Air-Flow perio: biofilm removal to the base of the pocket

by Electro Medical Systems

According to the manufacturer, the innovative Air-Flow handy perio is the first and only portable perio device that enables safe and effective removal of subgingival biofilm. Based on the successful Air-Flow handy 2 series and the Air-Flow Master, which was awarded an innovation prize, this handpiece again provides the dentist with an ergonomic masterpiece that EMS says is ideal for treating patients and riders of the pocket.

Atlas Denture Comfort secures new or existing dentures

by Dentatus USA

Dentists often don’t look forward to having patients with dentures, according to Paul Honnoly, DDS, president of Holmody Communications. When asked why, he replied that the procedure leaves both dentist and patient feeling bereft of lasting solutions: there is continuous need for repeated visits to the dentist for adjustments; patients endure discomfort and, worse yet, experience difficulty with everyday functions such as speaking, chewing, smiling or laughing. Even unwanted sounds, such as clicking or whistling, may be heard coming from the dentures.

All of this leaves people wearing conventional dentures feeling insecure and self-conscious. Denture wearers of any age could find themselves changing their daily routine—even choosing to avoid eating because of discomfort or embarrassment. This is endured because the one alternative they may have—changing their conventional dentures into implant-supported dentures—has historically been out of their reach because of high prevailing costs, painful and inconvenient surgical procedures or limitations in the width of their ridges.

Atlas Denture Comfort is a simple solution that was developed by Dentatus USA. This affordable, one-hour, chairside procedure will soon be the industry standard for securing and retaining either a patient’s new or existing dentures. Atlas implants, approved for marketing by the FDA, are suitable for retaining lower dentures economically, regardless of the patient’s age. The Denture Comfort Procedure consists of placing four Atlas narrow-body titanium alloy implants into the edentulous jaw anterior to the mental foramen. Then, Denture Comfort’s cushioning silicone, Tufl-Ink®, is expelled into the denture to fit snugly over and around the short, dome-shaped heads of the Atlas implants so that the denture can be securely and confidently retained. The result is a comfortable fit and optimal retention, all without surgery, bleeding and without bank-breaking expense.

Atlas Denture Comfort is the only system on the market today that eliminates the hardware typically associated with over dentures. The Atlas System uses no O-rings, no housings and no adhesives. The unique Tufl-Link silicone retainer provides the retention to the implants for a stress-free denture, easy insertion, retention and removal.

This minimally invasive technique is easy for dentists to learn and implement, and may change the lives of your patients.

Henry Schein provides health care products for relief after flooding in Pakistan

by Henry Schein, Inc.

MELVILLE, NY, USA: Henry Schein, Inc. (Nasdaq: HSIC), is working with its non-governmental organization (NGO) partners—Direct Relief, International Medical Corps, Americares and Heart—to deliver essential health care supplies to victims of the devastating floods in Pakistan, which left more than a thousand dead, an estimated four million homeless and more than 15 million people affected.

The disaster response effort is part of Henry Schein Cares, the Company’s global social responsibility program. To aid in the immediate response to emergencies around the world, Henry Schein Cares aligns with international relief organizations and ensures that these organizations consistently have Henry Schein health care products in their warehouses ready to go when disasters strike.

“Coordination of relief efforts to areas affected by disaster is essential and we applaud the work of our NGO partners that are working with local organizations on the ground in Pakistan where health care facilities were destroyed and ensuring that donated health care supplies are being used effectively and efficiently,” said Stanley M. Bergman, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Henry Schein. “Henry Schein’s work to help the people of Pakistan is part of our ongoing commitment to give back to society, which has marked our Company for nearly eight decades. As we have grown into a multinational corporation, the scope of this responsibility has grown proportionately.”

To enable Team Schein Members and others outside of the Company to support relief efforts in a coordinated way, the Company also has established a Pakistan Flood Relief Fund through the Henry Schein Cares Foundation. Henry Schein will match all donations contributed to this fund by Team Schein Members and the proceeds will be applied directly and completely to relief efforts. Anyone wishing to contribute to this fund should make the check payable to Henry Schein Cares Foundation with Pakistan Flood Relief Fund noted in the memo of the check.

Zimmer Dental offers Hex Drivers with GemLock Technology

by Zimmer Dental

Zimmer Dental is offering what it calls “Innovative Restorative technology.” 1.25mm D Hex Drivers with GemLock Technology for improved retention and performance. The drivers feature predictable and secure locking technology for improved retention; user-friendly, larger handle for confident grip; and titanium and stainless steel for strength and durability.

The drivers are available in two sizes for use in anterior and posterior of the mouth: short (22mm) and long (35mm).

The 1.25mm Hex Drivers with GemLock Retention are designed for use with all Zimmer screws and components with a 1.25mm (0.50-inch) internal hex. The user-friendly tools are available in two sizes and feature the GemLock Technology, which utilizes a spring-loaded synthetic ruby in the shaft of the driver to provide improved retention.

Henry Schein Cares helps health happen by expanding access to care to at-risk populations through the support of communities and not-for-profit organizations dedicated to increasing preventative care, treatment and the delivery of health education. In addition to enhancing emergency preparedness and relief, activities supported by Henry Schein Cares focus on advancing wellness and building capacity in the delivery of health care services. Henry Schein Cares’ Global Product Donation programme also provides a broad selection of health care products and supplies to approximately 100 community medical, dental and animal health organizations in the United States.