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**Build healthy habits for life with Philips this World Oral Health Day**

**By Philips**

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World Oral Health Day allows us to engage and encourage people to think about their oral health and understand the positive impact it has on their overall health and well-being,” said Fijbert van Acht, CEO, Philips Health & Wellness. “Increasing education around the importance of looking after oral health is one of our key goals and we are committed to bringing meaningful innovation to address global societal needs. At Philips, we are actively promoting the link between oral and overall health to help improve people’s lives.”

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**Thank you Dr. Aisha, we wish you and team good luck in the awareness campaign!**

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Mirror mirror on the wall who has the whitest teeth of all...

The American Dental Association asked consumers what would they most like to improve about their smile, and the reply was whiter teeth. This is in line with the research we have conducted, that shows a clear trend that more consumers are concerned with their teeth’s appearance.

The basic need for clean teeth has evolved into clean and white teeth. Supporting the macro health and beauty trends, consumers want to live better lives that also last longer. Yellow teeth are associated with poor personal hygiene and are also considered a sign of aging.

As we age our teeth naturally become yellower. The outer layer of our enamel gradually breaks down, exposing the under-layer, called dentin, which is naturally yellower than enamel. We can take care of our enamel by brushing with a soft toothbrush, not brushing too hard, and using a toothpaste that is also gentle and kind to our enamel.

Consumers are increasingly aware of stains that build up on their teeth by their diet. How much diet influences teeth stains, differs from market to market, but there is a general awareness around some of the main products that contribute to daily stain build up.

The trend in Norway is that more and more patients are asking their dentists for help when it comes to whitening. Whitening treatments at the dentist are by far the best choice. Not only are they safer, they are also tailor-made to the patient’s mouth. Prior to treatment, a check-up will ensure there are no untreated cavi ties if there. These should be filled prior to whitening applications. The treatments are, as a rule, more effective and quicker. It is important that the patients are informed that these will not work on crowns, fillings, caps or veneers. To ensure a good and lasting result it is also important to help them find the most effective routine for maintaining their new whit(ey) smile. Help your patients keep daily surface stains, sometimes referred to as extrinsic stains, in check.

Most dentists already recommend a soft toothbrush and are positive to gentle formulated whitening toothpastes (most commercial whitening toothpastes contain some level of silica to lift plaque and tar- tar during daily brushing sessions). There are also several toothbrushes that have specialized bristles that effectively lift stains.

The number one recommendation from dentists is to encourage their patients to floss once a day. Flossing before brushing will remove food particles and plaque between the teeth (where 30% of cavities start) and leave this space clean and receptive to fluoride treatment from the toothpaste. Using a straw could also be recommended if the patient has a high intake of caffein- ized drinks like coffee, tea, juices or carbonated drinks. Tobacco intake is also one of the worst offenders when it comes to staining teeth. Patients might experience some sensitivity post treatment, so it is also important to advise them on what to do should this happen to them.

Deeper stains, or intrinsic stains, are more difficult to remove. These can be caused by a past injury, use of certain medications and antibiot- ics and grey or dull teeth can also be hereditary. Teeth bleaching, using either a hydrogen or carbonate perox- ide will help break up these deeper stains into smaller, less colored pieces that will make the teeth appear brighter and whiter.

Consumers try whitening prod- ucts because they want whit(e) teeth. Many consumers are scepti- cal to the working power of whitening products. However, they buy them anyway as they feel they have nothing to lose! A whitening toothpaste gives them all the other ben- efits they need, for example: cavity protection and fresh breath, and on top of that they also get any whitening advantages that they might have missed out on if they choose a prod- uct without whitening claims. 27% of all toothpastes launched globally are whitening toothpastes. In compari- son only 5% of toothbrush launches are¹. These numbers are expected to keep growing, in line with an escalating trend of consumers wanting nice looking white teeth.

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By DTI

GENEVA, Switzerland: Every World Oral Health Day (WOHD), which is celebrated annually on 20 March around the world, is held under a new and specific theme. This year’s WOHD will focus on raising aware- ness of the link between good oral health and overall well-being, with the slogan “It all starts here: Healthy mouth, healthy body.”

Oral disease affects 3.9 billion people worldwide, with between 60 per cent and 90 per cent of children globally suffering from tooth decay. Yet, poor oral health goes far beyond the initial implications of dental disease and tooth decay. It has been associated with a number of health conditions, such as heart disease, pancreatic can- cer, pneumonia and lung disease. In a recent study, 40 per cent of people with serious periodontal disease also reported suffering from an addition- al chronic condition.

Despite these links, people are una- ware of the long lasting and wide- ranging effects of poor oral health. Therefore, WOHD 2016 will shed light on the importance of good oral health in a simple and engaging way, encouraging understanding, that good oral health is fundamentally intertwined with overall well-being.

The WOHD website, www.worldoralhealthday.org, focuses on com- municating that preventing, early detection and treatment are key to ensuring the best outcomes and re- ducing oral disease and associated health complications.

A series of dynamic and engaging material, including a global video, trend of consumer, media strat- egy and social media content have been designed to inspire people across the world to participate in the WOHD campaign and improve their oral health regime.

Dental professionals, companies and institutions that would like to be in- volved in this year’s WOHD activi- ties are invited to e-mail WOHD@ filmdentortal.org for a full campaign guide, which is available in English, French and Spanish and includes materials for download, such as poster visuals, social meme designs and information on the WOHD video and smartphone game.
Success with Air-Polishing

Christina Chatfield explains how she has embraced air-polishing for both stain and biofilm removal

By Christina Chatfield, UK

When I opened Dental Health Spa in 2007, I wanted to market something different to the Brighton consumer that other dental practices were not offering. I went out to interesting patients, so I invested in two air-polishing units. Was it new? No, it had been around for 30 years, so just about my entire clinical life. In fact, way back in 1989, I had one in my practice, where I had a nurse all the time, but I knew nothing about it other than it tasted foul, was messy and a nightmare to maintain (or so I had heard). No one had shown me how to use it. I had never been taught anything about it during my training at dental school – my boss did not tell me, or indicate to me why I had one. Yet air-polishing is the very thing that I have used to build my practice over the last seven years. All technology evolves, from twin tubs to automatic washing machines, manual toothbrushes to the all singing, oscillating, pulsating and sonic technology we have today. Things improve because research shows us what we want or need more. It’s about comfort, aesthetics, health and feeling good.

Move forward 30 years with EMS and we can see how the powders have evolved, enhancing comfort, efficacy and we can see how the powders have evolved, enhancing comfort, efficacy and tenaciously, removal of biofilm.

Some of my patients say their teeth are sensitive. The sensitivity they commonly refer to is from sub- and supra-gingivally. I am referring to our recall and maintenance patients or people with lots of stain. So, initially we thought of air-polishing for just stain removal. With the latest family of powders, there are options from the larger grain size of classic sodium bicarbonate (at 65 microns) to smaller particle size of only 14 microns) for the removal of supra-gingival plaque and heavy extrinsic staining with a fresh lemon taste.

And for the whole mouth, the Plus powder, with erythritol, is great both sub- and supra-gingivally. This extra fine particle size of only 14 microns makes it great to use on all the soft tissues, including the tongue and in pockets, disrupting and killing biofilm and removing stain. This can be used on both dentine and composites too. So, one powder that does everything and no changing of powder!

Case studies - The proof is in the pudding

1. Hamish (Figures 1–5): worn lower anterior, dentine exposed, heavily restored and crowned posterior upper and lower dentition, perio good, no calculus, lots of stain.

2. Ben (Figures 6–7): he continued to lose attachment and mobility despite ongoing periodontal treatment. He is an unresponsive, chronic, generalised, severe periodontitis case. He has previously seen a periodontist, had been treated non-surgically more than 24 hours under local anaesthetic (LA) and combined antibiotic therapy. I treated Ben in practice with Air-Flow/Air-Flow, purely for biofilm management. He was assessed at eight weeks and surgical intervention was decided for the upper left quadrant and a Michigan splint to replace his existing soft splint.

Market your product

Once you have a great product, you need to keep up-to-date and, like anything else, you need to market it. I use radio advertising to market air-polishing and flyers, which I am about to update and introduce Air-Flow as our premium service. We are launching a Spa Plan for both our dental and our hygiene only clients and will be offering this premium service to our Spa Plan members. I bought the Air-Flow Master Piezon, having listened to the lectures at Europerio 7, mainly for my perio and implant patients. I now have two additional hygienists working alongside me. We have the Air-Flow Master Piezon in one of the surgeries, which means I now need another because we all see the benefits and it is key for developing my Spa Plan client database. I have additional marketing support from Dental Beauty TV that means my website is being updated with fantastic video clips, which in turn improves the Google search engine, and these can also be sent out as a download in newsletters.

Hands-on courses are essential to understand how to use it in practical terms to both use and maintain Air-Flow and Perio-Flow. Sharing experiences with other colleagues will help you develop skills and ideas as to how to market them and up sell to your existing clients.
Providing thorough oral hygiene instructions in a clinical setting

By Theodora Little, UK

“iTOP” stands for “individually trained oral prophylaxis”. You may argue that hygienists deliver this to their patients all the time, right? Unfortunately, with the time constraints placed upon hygienists in the UK, with 30- or 20-minute appointments and many without a nurse, the burning question is, how are we supposed to give patients the essential care, as well as effectively provide thorough oral hygiene instructions?

We mention time and time again that we strive for prevention and that this is key, but unfortunately all there is time for is a scale and polish with a little oral hygiene instruction. We are thus placed in a vicious cycle of patients returning for each appointment with the same oral hygiene as before. Habits remain unchanged. At Curaden Dental Clinic, my hygiene appointments last a minimum of 1 hour. Curaden is a Swiss company, so this is something of the norm for it. The company takes great pride in offering high-quality products and services to patients, which is also why we recommend CURAPROX products. It is not just about their vibrant colours, which initially attract attention, naturally, there is more to the products than meets the eye. CURAPROX uses CUREN filaments instead of nylon, and their manual toothbrush contains 5460 filaments—approximately 4,500 more than the average manual toothbrush. All of this is included in iTOP, since they only use the best in their training for dental professionals.

I suppose many will say I am lucky to be able to offer hour appointments, but as a practice we want the best for our patients. Our practice focuses on prevention, and it is necessary to give time to our patients to achieve this. On occasion, the whole hour is used for iTOP training only, with my main emphasis on educating the patient, starting with the basics. I will discuss products in depth with the patient, giving him or her the full knowledge to understand the benefits of these. I will also brush for the patient, starting with the basics. I will discuss toothpastes and mouthwashes, explaining the advantages and disadvantages, and how to gain the most benefit from them.

You may question why you need iTOP training, since surely you learnt all of these skills at university? You would think that in training to be a hygienist and therapist, the most basic training given would include correct and efficient brushing of teeth. I am somewhat ashamed to say that not once during my time at university did we have extra oral demonstration with a manual, electric, sonic or any other toothbrush. Certainly, we had a lecture on the different types of toothbrushing techniques used in the past and the techniques we should use now, and were then told verbally how to use these techniques. We also received slide show lectures from company representatives who left us some samples, but did anyone actually teach me how to brush effectively? How do you really know until you feel? You’re just supposed to know, right? Who taught me? My parents? And who taught them? Is it just expected that we should know this basic oral hygiene care? Is it just common knowledge? I think not, as I treat many patients young and old and they still do not know how to brush correctly. I was trained as a hygienist and therapist and I did not know, nor was I shown at university, until you feel? You’re just supposed to know, right? Who taught me? My parents? Is it just expected that we should know this basic oral hygiene care? Is it just common knowledge? I think not, as I treat many patients young and old and they still do not know how to brush correctly. I was trained as a hygienist and therapist and I did not know, nor was I shown at university.

I have now completed my iTOP beginner and advanced courses and will hopefully attend the teachers’ seminar later this year. Going through this programme, I started to realise that correct, effective and thorough toothbrushing is an art, and it should not be dismissed so easily. It is also something that should not be rushed; great care and time do need to be taken to change a patient’s habits. Of course, many may argue that patients will not want to spend x amount to receive oral hygiene instructions and that one cannot teach an old dog new tricks. I agree to an extent; however, once one has gained a patient’s trust and he or she understands the value of this service, the patient will be more than happy to accept. We all understand how important it is to communicate well with our patients, and this combined with sufficient working time, allowing for iTOP, is one of the greatest factors. Not only am I my patients satisfied, happy and grateful, they are also shocked that they have never had training on how to brush properly. As a hygienist and therapist, I too gain enormous job satisfaction and can honestly say I love what I do.

I would encourage my fellow dental colleagues not to disregard the importance of being taught how to brush correctly until you have had iTOP training. It opened my eyes and made me feel the difference, and now I can pass my oral hygiene knowledge on to my patients, because I believe my service should include more than just cleaning their teeth for them.