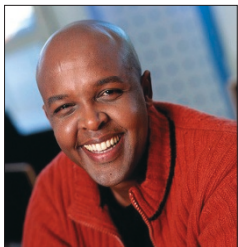


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Photo competition



Astra Tech Dental Implants are inviting all dental photographers to submit entries in its new photography competition.

The competition is open to anyone with a will to win and access to a camera and dental implant cases. Entries are invited in two categories, full case and partial case. Full case has a prize of a voucher for photographic equipment worth 1,500 euros and is open to enthusiastic dentists or their team members who are required to enter photos taken of a full case study.

Partial case is of greater interest to the specialist photographer, and is for clinical pictures from the surgical, prosthetic or laboratory fields, with a prize of a voucher of 750 euros. The winning pictures will be published on the internet and in Astra Tech's Insight publication. Astra Tech also reserves the right to use any other high quality images entered in its literature.

All entries should be sent to dentalphoto@astratech.com, and include details of the sender. For more information visit www.astratech.com.

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Bone graft stabiliser

Calcigen Oral from 3i Implant Innovations is a bone graft stabiliser which sets in minutes and forms a dense matrix structure suitable for implant placement, according to the company.

Calcigen Oral binds the bone graft particles together in the wound site preventing the migration of graft material.

It also encourages the epithelial migration of soft tissue over a wound site and generates the bone formation.

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New glass fibre posts launched



New everStick POST glass fibre posts for root canal restorations have recently become available from Minerva Dental.

The product from Stick Tech Limited is a flexible, resin-impregnated, uncured glass fibre post which can be light-cured into the exact shape of the prepared root canals, resulting in precision fitting fibre posts with high flexural strengths.

This flexibility is close to that of dentine and considerably reduces the risk of root fracture, according to the company.

Conforming to the shape of each root canal, they can be cemented adhesively to the canal walls, minimising the need for enlargement.

They are particularly suited to the restoration of oval and curved root canals and are also recommended for difficult cases eg teeth with small roots and thin canals or multi-rooted teeth with diverging canals. Finally they can be used in conventionally enlarged root canals.

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New orthodontic patient leaflets

The British Orthodontic Society has revised nine new patient leaflets on orthodontics.

The leaflets cover areas such as orthodontic treatments, headgear, functional appliances, orthognathic surgery, retainers and adult orthodontics.

They are available for purchase from the British Orthodontic Society and for an additional charge, practice details and logos can be overprinted in the front of each leaflet.

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