ageing and it is thought that about 20% of the elderly will suffer Xerostomia to some degree. Xerostomia is a common side-effect of various drugs, such as cannabis, amphetamines, antidepressants and some antihypertensives.

Treatment for Xerostomia involves finding and treating any curable causes where ever in many cases it is not possible to correct the Xerostomia itself. It also involves relieving the symptoms and preventing damage to the gums and teeth. So patients with Xeros tomia are advised to avoid the use of decongestants and antihistamines and pay careful attention to their oral hygiene. Drinking water may bring little relief and can even make the dry mouth more uncomfortable however frequently sipping sugarless fluids, chewing xylitol sugarless gum and using saliva substitutes as a mouthwash have been found to help.

One even felt moved to comment ‘I found the previous Sonicare great but this one is amazing, my teeth have never felt so clean and it is even better on staining. I would recommend it to anyone.’

At the end of the 28 day evaluation, 82% stated they would recommend FlexCare to their colleagues or patients, 77% were completely satisfied with their FlexCare, 98% stated they preferred FlexCare over the brush they used most often before.

Philips is now inviting new trialers to come forward to try FlexCare and is particularly interested in finding assessors who are currently using a manual or alternative powered toothbrush.

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