Heading into the future

ADHA Center for Lifelong Learning and 91st Annual Session looks to the next century of dental hygiene

The American Dental Hygienists’ Association (ADHA) is hoping to help transition the dental hygiene profession into the second century here at the 2014 ADHA Center for Lifelong Learning (CLL) and 91st Annual Session with courses and exhibits that are both informative and interesting.

“There are six fantastic continuing education (C.E.) tracks designed to meet the needs of all oral health professionals,” said ADHA President Denise Bowers, RDH, PhD. “There is an amazing exhibit hall featuring the industry’s top dental companies. There are also various receptions and networking opportunities where you can celebrate accomplishments of your colleagues, reconnect with past friends and develop new relationships.”

Providing oral health education to Las Vegas’ homeless youth

On Wednesday, the ADHA’s Community Service Day, the organization and hygienists, with sponsorship from the Wrigley Company Foundation and support from numerous corporate partners, demonstrated their commitment to giving back to the community by providing oral health education to homeless teenagers in Las Vegas. Dental manufacturers 3M ESPE, ACT, Colgate, Crest Oral-B, Hu-Friedy, Johnson & Johnson and Premier all donated to ensure the youths received home-care products to reinforce what they learned at the event.

“Dental hygienists are proud to give back to our communities as volunteer oral health professionals,” said ADHA President Denise Bowers, RDH, PhD. “Community Service Day affords us the tremendous opportunity to do just that. Together, we can make a difference.”

The dental hygienists were bussed to the Shannon West Homeless Youth Center, a residential facility for teenagers who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Using educat
Within those six C.E. tracks, more than 30 C.E. programs will be offered during the CCL portion of the event, including five sessions featuring either hands-on or interactive elements. Programs will include trends in periodontology, comprehensive health prevention for older adults, new curricular domains and models for dental-hygiene education and management of dental pain. The courses can be taken in specific tracks or attendees can mix things up, depending on their focus and educational needs. A specific track for dental-hygiene students also is available.

In addition to the educational sessions and nationally known presenters speaking at this year’s event, the CCL also features a product exhibition hall showcasing nearly 120 companies involved in oral health and dental hygiene.

And for the fifth consecutive year, the exhibit hall will feature the College of Southern Nevada Dental Hygiene Program’s Dream Center – an interactive, hands-on operatory experience that allows attendees to visit six different product stations where they can utilize the latest dental hygiene technology and equipment.

“We truly hope that everyone enjoys their time at the ADHA Center for Lifelong Learning and Annual Session,” said ADHA Executive Director Ann Battrell, MSDH. “Some of the best things about our meeting are the people who attend, as well as the conversations that emerge from our numerous networking sessions and social events.”

Annual session highlights organization’s renewed focus on the future

The ADHA 91st Annual Session House of Delegates officially takes place Sunday to Tuesday and will focus on the business-related activities of the organization, including forums, workshops and committee sessions centered on the ADHA’s critical role in representing more than 185,000 dental hygienists in the United States. Some business-meeting-related programs, such as the District Discussions and Association Update Workshop, begin on Saturday. The topic of the Association Update will be the ADHA’s discussion with the Federal Trade Commission about accreditation standards for dental therapy education programs and the resulting revision of the draft standards by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).

As a result of the ADHA’s outreach and education efforts, the FTC has circulated revised standards for dental therapy scope of practice and authority. CODA has circulated revised standards for comment and will be holding an open hearing on Saturday during the ADHA meeting. Meeting attendees will have the opportunity to share their concerns about the standards in the open hearing session, which takes place from 2:30–4 p.m. in the Forum 12 Ballroom at Caesars Palace.

Attendees will have the opportunity to work with each other and the organization as the ADHA builds on its new strategic plan focused on education, alliances and advocacy; its new core ideology to lead the transformation of the dental hygiene profession to improve the public’s oral and overall health; and its new vision statement, which says dental hygienists are integrated into the health-care delivery system as essential primary care providers to expand access to oral health care.

Other business meeting highlights include Executive Director Battrell’s annual report to the House of Delegates; a farewell address by ADHA President Bowers; and the installation luncheon, where President-Elect Kelli Swan-Jaacks will be installed as ADHA president.
Check out Gelato Prophy Paste, NiteBite

By Keystone Industries Staff

For Keystone Industries, 2014 is bringing a lot of excitement. Currently, the company is presenting its new packaging for its award-winning Gelato Prophy Paste while continuing a push on the anti-bruxing device NiteBite.

Recipient of Top Prophy paste awards for 2013 and 2014, Gelato Prophy Paste now has a great, fresh look to match the high-quality product. Performance is what makes Gelato great, with smooth, pliable and splatter-free application.

The 1.23 percent fluoride ion Gelato paste is perfect for high-luster polishing and stain removal, but it remains gentle enough on the enamel with minimal enamel loss.

Gelato paste comes in boxes of 200 individual disposable cups for convenient use. The disposable cups eliminate cross-contamination and include a prophy ring for ease of application on a patient’s teeth. For more options, the paste comes in 12-ounce jars (exports only).

The paste is available in four different grits (fine, medium, course and x-course) for various stain removal needs. Typically, hygienists use the fine grit for routine use, and the medium grit gives a little more stain removal power. The coarse pastes are required for removing moderate to heavy stains.

In addition to the multiple grits, Gelato Prophy Paste also comes in a large assortment of flavors, such as piña colada and orange sherbet. The line also has mint, cherry, bubble gum and raspberry to satisfy picky clients. The individual cups are clearly labeled for quick retrieval and application.

NiteBite

Another great Keystone product is NiteBite. Its special design and thin construction within the “freeway space” — the distance between the physiological rest position and the first point of contact of the upper and lower teeth — stops people from clenching and grinding their teeth.

NiteBite can also stop symptoms such as headaches and tooth and jaw pain.

This proprietary, patented and FDA-cleared device is the first bite-guard that functions within the patient’s freeway space.

NiteBite uses the jaw’s natural proprioceptive response to trigger the jaw-opening reflex. As the lower teeth approach contact with the NiteBite, the jaw-opening reflex returns the lower jaw to the physiological rest position where no teeth touch each other or the NiteBite.

The muscles relax, and NiteBite effectively relieves jaw, head and neck pain and associated symptoms of TMJ disorder.

Not only does the device work physiologically and simply, but it’s also easy to mold to the patient’s bite. In less than five minutes, a dentist or hygienist can heat the device and shape it to a patient’s front teeth.

Then the patient is ready to go home with his or her new NiteBite. It’s that simple.

Be sure to check out Keystone Industries during 2014 — a lot of exciting things are coming your way!
 Designs for Vision is excited to introduce the ULTRA Mini Telescopes here at ADHA’s 2014 CLL/Annual Session in booth No. 514. “This is a unique opportunity to reach an important target market to introduce a major optical innovation,” said Richard Feinbloom, president of Designs for Vision.

A pair of ULTRA Mini Telescopes weighs as little as 34 grams (1.2 ounces) and is 40 percent smaller in size than a pair of regular telescopes, allowing for easier peripheral vision. The ULTRA Mini Telescopes, like our world-renowned dental telescopes, provide 2.5x magnification that is fully customized to the individual user, providing ergonomic advantages to our customers,” Feinbloom said. “Designs for Vision matches the focal length of each telescope to the ideal working distance of our customers. This way, the depth of focus surrounds their ideal working distance instead of adapting to a pre-set focal length.

“We have been working with dentists and hygienists who required true 2.5x magnification but desired a lighter, smaller device for all-day use,” Feinbloom continued. “Designs for Vision wanted to design and engineer a full-feature system that offered all of the features our customers expect of a Designs for Vision product.

The ULTRA Mini Telescopes can be built into any of our frames, including our popular Nike® Skylon Ace sport frame, and are fully customized to each individual customer,” he said. “The lens system utilizes the same precision-coated optics as our traditional magnification systems. We can also accommodate eyeglass prescriptions into the ULTRA Mini Telescopes.”

Combining the ULTRA Mini Telescopes with either the LED DayLite® ULTRA Mini or NanoLite™ headlights provides contrast and further enhances visibility. The ULTRA Mini combo is a fraction of the weight of some other light/loupe combo systems on the market.

Designs for Vision, a small company that has been privately held since its founding in 1961, invented through-the-lens technology. As a business crafting products in the United States, the company takes pride in the connection with its customers that other corporations sometimes struggle to maintain.

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Dental isolation is one of the bedrock challenges in dentistry. The mouth is a difficult environment in which to work. It is wet and dark, the tongue is in the way, and there is the added humidity of breath, which all make dentistry more difficult.

Proper dental isolation and moisture control are two often overlooked factors that can affect the longevity of dental work—especially with today’s advanced techniques and materials. Leading dental isolation methods have long been the rubber dam or manual suction and retraction with the aid of cotton rolls and dry angles. Both of these methods are time and labor-intensive—and not particularly pleasant for the patient.

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The key to the technology is the “Isolation Mouthpiece.” Compatible with Isolite’s full line of products, the mouthpiece is the heart of the system. It is specifically designed and engineered around the anatomy and morphology of the mouth to accommodate every patient, from children to the elderly.

The single-use Isolation Mouthpieces are available in five sizes and position in seconds to provide complete, comfortable tongue and cheek retraction while also shielding the airway to prevent inadvertent foreign body aspiration. Constructed out of a polymeric material that is softer than gingival tissue, the mouthpieces provide significant safety advantages, and their ease-of-use can boost your practice’s efficiency, results and patient satisfaction.

Whether you use the Isolite, Isodry or our new Isovac, our mouthpieces keep the working field as dry as a rubber dam but are easier, faster, safer and more comfortable for the patient. The safety advantages and ease of use will boost your practice’s efficiency, results and patient satisfaction.

Isolite Systems provides three state-of-the-art product solutions: Isolite, illuminated dental isolation system; Isodry, a non-illuminated dental isolation; and the new Isovac, dental isolation adapter. Using the Isolation Mouthpieces, all three dental isolation products comfortably isolate upper and lower quadrants simultaneously while providing continuous hands-free suction. This allows a positive experience where the patient no longer has the sensation of drowning in saliva/water during a procedure and the practitioner can precisely control the amount of suction/humidity in the patient’s mouth.

Isolite Systems dental isolation is recommended for the majority of dental procedures where oral control and dental isolation in the working field is desired. It has been favorably reviewed by leading independent evaluators and is recommended for procedures where good isolation is critical to quality dental outcomes.

Visit the Isolite booth, No. 437, here at ADHA Center for Lifelong Learning/Annual Session or go online to www.isolitesystem.com.
Dentin hypersensitivity is a prevalent condition with one in three people suffering from it at some point in their life. Despite this, many sufferers do not seek dental advice. Sensitivity can have a lifestyle impact and even lead patients to neglect their oral hygiene or avoid dental appointments. For this reason, it is important to identify these potential sufferers in your patients and help them to treat the pain.

Studies have shown that the formulation of Sensodyne® Repair & Protect toothpaste can both repair exposed dentin and protect patients from future sensitivity. The stannous fluoride formulation forms a reparative layer over and within the exposed dentin tubules and works to block painful stimuli from reaching the nerve. The result of this innovative science is effective, lasting relief for your patients.

For more information or to pick up some Sensodyne Repair & Protect toothpaste, stop by the GlaxoSmithKline booth, No. 200, here at the ADHA.

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