is the first and only probiotic specifically developed to improve oral health in as little as two weeks.

1 National Kidney Foundation

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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 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 Makort, Wokingham Smiles Practice Principal suggests that the advantage of a multidisciplinary approach is that it’s easier to diagnose 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 multi-disciplinary practice, and offers all our speciality products including the Sonicare Flexcare toothbrush - which are proven to enhance oral health in as little as two weeks.

New ergonomically refined operator stools

The TePe G2’s new soft, flexible tip is design-proo-fed. This exciting and innovative design allows the brushes to be inserted further between the teeth and the flexible neck also increases the brushes durability. Testing by dental professionals and their patients reported 94% saying they would choose the TePe G2 over the original brushes. Patients preferred the more comfortable feeling of TePe G2 when in contact with the teeth and gums.

If you would like more information on the new G2 Interdental Brush, or a sample, please contact Molar Ltd on 01954 710022 or email info@molarldft.co.uk.

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, allows 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 operator products,” said Keith Boyd, 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.”

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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 educating clinicians with precise knowledge, skills and practical training.

For more information or to register, please contact Victorio Welton on 020 7895 1251, email v.welton@eastman.ucl.ac.uk or visit www.eastman.ucl.ac.uk/ cpep.

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 where 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 871 5048.

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 Shah from Bristol Dental School, Dr M Baines from Guy’s Hospital, Dr P Fleming from Royal London Hospital and Dr E A Maathath from Liverpool giving plenary and 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.

Txt 2 Remind Ur Patients

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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**All for a Good Cause**

In April 2009, ten members of the Henry Schein Minerva team will be joined by five dentists on a Bridge2Aid trip to Tanzania. They will carry out a refurbishment project, renovating the inside storey dormitory block at Bukumbi Care Centre, which is home to a community of disabled Tanzanians.

The Henry Schein Minerva Sales Team launched the fundraising for this trip at their last sales meeting, where the Director of Sales, Patrick Allen, was treated to an unexpected beauty treat for the cause: a chest wax! Through the laughter, screams and tears, Patrick’s extremely hairy chest managed to raise almost £4000.

Patrick, who had no idea that he was going to be the focus of the fundraiser, took the whole event in great humour: “I will certainly remember this sales conference as I’m absolutely delighted with the amount of money my pain generated.”

Any contribution to the Bridge2Aid fund is very welcome as this project will make a difference to the lives of the Tanzanians at Bukumbi.

To add your contribution, visit [www.justgiving.com/henry scheincares](http://www.justgiving.com/henry scheincares).

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