

New alcohol free mouthrinse



Teetotal patients may like the new alcohol-free mouthrinse from UnoDent. It contains 0.5% sodium fluoride to help strengthen tooth enamel and protect against cavities while cetylpyridinium chloride inhibits plaque build-up and freshens the breath. Each 300ml bottle has a tamper-proof seal and a measuring cap. For a limited period it is available at a special introductory price of £6 for a case of six bottles. For further information contact The Dental Directory (www.dental-directory.co.uk).

Taking care of children's teeth

The British Dental Health Foundation has launched a "My Teeth" leaflet, to teach children about the importance of good oral health. This message can be difficult to pass on when a child is in the dentist's chair. But this colourful leaflet explains to children what their teeth are for, how to clean them and what foods will keep their mouths healthy. The leaflet also provides information on plaque and tooth decay and has a quiz. The brochure is the latest addition to the Foundation's popular *Tell Me About* series. The leaflets cost £9.38 for a pack of 100 for members and £12.50 for non-members excluding VAT and P&P. For further information contact 0870 770 4015.



An aid to healing

Gengigel professional fluid can be used to treat inflammatory conditions such as gingivitis, gingival bleeding and gingival retraction. The key ingredient of Gengigel is hyaluronan, which when applied to surgically traumatised gingival and periodontal tissue inhibits inflammation and accelerates tissue repair. Gengigel (0.1% hyaluronan) comes in 500ml pump dispensers and is intended for in-practice use where rapid healing is required after surgical intervention, implants, tooth extractions and root scaling. Gengigel also boasts haemostatic properties and the company claims it is able to stop gums bleeding within ten minutes of application. For further information call Oraldent on 01480 862080.



Additive free alternative toothpaste



Patients looking for a herbal toothpaste might be interested in Sarakan which contains extract of a salvadore bush and is lightly flavoured with peppermint oil, clove and geranium. It contains no alcohol, sugar, artificial colours, sodium lauryl sulphate, or fluoride and is suitable for adults, children and vegans. The toothpaste has its origins in the Middle East where twigs from the salvadore persica shrub (the toothbrush tree) are chewed or beaten with a stone to form a fibrous brush which is then used to clean teeth and massage the gums. Sarakan was recently accredited by The British Dental Health Foundation and is available from health food stores and selected pharmacies.

Surgery makeover

Looking to transform your waiting area? Admor's range of furniture offers a wide variety of designs to create a welcoming and stylish reception area. Choose from straight or curved reception desks or modular units, all built to a high quality and offered in finishes and patterns to suit all tastes. Admor can also help enhance your reception area with dental-themed accessories to brighten up even the dullest rooms. Signage, coat hooks, tooth-shaped lamps doubling as stools, wall clocks, clip boards, hand mirrors, desk tidies, pen holders and much more will ensure patients arrive to a warm welcome and leave with smiles on their faces. For further information visit www.admor.co.uk



Mobile dental treatment unit

The Lysta PortaDent is a mobile hygienist and dental treatment unit, which can be carried in a laptop case. The PortaDent is available in three different models and makes dental treatment accessible to patients anywhere in the world. The quick to assemble device has been designed for use in various environments and hygiene is a key feature. All its surfaces are smooth, easy to clean and disinfect. PortaDent includes an oil free compressor, keyboard and all instruments can be operated by a control panel or by cordless foot control. For further information contact 01844 213399 or email lystauk@aol.com.



Toothgel with non-abrasive formula

Forever Bright toothgel from Forever Living is based on a stabilised extract from the aloe vera plant with added bee propolis. The patented stabilisation process preserves the plant's anti-bacterial, anti-fungal, virucidal and healing properties. It fights plaque while improving the health of the gums and lining of the mouth. The non-abrasive formula has no fluoride or animal by-products and is suitable for vegetarians. It also features an effective desensitising action and is a natural tooth whitener.



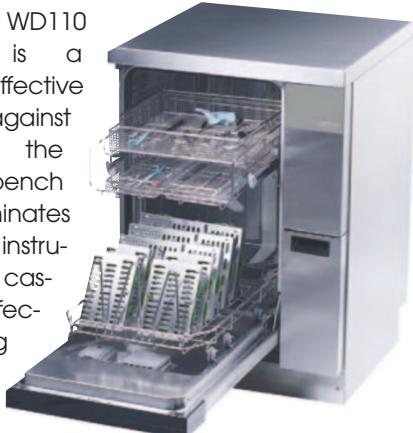
Specialist brushes for perio patients

Perio patients may benefit from TePe's range of products, which are perfectly suited for cleaning every patient's interdental spaces. The range includes eight interdental brushes ranging from fine (xxxx-fine, 0.4mm pink) to the x-large grey (1.3mm). Colour coded for easy identification, some of the range is now available from selected retailers. The range includes TePe Soft Tape and plastic and wooden interdental sticks, and other specialist brushes. The TePe Compact Tuft is perfect for cleaning along the gum line, around partially erupted teeth and in furcation sites. The TePe Interspace is available in three different textures and is easily manipulated around restorations and difficult to reach areas.



Controlling cross infection

The Asepsys WD110 washer/disinfector is a space saving, cost-effective ally in the fight against contamination in the practice. The under-bench machine decontaminates and sterilises dental instruments in baskets or cassettes with a fast, effective cycle comprising washing, disinfecting, rinsing and drying. It has two cleansing cycles: a short 38 minute wash and rinse cycle and a full 69 minute cycle which includes thermal disinfection, with pre-washing and/or drying included in either cycle as required. Accessories include baskets with hinged lids, long basket racks, large baskets, inserts for eight half trays and hygiene baskets. For further information visit www.salpharma.com.



New pre-sterilised examination kit

The new Sterile Oral Health Examination Kit from Kerr is a pre-sterilised examination kit designed for high-risk patients, domiciliary visits, or in situations where an autoclave has broken down. The small sterile package contains a tray with disposable instruments including a stainless steel explorer probe, tweezers and mirror. Also included are a patient bib, a napkin, two cotton wool rolls and two latex-free 'ear loop' masks. The kits stack neatly for easy storage and are available in compact boxes of 50. For further information contact KerrHawke on 01733 892 292.



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