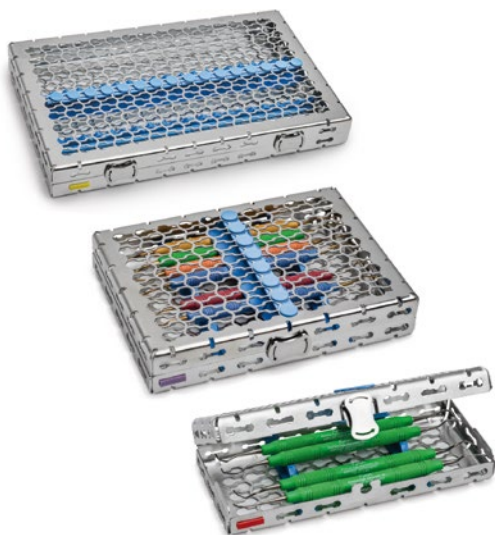


Increasing efficiency and safety in the practice

High-quality Galaxie Cassettes simplify the cleaning, sterilisation and classification of hand instruments. A stable case made of electropolished stainless steel protects the equipment, and the unique design reduces the contact points.



A laser-cut pattern maximises water through flow and increases efficiency in the RDG/thermal disinfecter. Smooth rounded corners and slotted edges enhance drainage and shorten drying time. The ergonomic locking system can be operated with just one hand. The food-safe, colour-coded silicone rails can be assembled in any position and are compatible with all handle diameters. Available are DIN cassettes for 20 instruments, 1/2 DIN cassettes for ten instruments and 1/4 DIN cassettes for five instruments. More information at www.am-eagle.de/en/galaxie-cassettes.

With the new Microbrush MB applicators dental fluids are dispensed precisely and economically. The flexible handles remain in the desired position without spring-back, the ultrafine 0.5 mm tip is ideally suited for pinpoint placement of substances. Non-absorbent fibres support the easy uptake and delivery of material. The useful tools are available in the colours orange and petrol, which enables the clear classification in multi-stage procedures. Samples can be requested at samples@microbrush.eu.

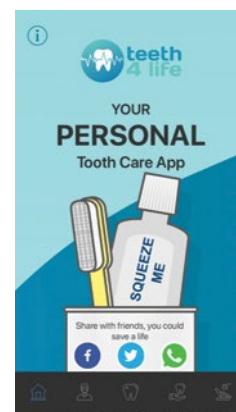
Dentist designs app to support colleagues and the general public

Teeth4life is a free eHealth app with the vision of promoting public prevention in oral health. The public can share the app on social media.

The Teeth4life app was created by dentist Tony Smith after over 35 years in general practice and is an attempt to engage the 48% of adults who do not have a dentist but do have a smartphone, and dentists who do not have the time to explain every aspect of OHI or treatment options in an increasingly litigious environment.

You can download Teeth4life from the App Store or Google Play; press 'Squeeze Me' to see how it works for the public, or enter BS14 8PG in the 'My Dentist' section to see Tony's own profile.

1. The 'My Dentist' section is customised for you by registering on the care4teeth.co.uk website. Enter your biography, services and contact details to be available in the user's app via a postcode search
2. The 'My Teeth' section is personalised by the user with a scorecard and a traffic light system for their risk of tooth loss, and oral cancer. There is a reminder section to set notifications to improve their oral health habits
3. 'My Care' has video links on age-appropriate prevention advice
4. The 'Treatment' section has videos explaining therapy options for the dentist and dental hygienist, and why some are not available on the NHS.



Follow instructions on the care4teeth.co.uk website on setting up templates on your existing dental software to market your practice/services through the app. By entering a patient's BPE on a follow-up email, for example, this reduces the likelihood of future periodontal litigation as the app can explain and remind the user of their problem and that they have to take responsibility for it, as you have given them the information and it's in their notes.

www.care4teeth.co.uk.

Resolving associate contract concerns

Associates and principals concerned about associate contracts are being offered a free contract-checking and advice service as part of their Dental Defence Union (DDU) membership.

DDU members have been raising a growing range of contractual issues about associate agreements in particular. The DDU already regularly supports members with GDC cases which began as disputes between dental professionals and unfortunately the number of such cases is increasing. By extending expert advice and support to cover a wider range of factors, the DDU aims to stop contractual friction leading to more complex problems.

The newly-launched service is designed to help associates and principals alike. DDU membership now includes:

- Free advice on wording associate agreements from dento-legal experts
- Free checks on associate contracts against best practice guidelines
- Free access to a model contract, developed with specialist dental lawyers
- Competitive rates negotiated for DDU members who wish to take a contract dispute further and need specific legal advice.

Over the last three years the DDU supported over 99.5% of requests for assistance, leading to thousands of dental professionals receiving support.

DDU members can access the new service by calling the DDU's dento-legal advice line on 0800 374 626. For further information see: www.theddu.com/contracts.