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Innovative nano-technology for high-quality standard treatment

The New Tetric N Family of Products from Ivoclar Vivadent

With the Tetric N family of products, Ivoclar Vivadent is introducing innovative nano-optimized restoration system for high-quality standard restorations. The letter ‘N’ refers to what is new: the nano-optimized technology, on which the Tetric N family of products is based.

Tetric N-Ceram— the new universal composite

Tetric N-Ceram is a further development of the popular Tetric Ceram. Tetric N-Ceram is a universal composite for high-quality standard restorations in the anterior and posterior region. Important properties have been further improved with the help of nanotechnology. These properties include reduced shrinkage, lower wear and enhanced polishment.

Tetric N-Flow— the new flowable composite

The flowable composite Tetric N-Flow is based on 10 years of tradition and the clinical performance of its predecessor Tetric Flow. As it offers excellent handling properties and an exceptionally high level of radiopacity, it is the ideal complement to Tetric N-Ceram. Because of the material’s outstanding wetting ability, it is particularly suitable for use as a cavity liner. At the same time, the material offers the stability required for Class V restorations.

Tetric N-Bond— the new nano-optimized adhesive

Tetric N-Bond is a light-curing single-component bonding agent for enamel and dentin bonding in conjunction with the total etch technique. Due to the nanotechnology employed and the acetone-free formulation, postoperative sensitivity is less frequent. At the same time, it enables a durable bond to be established between the restorative material and the dental hard tissues. Tetric N-Bond is suitable both for direct and indirect restorative procedures after prior light polymerization.

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Kodak to sell health group to Onex

Eastman Kodak Company has entered into an agreement to sell its health group to Onex Corporation, a subsidiary of Onex Corporation, for as much as $2.55 billion. Executives of Kodak and within Kodak’s health group say the business will continue to introduce new imaging products for the dental market, and the unit’s fiscal and technological resources will be strengthened by the acquisition.

The new business will be named Carestream Health, Inc., Onex announced Jan. 30. The $1.15 billion sale, expected to close in the first half of 2007, is subject to receipt of regulatory approvals.

“This is a great opportunity to acquire and grow a business that has established an impressive record in delivering innovative solutions to customers around the world,” said Craig L. Leibow, managing director of Onex, noted in a release. “Kodak’s health group has an exceptionally strong management team and we share this team’s vision for the future. We recognize that growth is critical and that digital technology is the future, and we believe strongly that customers and employees must continue to be a top priority.”

In an exclusive interview with Dental Tribune (Endo Tribune’s sister publication), Le Blanc and Kevin Hobert, president of Kodak’s health group, say that as a division of Onex, the business will continue to emphasize R&D and new product development.

“The dental market is a great one for us,” Hobert says. “We’re one of the largest imaging companies in the world. We intend to strengthen our position in the market.”

Onex, based in Toronto, has annual consolidated revenues of roughly $250 million ($17 billion) and consolidated assets also around $250 million. It has global businesses in healthcare, service, manufacturing and technology industries. The company’s healthcare operations include emergency care facilities and diagnostic imaging clinics.

The business being acquired by Onex has around 8,100 employees and yearly revenue of nearly $2.54 billion. It generates almost one-fifth of Kodak’s overall sales, but its operating profit fell sharply over the last two years. The companies expect the health group’s employees to stay with the business after the sale closes. The deal includes an office building in Rochester, N.Y., as well as facilities for manufacturing health imaging products.

The sale is expected to close in the first half of 2007, provided regulatory and other approvals are met. The $2.55 billion price includes $2.25 billion in cash at closing, as well as up to $200 million in future payments if Onex achieves certain revenue targets relative to its investment. If Onex Healthcare investors realize an internal rate of return in excess of 25 percent on their investment, Kodak will receive payment equal to 25 percent of the excess return—as much as $200 million.

Sunstar Announces Recipients of First World Dental Hygienists’ Awards

Chicago (May 1, 2007) - Sunstar Americas has announced, in providing advanced oral care products for both professionals and consumers alike, the winners of the first World Dental Hygienists’ Awards.

Sponsored by the Sunstar Foundation for Oral Health, the awards were created to recognize and encourage dental hygienists and students of dental hygiene who have made great contributions to the community of dentistry, their profession, and the public in general.

Award winners were chosen from papers submitted to a collaborating sponsor of the health, the International Journal of Dental Hygiene. Submissions were divided into three award categories: research paper on dentistry, report of activities that contribute in the promotion of oral health, and activity report or essay written by dental hygiene students on dental hygiene or volunteer work.

The award recipients are as follows:

- Research Category: "Risk for development of atherosclerosis in women with high amount of dental plaque and severe gingival inflammation," Birgitta Soder and MaHa Yacob from the Karolinska Institute, Sweden.
- Project Category: "The experience of a Canadian dental hygienist in the Dominican Republic," Elina Katman from Toronto, Canada reports on the activities carried out by "Sonrisas" to promote oral health.
- Student Category: "Dental hygiene residential care in a 3-year dental hygiene education program in Japan," Towards dysphagia management based on the dental hygiene process of care," Tomomi Nishimura, Chisuga Takahashi, and Eri Takahashi from the Myuji Advanced Dental Hygienist College, Japan.

The World Dental Hygienists Awards are granted and selected by a screening committee, and will be conducted every three years. A commemorative trophy is awarded for each recipient, as well as a cash prize, which will be distributed as follows: Research Category: $5,000; Project Category: $3,000; Student Category: $2,000.

The award ceremony will take place at the IFDH (International Federation of Dental Hygienists) Symposium on Thursday, July 19th, at the Westin Harbour Castle in Toronto, Canada.

About Sunstar

Sunstar is a company founded in Japan with worldwide sales of over $1 billion. The company has offices in 15 countries and four major geographic divisions, which serves North and South America, Sunstar’s mission is to enhance the health and well-being of people everywhere via its four business areas: Mouth and Body, Health and Beauty, Healthy Home, and Safety and Technology. The company continues its global partnership with dentistry to develop a better understanding of the health-behavioral-oral health relationship, general health, and quality of life. Sunstar’s well-known Butler* brand of professional dental products and GUM® brand of patient oral hygiene products have been two of the dental profession’s most trusted and recommended brands for over 80 years. Butler and GUM product concepts are in development with dental professionals and are manufactured to the highest quality standards, ensuring product excellence and patient satisfaction.

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