Curve Dental receives ‘best of class’ technology award

Curve Dental, developers of Web-based dental software announced the company was one of 13 companies to receive the Pride Institute’s Best of Class Technology Award for 2010. Curve Dental was a winner in the emerging technology class.

“We’re honored to have been selected by the Pride Institute and recognized for the accomplishments we have made in dental software,” said Dave Pack, CEO of Curve Dental. “We like nothing more than to create web-based tools that improve productivity, are more flexible to the doctor’s lifestyle and much more convenient. A web-based platform lets us think outside the box and deliver on our promise to provide a fresh alternative to dental software.

“And as a result, doctors every day are choosing Curve Dental over traditional software because they see us as a solution with less stress and more freedom. Pride Institute’s acknowledgment of what we are bringing to dentistry is a major achievement for Curve Dental.”

A panel of dental technology experts, organized by the Pride Institute, a dental practice management consulting firm based in Novato, Calif., placed Curve Dental on the list of winners in the emerging technologies class.

The winning companies and their products were chosen through an unbiased, rigorous assessment selection process in conjunction with a distinguished panel of known technology experts. The winning technologies were selected by majority vote and divided into four categories: foundational, diagnostic, therapeutic and emerging.

The Pride Institute Best of Class Technology awards were launched in 2009 as a new concept to provide an unbiased, non-profit assessment of available technologies in the dental space. Winners of the award are invited to participate in a technology fair showcased at the American Dental Association’s annual meeting.

“We deeply felt a gap in the area of technology education and integration,” said Lou Shuman, DMD, CAGS, President of the Pride Institute. “We feel the technology awards are fair and are an ideal model to fill that gap. Pride Institute’s commitment is to provide the finest information and counsel in all areas of practice management.”

The panel consists of seven dentists with significant knowledge of and experience in dental technology, including Dr. Shuman; John Flucke, DDS, writer, speaker and technology editor for Dental Products Report; Paul Child, DMD, CDT, CEO of Clinician’s Report; Titus Schleyer, DMD, PhD, associate professor and director, Center for Dental Informatics at the University of Pittsburg, School of Dental Medicine; Marty Jablokow, DMD, technology writer and speaker; Para Kachalia, DDS, assistant professor of restorative dentistry at the University of the Pacific, School of Dentistry; and Larry Emmott, DDS, technology writer, speaker and dental marketing consulting.

“I feel very fortunate that a panel of this magnitude has agreed to contribute to the selection process,” said Dr. Shuman.

About Curve Dental

Founded in 2005, Curve Dental provides web-based dental software and related services to dental practices within the United States and Canada. The company is privately held, headquartered in Orem, Utah, with offices in Calgary, Canada and Dunedin, New Zealand. Dentists can call (888) 910-4576 or visit www.curvedental.com for more information.

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The Pulpdent website now includes case studies from Save That Tooth, the popular book by Pulpdent founder Dr. Harold Berk. The excerpts describe evidence-based, research-supported techniques for treating the vital pulp and the pulpless tooth.

Case studies on the site include “Congenital Defect, Youngest Pulpotomy Case Ever Reported” (Baby Gilbert), “Traumatic Injury” (Johnny the Newspaper Boy), and “Ectopic Eruption of a Dilacerated Central Incisor” (Kirk). The online content can be accessed at www.pulpdent.com.

Berk practiced dentistry for nearly 65 years and taught on the faculty of Tufts University School of Dental Medicine from 1946 to 2005. Save That Tooth contains his clinical memoirs and chronicles the original research in vital pulp therapy and root canal therapy, the techniques he pioneered and some of the fascinating and often complicated cases that were routinely treated by this most talented of educators and dental practitioners.