FKG Dentaire launches first anatomic finisher for root canal treatments

By FKG

The latest innovation from FKG Dentaire lets practitioners treat complex root canal systems and clean once impossible-to-reach areas with minimal impact on the dentine. Made with a highly flexible Ni-Ti-based alloy, the XP-endo Finisher follows the contours of the canal with an improved reach of 6mm in diameter—or 100-fold that of a standard instrument of the same size.

“With the XP-endo Finisher, we can finally solve a common problem for dentists,” said Thierry Bosaller, CEO of FKG Dentaire, one of the world’s leading manufacturers of endodontic instruments. “They’ll now be able to reduce the risk of future infection by offering patients a deeper cleaning for a better root canal treatment.”

Studies using micro CT technologies show that standard NiTi files manage to clean just 45 to 55 per cent of the canal walls, leaving debris and bacteria to accumulate in areas left untouched. However complex the morphology of the canal, dentists can use the XP-endo Finisher following a root canal preparation starting at diameter ISO 25. A unique FKG alloy, the MaxWire (Martensite-Austenite electropolish-flex), gives the instrument unparalleled flexibility so it can remove debris from those hard-to-reach areas, while limiting the impact on the dentine.

“Now (the canal) is cleaner, perhaps two to three times compared to the conventional techniques we have today,” said Dr. Gilberto Debelian, Norway.

The instrument also features a strong resistance to instrument fatigue, thanks to its zero taper design, and is simple enough for dentists to quickly learn to use.

The XP-endo Finisher joins a growing list of innovative high-precision products patented by FKG Dentaire to meet the most demanding needs of general practitioners and endodontists around the world.

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Interview with Dr. Martin Trope

By Dental Tribune MEA/CAPPmen

Dental Tribune MEA has the pleasure to interview Dr. Martin Trope, past Endo program director at University of Pennsylvania, and chairman of the Endo division at Temple University Dental School and University of North Carolina Dental School. Dr. Trope was also the Director of the American Board of Endodontics.

Dental Tribune MEA: Dr. Martin Trope, you have lectured and provided training in the Middle East several times. What is your experience and feeling of the level of Endodontics in the MEA region?

Dr. Martin Trope: The level of the dentists who have attended my courses is very high. I don’t really know the general level of endodontics in each country. The variability comes in what the dentist can afford in terms of cutting edge technology. In some countries the fees charged for root canal treatment limits what the dentist can afford. This is a universal problem so not limited to the Middle East.

How important is it for a dentist to specialize, particularly in Endodontics and what is the reason you chose to do so?

There are some cases that require additional expertise. I don’t think it is important for a dentist to specialize but to recognize those cases where a specialist is needed. I like to do one thing well so endodontics suits my character although I must admit sometimes it can be very tedious.

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