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Amber has been a practicing dental hygienist for the past 16 years. She earned her BA in Biology at Adrian College in 1999 and received her Dental Hygiene degree from Indiana University at Fort Wayne in 2004. Amber was a member of the Colgate Oral Health Advisory Board in 2015. She has written numerous dental articles and is currently a member of the Editorial Advisory Board for *RDH Magazine*. Metro-Sanchez also works as a professional educator on behalf of Waterpik and ProBiora Health.

Single-Use Aerosol Evacuator

Disposable device protects patients and staff from harmful aerosols, providing user friendliness for the clinician and comfort for the patient



The Henry Schein Brand Single-Use Aerosol Evacuator was developed to help dental teams grappling with traditional methods of high-volume aerosol evacuation. Exclusively available from Henry Schein, the hands-free device attaches to any standard HVE connection to provide significant aerosol reduction. Amber Metro-Sanchez, RDH, BA, shares how this product has brought greater confidence to her dental practice.

Since COVID-19 came into the picture, aerosol reduction has been at the forefront of my daily practice of dental hygiene. However, I found it quite cumbersome to attempt to use the traditional method of high-volume evacuation during aerosol-generating procedures and was searching for a product that could make this task easier to accomplish.

The Henry Schein Brand Single-Use Aerosol Evacuator exceeded my every expectation. To be honest, I was initially skeptical when I was asked to try out this aerosol evacuator, because I had been frustrated with using high-volume evacuation in the past. I've had is-



suess with sucking up the patient's tissue inadvertently because it is difficult to keep the tip in place. I've also experienced shoulder pain from holding the tip up in awkward positions while trying to use an ultrasonic scaler. The Single-Use Aerosol Evacuator successfully eliminated all of these concerns.

My patients commented that this product was comfortable and that it did not pull on their lips. It slid into their mouths easily and stayed in place during the entire appointment. I also tested the product myself, because I have a small mouth and wanted to see if the evacuator would be uncomfortable. I was surprised to discover that it felt natural, and when I added in the suction, I felt my mouth become drier immediately. At that point, I knew this evacuator would be highly effective for aerosol control. When I use the device on a patient, I can see the aerosol cloud going directly down into the suction tube, and I'm confident that I'm providing the best-quality care in a safe environment.

I applaud Henry Schein for creating a product that meets the ergonomic need of hygienists, allowing them to control aerosols while maintaining their focus on the gingival health of their patients.

A SAFER WAY TO PRACTICE

Also designed for aerosol reduction, the proprietary Henry Schein Brand Maxima PRO 2AR high-speed handpiece features:

- Reduced emission of airborne particles by an average of >90% vs. typical air high-speeds*
- Anti-retraction through active sealing system prevents suck-back of fluid and particles, reducing risk of cross-contamination
- Small but powerful head provides 20 W of power and superior visibility and accessibility
- All stainless-steel construction with high-strength alloy head for increased durability

* based on tests conducted in an aerosol testing chamber and measured by laser-light scattering photometry

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