In a typical practice, a full-time hygienist sees between 8 and 10 patients a day, with each appointment lasting anywhere from 30 minutes to an hour. That leaves little room for error—let alone a lunch break. So, moving with the right tools in hand is essential to a stress-free workday. And it helps if those tools are not only easy to use, but also easy to find.

Following conversations with hygienists about how to best overcome their most common challenges during hygiene appointments, Henry Schein redesigned its ACCLEAN preventive products with a fresh new look.

Stepping out as a color-coded, 3-stage system of products—Clean & Polish, Treat & Protect, and Home Care—ACCLEAN preventives include familiar favorites such as prophy paste, prophy angles, sealant, and oral rinse, as well as newcomers like a brand-new ultrasonic scaler and dissolvable teeth whitening strips.

**Stage 1: Clean & Polish**

*Fundamental prevention products and tools used to clean teeth during hygiene visits.*

Ultrasonic scalers generate high-frequency vibrations from the ultrasonic tip that help disrupt biofilm and remove less healthy tooth structure, while allowing for lighter strokes that ease the burden on hygienists’ hands and wrists. A new addition to ACCLEAN preventives, the ACCLEAN Ultrasonic Scaler features a new, purposeful design to provide a better cleaning experience for patients and hygienists. It features dual frequency and auto gain control technology, a cruise control feature, and a hands-free, on-demand boost mode.

The icing on the cake of a successful scaling procedure is polishing. For that, hygienists can turn to the ACCLEAN Hygiene Handpiece. Compact and lightweight, it features a bearing-supported chucking mechanism to provide improved prophy head stability. This handpiece is compatible with nearly all DPAs, and its lube-free motor requires no routine maintenance.

The handpiece pairs well with ACCLEAN Disposable Prophy Angles, individually wrapped with a gear design that delivers maximum torque. A nonslip grip improves overall control and tactile sensitivity. Another familiar favorite, ACCLEAN Prophy Paste is available in a large selection of great-tasting flavors and grits. Nonsplattering, it offers superior polishing...
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“As long as I have been a hygienist, all the offices I have ever worked at have always purchased ACCLEAN Prophy Paste—most likely due to its price and how effective it is,” said Dana Jones, RDH, who typically uses a coarse grit with mint flavor on every patient. “I enjoy working with the product, as it is very smooth, making it easy to get it out of the cup, while the paste does its job of removing plaque and stain—even on patients with heavy staining.”

Stage 2: Treat & Protect

Products that promote and sustain oral hygiene after a visit.

Patients struggling with gingivitis symptoms may benefit from adding a treatment like ACCLEAN Chlorhexidine Gluconate 0.12% Oral Rinse, an antimicrobial rinse with a refreshing mint flavor. It is formulated to help reduce tissue inflammation, bleeding, and plaque accumulation.

When it comes to in-office treatments, ACCLEAN 5% Sodium Fluoride Varnish is the varnish of choice for Allison Resnick, RDH, whose office also orders ACCLEAN Flossers and Floss Threaders. “We have been using ACCLEAN Varnish for a few years because it’s easy to apply and the ingredients have been found to be safe for children,” she shared. “It also has quick uptake and reasonable pricing, and the unit-dose cups make applying the varnish very simple.”

The pearlized white varnish sets on contact with saliva and dries clear. Formulated with xylitol, it delivers the highest fluoride concentration available compared with nonvarnish fluorides.

“We typically apply varnish to children under 16 during their 6-month appointments,” added Resnick. “Additionally, we use varnish on patients experiencing sensitivity and, of course, patients with rampant decay.”

Stage 3: Home Care

Everything hygienists need to support patients’ daily oral wellness at home.

Getting patients to floss regularly doesn’t have to be a losing battle for hygienists, not when ACCLEAN Floss, Flossers, and Floss Threaders make it easier to remove plaque between teeth. The flossers are available in mint and unflavored varieties, while floss threaders are nylon loops that allow patients to thread dental floss easily and comfortably under orthodontic appliances and bridges, or between implant appliances and connected crowns.

A whiter, brighter smile can encourage patients to practice better home care. A great on-the-go option for teeth whitening, ACCLEAN Professional Dissolvable Teeth Whitening Strips are formulated with 10% hydrogen peroxide to brighten patients’ smiles without causing sensitivity. With a refreshing mint flavor, the strips dissolve within 15 minutes, leave no messy residue, and can be worn twice a day for 14 days.

Move Faster with ACCLEAN Preventives

If you’re a hygienist who is constantly on the move, stay on the lookout for these high-quality, high-value products for all stages of preventive care.

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