Ten live sessions in two days

Once again SCANDEFA is featuring spectacular live demonstrations

Dr Jens Lætgaard and his team performing live surgeries at SCANDEFA 2015 in Copenhagen.

At SCANDEFA 2015, one of the highlights certainly was the surgery cage in which Danish dentist Dr Jens Lætgaard and his team performed live dental treatments in the middle of the industry showcase. After last year’s success, Lætgaard’s company Klinikproduktion is returning to the trade show—this time with a designated event area, a bigger team and an extended programme of five live treatments on each day of the show.

Each case takes about 1 hour and treatment includes the removal of mandibular third molars, CAD/CAM scanning, planning and delivery, implant placement and osteotome sinus lift.

Lætgaard, who founded educational platform Klinikproduktion and runs a private practice in Roskilde in Denmark, has been performing live surgeries at seminars and trade shows for more than ten years now. “During live treatment, one can’t hide anything,” he told today international. This aspect is essential and one of the reasons that fellow dental professionals benefit from public demonstrations, the Dane believes. “If the bone, instruments or patient do not act in the manner expected, one has to continue and show the audience how to handle the situation,” he said. “Another advantage of live surgeries is that often the whole team attends exhibitions. Dentists, hygienists and assistants can come and go as they like. They can watch and discuss what they have seen—directly on-site or afterwards—with no obligations.”

The live sessions at SCANDEFA will take place in the new 225 m² event area and its surroundings in Hall C3. They are open to all visitors free of charge and without restrictions. Next to the surgery cage, there is room for 100 seated and further standing guests.

Programme for Thursday and Friday:

• 09:00–10:00: CAD/CAM scanning, fabrication and cementation of a crown (Dr Hanne Lollike)
• 11:00–12:00: Endodontic treatment with a microscope (Dr Kasper Busk)
• 13:30–14:30: Implant placement and osteotome sinus lift (Dr Jens Lætgaard)
• 15:00–16:00: Surgical removal of third molars (Dr Jens Lætgaard)
• 16:30–17:30: Orthodontic treatment with Invisalign, CAD/CAM scanning, planning and delivery (Dr Nimmi Holste)

More information can be found at www.klinikproduktion.dk.

Directa launches novel saliva absorber

Swedish dental company Directa has introduced the first absorbent pad designed for optimal and comfortable collection of saliva produced by the sublingual and submandibular glands. First launched at the UAE International Dental Conference and Arab Dental Exhibition in Dubai this year, DryDent Sublingual is now available to Nordic customers.

Many ducts from the salivary glands open sublingually, thus resulting in a challenging moisture situation in this area. “DryDent Sublingual is the answer to a specific and important need in everyday dentistry,” Directa CEO Henrik Karsk said. “While saliva absorbers for the parotid glands have been available on the market for some time, there has been no sublingual absorbent pad.”

According to the company, the pad’s absorbent material keeps the sublingual area dry, even when it is fully saturated. In addition to controlling unwanted moisture, the product is designed to maximise patient comfort. Saliva ejectors can be placed over DryDent Sublingual, which minimises uncomfortable suction of soft tissue, as well as pain and noise that patients may experience during procedures, such as dental scanning and radiograph capturing. Moreover, the pads have a soothing effect owing to reduced stimulation of the swallowing reflex, Karsk explained.

A dry oral environment is a prerequisite for a variety of dental treatments. Aiming for optimal moisture control in the sublingual area, Swedish company Directa has introduced Drydent Sublingual.

“Many dental professionals tell us that this is something they have been lacking in their daily work. We tested the product in the Västra Götaland region, where 75 per cent of the dental teams interviewed answered yes to the question of whether a Drydent Sublingual placed under the saliva ejector simplifies their work,” Karsk said. «