Mitigating the risk

Chronic inflammation has been shown to be responsible for a variety of systemic diseases. Periodontal Disease can go beyond the loss of teeth and bone. It should therefore be incumbent on medical practitioners when they identify patients affected with periodontal disease to refer them to a dentist who can provide early treatment.

Dr Eial Makori, Wokingham Smiles Practice Principal suggests that the advantage of a multidisciplinary approach is that it’s a premium style treat and treat any dentally-related problem fast; utilising the expertise of a team of medical professionals and dental colleagues each skilled within their disciplines. The advantages to patients are that their treatment is integrated and is all carried out in one place with which they are familiar and comfortable. Wokingham Smiles is such a multidisciplinary practice, and offers all its patients a premium service to discipline. Their practice policy extends to referring the use of interdental products - including the Sonicare Flexcare toothbrush - which are proven to enhance home care of interdental brushes. Patients preferred the more comfortable feeling of TePe G2 when in contact with the teeth and gums.

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• Introduction to paediatric sedation

Course participants will administer conscious sedation to patients under the close supervision of experts. They will be encouraged to demonstrate this in their own practices, seeking advice from their course mentors when necessary.

The course will focus on engaging clinicians with precise knowledge, skills and practical training.

For more information or to register, please contact Victoria Bristow, registrations@europeanconference.org, or call 02079051251, email vbanks@eastman.ucl.ac.uk or visit www.eastman.ucl.ac.uk/cpd.

New ergonomically refined operator stools

Midmark’s new operator stools are not only engineered for premium styling and exceptional comfort, but they are also ergonomically refined to reduce the risk of musculoskeletal pain common in dentistry.

The seating system offers a contoured seat with forward tilt to improve weight distribution, increase overall comfort and promote a more balanced posture. The waterfall front edge design reduces pressure on the back of thighs, also enhancing comfort. Multiple seat sizes and seat heights paired with unsurpassed adjustability, allow the dental team to better personalise their seating solution.

Since the introduction of the Midmark UltraComfort™ Chair in 2001, Midmark has built a reputation for designing high-performing, great-looking operatory products.” said Keith Boyle, Director of Sales & Marketing at Paterson, Midmark’s UK distributor. “The new Midmark operator stools continue this tradition, offering not only premium styling and comfort, but also ergonomic refinement in an effort to reduce fatigue and pain that can have a negative impact on the quality of life of clinicians.”

The dentist’s stool offers a one level adjustment for locking seat and backrest tilt while providing a ratcheted backrest for an intuitive height adjustment without the use of knobs.

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Ultrasound scaler with automatic detection function

Sirona’s PerioScan scaling system detects and gently removes subgingival deposits - and hence minimizes the risk of over-cautious over-aggressive therapy.

A brand new, all-in-one ultrasonic system for the detection and removal of dental calculus. It detects deposits in places which dentists normally cannot view clearly - i.e. in the gum pockets. Special sensors in the hand-piece can distinguish between calculus and healthy root surfaces. On the tip of the system emits vibrations and analyzes the specific oscillation pattern of the tooth surface. The results of this analysis are displayed via a ring-shaped LED on the hand-piece.

The dentist can switch from the diagnosis mode to the therapy mode by depressing the footswitch. This speeds up the scaling process and leads to enhanced results. There is less risk that the dentist will overlook concretions - or remove healthy tooth tissue. “So far dentists have had to rely on their sense of touch. If they detected calculus using a manual probe, they had to change to a therapy instrument and guide it precisely to the original site.”

For further information please contact: Sirona Dental Systems 0845 071 5040.

British Orthodontic Society Conference

Brighton kept its promise of good weather. There was glorious sunshine on Saturday morning as the delegates made their way to the conference centre. The conference began with the pre-congress course titled “Infection control in orthodontic practice, all you need to know”. It is a now a GDC five-year core subject requirement to update on cross-infection and this well attended course was designed to meet this requirement.

The conference went on through Saturday and Sunday, with other speakers such as Dr H Shab from Bristol Dental School, Dr M Raine from Guy’s Hospital, Dr P Fleming from Royal London Hospital and Dr E Al Maatlah from Liverpool giving talks and other well attended and detailed presentations.

Speeches concluded with an ever memorable and entertaining song from the BOS Conference Chair Nigel Fox, to whom everyone was very grateful for the hard work and excellent organisation that he and the whole BOS conference team has put into each ever successful conference.

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The problems of missed appointments are all too apparent for both private and NHS dental practices, in fact recent research of NHS practices shows that an average of 11% of appointments are missed.

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Because the underlying risk factors of periodontitis provide a boost for the enzymes that damage the periodontium and progress the disease, potentially leading to tooth loss, Periostat® has been specifically formulated to suppress these enzymes.

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If your surgery offers air polishing and teeth whitening as practice building initiatives, the Platinum kit is recommended; if however, your surgery offers scaling and root planing procedures, the Gold Discovery kit is recommended.

On purchase of the Platinum kit, you get up to 25% discount Vs normal RRP and with the Gold kit, you get up to 55% discount Vs normal RRP.

For further information or to arrange for a Preventative sales specialist to visit your practice, please call DENTSPLY on 0800 072 5157.

Great offer available on Kemdent

InstrumentSafe is one product within the new, high quality range of Kemdent Cross Infection control products. It is available in a 1 litre dispensing unit and 5 litre and 10 litre refill kits. InstrumentSafe is a pre-sterilisation concentrate which is aldehyde and fenol-free.
For Fast and Natural Healing of Oral Tissue

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The Answer to Simple Aspiration for Dental Injections

As the mouth contains many blood vessels, it is important to aspirate to check the position of the needle tip before injecting.

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Both Xylocaine® 2% with Adrenaline 1:80,000 (lidocaine hydrochloride with adrenaline 1:80,000) and Citanest® 5% with Octapressin (prilocaine hy-
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