

Incredible toothbrushes



Billed to be 'bigger than *Finding Nemo*', the upcoming animated offering from the Disney/Pixar team this winter will be *The Incredibles*. Oral-B, who are launching Stages 4 brushes depicting the *Incredibles* characters, are giving away a free *Incredibles* radio to patients purchasing any two of its Stages range of toothbrushes.

When practices order *The Incredibles* counter unit, as well as a selection of Stages children's toothbrushes they will receive 27 free radios and an activity pack containing four posters, 120 stickers and 30 postcards. Call 01737 765400 to keep the kids happy!

Latex allergy

The importance of the issue of natural rubber latex (NRL) allergy has been in the headlines recently as significant compensation was awarded to a nurse in Wales who suffered severe allergic reactions to latex gloves. The Faculty of GDPs (UK) have just launched the latest in their Good Practice Guidelines series called *Guidance for the management of natural rubber latex allergy in dental patients and dental healthcare workers*. The FGDP consider this latest publication to be essential reading for all primary dental care workers, providing practical, evidence-based tips and detailing the importance of setting up and maintaining policies for the prevention and management of NRL allergy. To find out more call 020 7869 6754.

Starter kits

Cuprapox has launched a new starter kit enabling dentists and hygienists to demonstrate to patients how simple it is to attain first-rate oral hygiene. Along with a collection of tools, each kit includes six interdental access probes and an interdental access probe card (IAP). This IAP aids recommendation of the correct brush size by indicating the optimal size with one tool, and also helps patients identify where to use different sized brushes.

Tools include:

- an ultra fine brush
- a dense brush with a strong wire core
- a longer brush with a heavier core of plastic-coated wire
- universal holder systems incorporating an assortment of sizes – compact enough to serve as a travelling kit
- a toothbrush with CUREN bristles that purport to provide a 'supersoft, sensitive clean, minimising potential damage to both hard and soft tissue'.

An information leaflet is also supplied. For further information call 01480 862084.



Gently does it

Siroair L is a brand new scaling and periodontal tool featuring three different power settings regulated by a built-in control ring. The creators, Sirona Dental Systems, claim that unlike similar conventional instruments, the Siroair L has been designed to give remarkable efficiency while maximising patient comfort.

Also incorporating illumination as standard, Siroair L fits easily into a coupling in order to integrate it into the dental unit, so a separate foot control and water supply is not required. It is supplied with six tips, three each for the scaling and perio functions.

www.sironadental.co.uk



Tooth mousse

GC UK introduce GC Tooth Mousse which is designed to provide extra protection for patients' teeth. The water based, sugar free topical cream is available in strawberry, melon, vanilla, mint and tutti frutti. GC UK are confident that the active ingredients combined with the saliva flow stimulated by using the mousse twice daily has the effect of reducing enamel demineralisation and oral acidity. Applications can also be made in the surgery following bleaching, ultrasonic, hand scaling or root planing, after removal of orthodontic brackets, following professional tooth cleaning, after application of tooth fluoride and also to provide a topical coating for patients suffering from erosion, caries and conditions arising from xerostomia. For further information call 01908 218999.



Kitted out

Most medical emergencies in the dental practice require quick and easy access to appropriate equipment by every member of the team, who should be trained accordingly. The new Emergency Kit from Blackwell contains essential supplies including a range of drugs, syringes, airways, cannula and a pocket mask. Replacements can be obtained through a 24-hour delivery service and a free reminder service is also operated which notifies surgeries when the drugs in the kits are about to expire.



Emergency equipment



Advisers recommend that all dental practices have immediate access to a D or E sized oxygen cylinder in order to provide as much oxygen as possible in emergencies. Blackwell's Emergency Oxygen Cylinder includes a D size (500 litre) oxygen cylinder, an adult therapy mask and tubing, and a single-use self-inflating resus bag with adult mask.

Blackwell also offers a range of portable suction products designed to clear the oropharynx and maintain the natural airway. According to Blackwell, their Vitalograph Emergency Aspirator is easy to use by any member of the dental team and won the prestigious Dental Council award in 1995; and their Res-Q-Vac Manual Suction System is a highly efficient, lightweight complete system providing a swift and powerful vacuum force. All emergency products can be obtained from Blackwell Supplies on 01634 877620.

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Super Sonic

Oral-B's latest addition in The Dental Directory's oral hygiene range is the Sonic Complete electric toothbrush. As well as a slim, lightweight handle and three-speed brushing action (clean, soft and massage), the Sonic Complete has a cushioned gum bumper on the brush head that acts as a buffer for teeth and gums against the 31,000 vibrations per minute. It also has a two-minute timer that signals every 30 seconds to encourage quadrant-by-quadrant brushing. A selection of replacement brush heads is also available. To request the catalogue *Bite size* listing all the latest products including Sonic Complete, call 0800 585586.

A light cure



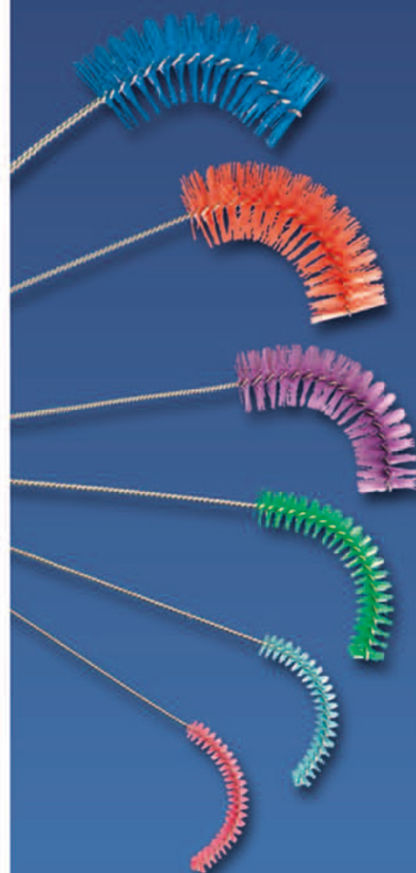
The Coltlux® LED is a brand new curing light from Henry Schein, featuring a slim curing probe with a high output and an ergonomic, lightweight, cordless design. According to the manufacturers, the Coltlux® LED is rapidly becoming a popular choice as it is easy to manoeuvre and ideal for use in hard to reach posterior areas. It also has a unique, dome-shaped lens on the handpiece that enhances visibility during the light curing process. Added to this, the Coltlux® LED has 'heat sink' technology that cuts down on heat emissions. As no fan is required, noise levels are reduced too.

For further information contact Henry Schein on: 08700 102043.



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