A new video dispels myths about root canal treatment

A new video from the American Association of Endodontists addresses the safety of root canal treatment. In the video, practicing endodontists Dr. Milton L. Davenport and Dr. Nermeen M. Moussa of Chicago debunk century-old claims that root canal treatment can lead to disease.

“There is a lot of misinformation online about the safety of root canal treatment, and sensational headlines tend to attract attention,” explained AAE President Dr. Robert S. Roda, an endodontist in Scottsdale, Ariz. “The AAE developed this video to help concerned patients understand that there is no valid, scientific evidence linking root canal treatment to other diseases.”

The video was unveiled by AAE during Root Canal Awareness Week, which was held March 22-28.

Dental professionals are encouraged to share this video with patients who may ask questions about the safety and effectiveness of root canal treatment.

The video and other authoritative and reliable information addressing the safety of root canal treatment are available at www.aae.org/rootcanalsafety.

“The AAE asks everyone in the dental industry to be an advocate for good dental health and share information about root canal safety and the importance of saving the natural dentition,” Roda said. “As dental professionals, we know there is no evidence of a link between root canal treatment and cancer. It is in the best interest of patients to understand the advancements in modern dentistry that make endodontic treatment predictable, effective and successful.”

Held annually by the AAE, Root Canal Awareness Week is a nationwide effort to dispel myths surrounding root canal treatment and encourage general dentists to involve endodontists in case assessment and treatment planning to save patients’ natural teeth.

Dental professionals who wish to help promote Root Canal Awareness Week may use an AAE poster in offices and clinics and share the AAE’s root canal safety and many other treatment videos available on the AAE YouTube channel.

More information is available at www.aae.org/rcaw, and dental professionals are also invited to follow the AAE on Facebook and Twitter or search for #root-canal.

(Source: AAE)
Global Surgical unveils A-Series microscope

Global Surgical Corporation, a company known as a leader in dental microscopes, unveiled its new A-Series™ microscope. “Global’s latest technological advancement sets the standard in dental microscopy,” the company said. The new microscope is making its debut in Seattle, May 6-9, at AAE15, the annual meeting of the American Association of Endodontists. Designed by dentists for dentists, the new A-Series microscope features the intuitive AXIS™ Control System. Offering a greater range of motion from a single point of reference, the A-Series is easier to maneuver than any other brand, according to the company.

Features include the brightest LED light source available and a new Multi-Focal Lens. The MFL provides an enhanced range of fine focus adjustment. Once gross focus is achieved, the fine focus can be adjusted up to 150 mm without moving the microscope head. There is no need to adjust the binoculars or move the scope, keeping you “in the zone” while maintaining a healthy ergonomic position.

Global Surgical is committed to providing the best microscope experience in the dental market. The company’s products are used in universities and learning facilities worldwide, and employees pride themselves in offering knowledgeable customer service and prompt technical support.

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Global Surgical is headquartered in St. Louis. Its products are the only microscopes manufactured in the USA. Global Surgical encourages dental professionals to “discover the advantages” of these dental microscopes by contacting their representatives or by calling (616) 861-3388. Information is also available online at www.globalsurgical.com.

Micro-Evac tips, color-coded syringes

Vista Dental Products recently introduced its new Micro-Evac™ tips. This flexible, narrow tip was designed to easily navigate curved canals during endodontic aspiration. Vista’s Micro-Evac tips include HVE luer adaptors, for the fast and efficient removal of moisture from canals. Micro-Evac tips virtually eliminate the need for paper points. Micro-Evac features Vista’s Secure-Lock™ threads to lock the tip in place for increased safety and ease of use.

Vista also recently expanded its line of luer-lock syringes, now offering 12 cc and 3 cc color-coded syringes. These luer-lock syringes provide a fast and easy way to organize and identify irrigants and solutions helping to reduce incidences of syringe swap. The tips offer increased safety at no added cost. They are latex-free and available in four easy-to-identify colors: blue, red, yellow and white. See Vista Dental Products at AAE15, booth No. 825.

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Micro-Evac tips and aspirator, left, and 3 cc color-coded syringes.

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This sealer may be used with any obturation method — warm, heated or cold. It is available in a package of two mixing syringes (item No. 102501R). Each syringe contains 15 g of material. Also available are mix tips for the syringes packaged 40 per box (item No. 102502R). The 360° Flex mix tips rotate 360 degrees for easy maneuvering, enabling doctors to place the sealer directly in the root canal system at any angle.

2Seal easymiX is available from any authorized Roydent distributor. More information is available at (800) 992-7767 or roydent.com. You can also visit the company at AAE15, booth No. 217.

(Source: Roydent Dental Products)

Munce Discovery Burs

Available from CJM Engineering, Munce Discovery Burs™ are designed to be the answer to calcified canals, uncovering hidden canals, troughing the isthmus and cement-line dissection around posts. The long, narrow yet stiff shafts are designed to provide an excellent view corridor and ensure positive control, with the familiar tactile feedback of round burs. The carbide tips enable post-core-out and broken or cross-threaded implant screw drill-out.

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Dr. C. John Munce invented Munce Discovery Burs in 2004, after he noticed a lack of an economical and efficient alternative to ultrasonic tips. Today, he provides the burs to clinicians worldwide via his family-owned company, CJM Engineering. The company began in 1997 with Munce’s first patented invention, the Root Canal Projectors.

Munce enjoys lecturing worldwide, has a full-time clinical practice in Santa Barbara and Solvang, Calif., has contributed to numerous textbooks and is an endodontic faculty member at both Loma Linda University and USC schools of dentistry.

CJM Engineering will have an exhibit booth at AAE15, the annual session of the American Association of Endodontists, being held May 6-9 in Seattle. It will be the first time the company is exhibiting at AAE. Dental professionals are invited to stop by booth No. 835 to speak with Munce and to learn more about the features of the Munce Discovery Burs.

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