The Clip Mirror: Increasing productivity and easing daily physical stressors

An interview with dental hygienist Patricia Blundon, Canada

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Dental hygienist Patricia Blundon is the developer of a mirror that clips on to a saliva ejector to aid dental hygienists, therapists and assistants in treating patients. In response to growing demand for the Dental Hygiene Clip Mirror, she has introduced the device to the US market and plans to expand her business globally. Dental Tribune Online spoke with Blundon, who has 30 years’ experience and graduated from the Algonquin College of Applied Arts and Technology in Ottawa, to learn more about the mirror.

Helping to improve treatment has always been important in dentistry. Why did you decide on developing the Clip Mirror and set-tings or compromised patients. I chose the brighter size 5 titanium mirror, as the standard rhodium mirror, in brightness and quality in comparison, and then decided to encourage dental care providers to try various products to find what works best for them to help maintain proper posture, as we all know dentistry can take a huge toll on one’s body.

What has user feedback been so far?
Feedback on the Clip Mirror has been great, and for those who have struggled in the past, like I have, with no help from a dental nurse or assistant, it has been a great body and time saver. Many report finding it very helpful when they have a patient who cannot recline and need to scale the maxillary lingual surface. I have received some feedback requesting a smaller mirror size for use with patients with a narrow or smaller arch and will be introducing the Clip Mirror MINI in the near future.

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HONG KONG: For the first time ever, Asia played host to an Osteology Research Academy Course. Held from 3–6 June in Hong Kong, the Core Module Course received enthusiastic feedback from participants and presenters alike, the Osteology Foundation stated.

The four-day course, which was jointly organised by the foundation and the University of Hong Kong’s Faculty of Dentistry, brought together 33 participants from 11 different countries, including Australia, China, Japan, Malaysia, South Korea, Taiwan and the UK. Equally international were the presenters, who came from Germany, Japan, Hong Kong, South Korea, Spain and Switzerland.

In lectures and workshops, the participants elaborated on all kinds of topics related to the field of dental and craniofacial research, including good research practice, methodology and design, as well as strategies to obtain research funding and managing research communication.

Designed for postgraduates and dentists who are more scientifically inclined, the research-focused educational courses are available as core and expert modules. So far, more than 200 young clinicians from all over the world have participated in the programme.

More information about the registration process, study grants and upcoming courses can be found at www.osteology.org/education/research-academy/.

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