

# Product news

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## THE FIRST APP OF ITS KIND

Innovative dental software developers, Welltime, are excited to announce their latest helpful solution: the Dental Diary app.

With this easy-to-use and free to download app, you will be able to access your entire diary on your smartphone – whenever you need to. Syncing with your practice's existing management software, the Dental Diary app will update automatically if appointments are made, changed or cancelled – allowing you to stay in complete control of your workload.



Featuring 24/7 access, Dental Diary will let you plan your time more effectively. Updating in real time, the app will let you know if your first appointment tomorrow has been cancelled, allowing you to plan your day quickly and simply. What's more, you'll also be able to access your team's diaries, too – meaning your entire practice will run more efficiently than ever.

The Dental Diary app from Welltime is available for download on Android and iPhone; take control of your diary and stay informed at all times. To find out more, contact the expert Welltime team today on 07999 991 337, email [sales@welltime.co.uk](mailto:sales@welltime.co.uk) or visit the website at [www.welltime.co.uk](http://www.welltime.co.uk).

## DRY MOUTH IS ON THE RISE

In a survey of dental professionals, 89% agree that 'dry mouth is on the rise'.

During February Oralieve asked dental professionals about their experience of patients with dry mouth and the results are in. Out of the 621 dental professionals who answered the survey:

- 80% of dental professionals are seeing more than five patients a month with dry mouth and 44% are seeing more than ten a month
- The main causes of dry mouth are: types of medication taken, polypharmacy, Sjögren's syndrome and mouth breathing at night
- 89% agree dry mouth is on the rise.

Recommend the Oralieve Dry Mouth Relief product range for effective relief from dry mouth. Available from [www.oralieve.co.uk](http://www.oralieve.co.uk) and Dental Directory.



## SURFACE DISINFECTION SURVEY RESULTS

A survey recently conducted by Initial Medical (January 2017) confirmed that infection control and prevention protocols are generally very good within dental practices. After asking 131 teams across the UK how often they disinfected different areas of the premises, here are some of the key results (Table 1).

Almost 14% of the practices surveyed indicated that they give the waiting area a 'deep clean' every day (where furniture is moved round and every nook and cranny is cleaned), while 26% do it weekly, once a month (20%), every other month (27%) and every six months (7%).

In order to really optimise your surface

decontamination processes, it's essential to use the most effective products. The new Steri-7 Xtra High Level Disinfectant Cleaner from Initial Medical is available as a concentrate, a ready to use spray and wipes, and has been proven effective against 99.9999% of bacteria, spores, fungi, yeasts and viruses.



Its innovative 'Reactive Barrier Technology' – a specialised micro emulsion that provides an optional sustained release system – means it continues to work even once dry, keeping treated areas contamination-free for up to 72 hours.

For further information visit [www.initial.co.uk/medical](http://www.initial.co.uk/medical) or call 0870 850 4045.

**Table 1 How often UK dental practices disinfect different areas of the practice (n = 131)**

| Area of the dental practice            | Frequency of cleaning |        |         |       |       |
|--|-----------------------|--------|---------|-------|-------|
|  | Daily                 | Weekly | Monthly | Never | Other |
| Reception desk                         | 92%                   | 5%     | 1%      | 0%    | 3%    |
| Magazine table in waiting room         | 75%                   | 12%    | 0%      | 0%    | 14%   |
| Children's play area/equipment         | 47%                   | 8%     | 1%      | 5%    | 40%   |
| Door handles                           | 87%                   | 9%     | 1%      | 0%    | 3%    |
| Keypad on the card chip and pin reader | 81%                   | 11%    | 2%      | 2%    | 5%    |

(NOTE: all percentages have been rounded to the nearest whole number)