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Air-n-Go is extremely versatile. The device is made up of a convertible handpiece, available in supra and perio versions, that are compatible with high performance powders, unique in that they are made from all natural components and taste great. Treatments are very gentle, which results in a significant reduction in bleeding and pain. A winning combination for patient choice.

The reason for Air-n-Go’s versatility is its convertible handpiece. This increases options for supra-gingival and sub-gingival treatments. In Supra mode, it helps you achieve perfect cosmetic results with fast, effective, painless polishing that is gentle to both the gingiva and teeth. In Perio mode, it transforms into a simple and efficient device to treat periodontal disease and peri-implantitis sub-gingivally. Just 20 seconds of maintenance is enough to treat periodontitis or peri-implantitis effectively.

The ergonomic handpiece
The handpiece has been designed to create better working conditions for whoever handles it. It is fine, lightweight, well balanced, easy to manipulate and has 360° rotation, resulting in less stress and less manual fatigue. It enables smooth, fast movement, improved visibility and excellent accessibility, even in the difficult to reach posterior areas. A non-slip silicone ring on the front gives you a better grip during treatment – even with wet gloves. Manipulation is precise to enable the practitioner to focus on the treatment area. Two exchangeable heads – short and long – are autoclavable. The shorter ‘hygienist’ head is specially designed for smaller hands and as it rests against the head is specially designed for the patient during sub-gingival treatments. The use of this device eliminates bacteria in the pocket and prevents recurrence of the disease.

By pressing the ‘stop powder’ button, at the back of the tank, you cut off the powder flow, which transforms the air polisher into an air and water syringe. This feature allows you not only to clean the treated area, but also to rinse out the interior of the device.

Switching from supra mode to perio couldn’t be simpler. For this reason, Satalec’s research and development department studied these angles and sizes came up with a formula that is more suitable. The new powder formulation they developed specifically reduces the sensation of pain and bleeding caused by most of the others on the market.

The anti-clogging and controlled hydrophobic properties of these powders give them a dual action effect:
• In contact with water, micro-particles shrink slightly: the polishing effect is much more efficient
• The powder dissolves gently, which avoids trauma to the delicate tissues and prevents the risk of clogging.

So what do patients think?

“I have a double problem: I’m hooked on caffeine and cigarettes.” Rachel Kendrick

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Air-n-Go is an ideal complement to Arston’s Newton portfolio of piezo-ultrasonic equipment too.