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Bug-free brush

Inventor Peter Chown of Kings Lynn has come up with the idea of the world's first self-disinfecting toothbrush.

The EverClean effectively eliminates the bacteria by automatically delivering a controlled amount of disinfectant up to a hollow tube from an aerosol in the base, which is then dispersed through holes at the base of each bristle. A cap then fits over the head preventing airborne contamination.

The EverClean also can provide a breath freshener using the same method, and even toothpaste itself.

For more information, call Melanie Wright on 01624 825 472.



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Terrific textiles

Specialist coatings manufacturer, Liquid Plastics (LPL), has launched Reemat Decco - a high performance, woven glass textile wall covering.

The company have joined a European manufacturer of textured glass textile mats to produce a system on internal walls which combines effective antimicrobial protection with a decorative, patterned finish.

Reemat Decco is adhered and totally

Dürr's magnificent magnification



The new Vistacam 2 digital imaging camera from Dürr Dental, enables the user to 'see images' magnified up to one hundred times. It has a larger definition range for macro and extra-oral images allowing defects in crown margins, secondary caries, and fissure to be detected easily.

The shape of the handpiece has also been improved to facilitate access to all intraoral regions. Vistacam 2 is easy to operate and can be used with existing diagnostic systems - whether video, PC, integrated or stand-alone.

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encapsulated into LPL's hygiene coatings to provide enhanced aesthetics without compromising the long-lasting protection against the growth of micro-organisms. The coating combats the growth of harmful and unsightly mould and bacteria, including E.coli, salmonella and MRSA.

The mat is washable, easy to maintain and compliant with all international hygiene legislation. It covers existing cracks in walls and can withstand harsh cleaning regimes without deterioration. It is non-flammable, scratch resistant and available in an extensive range of patterns and designs. Liquid Plastics' hygiene coatings are available in various decorative colours



with a mid-sheen or semi-gloss finish. For more information, call 01772 255 024.

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Dell-ightful!

DMDS are proud to announce their joint venture with DELL, one of the largest computer suppliers. The Digital X-Ray is supplied complete with a Dell computer system which offers tutorial software, audio and full animation, together with a 3 year on-site warranty.

This icon driven package combined with the Digital X-Ray, DMDS claim, reduces patient exposure to the potentially harmful effects of radiation, by up to 90%. Time is saved as the image is rapidly displayed on the computer monitor for viewing by both the dentist and patient.

For further information call DMDS on 01227 780 009.

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Dentanurse

Dentanurse, manufacturers of cross infection products such as, Dentanurse first aid for teeth, Sonic cleaners, Traymaids disposable work surfaces, the Driblet range of disposable patient bibs and Mirage protective eyewear, announce that they are now trading online at www.dentanurse.com. For further information tel: 01981 500 135 or fax: -01981 500 115.

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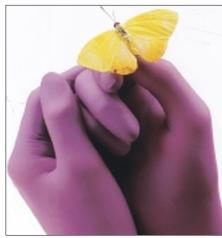
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Purple power!

The purple, non-latex examination glove manufactured by Safeskin, offers comfort and tactility combined with abrasion and chemical resistance.



The glove is manufactured from acrylonitrile butadiene, a synthetic polymer which, Safeskin claim eliminates the potential for type 1 allergic reaction to latex proteins. Potential irritants such as chemical accelerators and antioxidants are undetectable in this glove.

The non-latex polymer is immediately evident from its high visibility purple colour which provides instant differentiation between this and other gloves.

As they are free of dusting powder, the complications such as irritant dermatitis should be eliminated. They are also extremely thin with textured finger tips. For further details, tel: 01444 484 044.

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Banish brush bacteria

In a recent research paper - by Verran et al published in Microbios 1996 - coliform bacteria - of which E.coli. is one - were found on 57% of the toothbrushes tested.

It is assumed that bacteria remain alive and multiply amongst the plaque and debris between the moist bristles of a toothbrush.

Wipe out!



Our laboratory tests have shown that Vernon Carus' Azowipe provides effective bactericidal action.

A hard surface disinfectant bactericidal wipe, Azowipe is saturated with 70% solution of Isopropyl Alcohol BP and provides an economical solution to hard surface disinfection in terms of cost and time. For enquiries call 01772 744 493.

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Brushtox antiseptic toothbrush cleanser can be sprayed into the bristles to disinfect the brush, killing most infections carried in saliva and found on toothbrushes.



Brushtox can be bought in Boots the Chemist or through Dental Health Boutique for re-sale.

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It's a doddle with Protips

Protip disposable air and water syringe tips are designed to be used only once - and as they are only 15p each, can be thrown away after each use.

Protips are quick and easy to change

using the special converter - there is one available for over 90% of 3-in-1 syringe makes and models currently in use. The unique bayonet design ensures that the Protip cannot be blown off during use.

Ten packs of Protip disposable tips and converters containing a total of 1000 disposable tips cost £144.50. The risk free trial pack, containing 20 tips plus a converter is free with a purchase of five bags of Protips. Tel: 0116 265 4055.



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Shield yourself

Disposa-Shield from Dentsply offers barrier protection to awkward handpiece assemblies. Furthermore, avoiding the use of chemical disinfectant may prolong the life of plastic coverings. Disposa-shield pro-

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vides four different barrier systems giving protection both to patients and the dental team. The four varieties cover: handles and control panels, air motors, air turbines and Cavitron, chair headrests and x-ray covers.

One pack of each size plus a dispenser for £79.90. For more information call Hazel Lindsay on 01932 837 260.

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Oro Clean is the oracle



The OroClean Chemie product range from Switzerland offers efficacy with economy.

The Oro Clean cross infection control programme is entirely non aldehyde in formulation yet its quaternary ammonium compound is rapidly effective against HBV, HIV, bacteria, fungi and tubercle bacillus with the added bonus of user and environmentally friendly qualities.

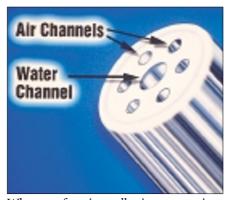
For further information call Panadent on 0171 403 1808.

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Tip of the iceburg!



When performing adhesive restorations or applying sealant, Dentsply claim that Sani-Tip is the surest way to obtain dry air. This is as a result of the Sani-Tip patented tapered water spindle inside each adaptor and the innovative tip design, which features a central water channel encircled by six separate air channels.

For more information call 01932 837 260.

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Glove box



Polyco-producers of latex and synthetic gloves-have created a new division called SuperGlove Medical, which are concentrating on producing the best gloves for healthcare professionals, including vinyl, nitrile and latex gloves.

The range comprises SuperGlove Finex, disposable latex examination gloves lightly powdered or powder free, SuperGlove Finesse, disposable vinyl lightly powdered and powder-free examination gloves, with an optional extended cuff length. SuperGlove Finite disposable nitrile gloves are also available in extended cuff option.

SuperGlove also offers an advisory service. Contact Margaret Platt at Super-Glove Medical for glove samples as well as information on differences in the types of glove materials.

Tel: 0181 443 9000 for details.

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