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Besides that, stainless steel is low maintenance and has an aesthetic appearance, and above all, it is very environmentally friendly. It is reusable and hence is the best material for surgical instrument manufacturing. Instrument Maintenance: All surgical instruments need maintenance to ensure that they are fit for purpose and in good working condition before use. Other than that, instruments head not be overused. Overuse causes their blades to get dull and their locks to malfunction. GerDentUSA Inc. offer customization of dentistry instruments hard to work with. Hence they are encouraged to come up with innovative designs for dental surgical equipment that, in the end, will benefit the healthcare industry. Scalers are essential instruments in dentistry. instruments that come in use for removing subgingival and supragingival plaque and calculus from the surfaces of teeth and roots. Poorly designed instruments perform inefficiently and consume loads of time for the operator. 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PurpleHandle Material: ResinHandle Shape: RoundHandle Type: Solid ResinManufacturer Name: PDT INCNumber of Ends: DoublePackage Quantity: 1/PkgTip Material: SteelTop 10 Crown Removers for Dental OfficesLearn MoreBliss dental instruments are made from surgical-grade stainless steel and have exceptional hardness, edge retention and sharpness. The silicone handle and lightweight construction provide excellent ergonomics and comfort, while the extreme sharpness requires less force to reduce hand fatigue and make procedures easier. The Sickle Scaler has a triangular cross-section and 2 cutting edges for removing calculus in interproximal areas of anterior and posterior teeth. Thin terminal end of the blade increases access Reduces pinch force and muscle load during use High tactile sensitivity Advanced treatments applied for strength and longevity Resistant to corrosion and wear Manufactured in Thiers, France by artisan craftsmenColor: GreenColor Family: GreenDesign Number: M23Handle Material: SiliconeLatex Free: YesManufacturer Name: ACTEON INCNumber of Ends: DoublePackage Quantity: 1/PkgTip Material: Stainless SteelLearn MoreXP Double End EagleLite Sickle Scalers are thin, balanced, contra angled curette instruments with patented XP technology. Hand-finished, these tips receive and the second state of the second ate of the art heat treatment and cryogenics for longer lasting, sharp edges. Area of Use: PosteriorColor: RedColor Family: RedDesign Number: ECHandle Type: EagleLiteManufacturer Name: American Eagle InstrumentsNumber of Ends: DoublePackage Quantity: 1/Pkg4. Scalette #A cryogenics for longer lasting, sharp edges. 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To start, a dental scaler is a hand-held instrument that is used to manually remove plaque and tartar from teeth. It typically consists of a handle with a curved or angled blade at the end, which is designed to be gentle on teeth and gums while still being effective at removing plaque and tartar. Dental scalers are an essential tool in the prevention and treatment of periodontal disease, which is a bacterial infection of the gums, leading to symptoms such as redness, swelling, and bleeding. If left untreated, periodontal disease can lead to more serious problems, including the loss of teeth and damage to the surrounding bone. There are several types of dental scalers include: Manual scalers: These are the most traditional type of dental scaler and are still widely used today. They consist of a handle and a curved or angled blade, and they are used in conjunction with a manual scaler to remove stubborn deposits. Sonic scalers: These use a combination of vibration and water flow to remove plaque and tartar from teeth. They are often used for more gentle cleaning and are a good option for patients with sensitive teeth and gums. Air scalers: These use a stream of compressed air to remove plaque and tartar from teeth. They are often used for more precise cleaning and are a good option for patients with tight spaces between their teeth. In addition to these types of dental scalers, there are also several different techniques that can be used to remove plaque and tartar from teeth. remove plaque and tartar from the teeth, both above and below the gum line.Root planing: This involves using a dental scaler to smooth out the roots of the teeth, as well as any dead or diseased tissue that may be present. When it comes to using a dental scaler, it is essential to follow proper technique to ensure that the teeth and gums are cleaned effectively and safely. Some tips for using a dental scaler should be held at a 45-degree angle to the tooth, with the curved or angled edge facing the tooth. Use gentle pressure: The scaler should be used to clean the tooth from the base up, working from the gum line down to the root of the tooth. Use a gentle touch: The scaler should be used with a gentle touch, as rough or abrasive movements can damage the teeth and gums. In conclusion, dental scalers are an essential tool in the prevention and treatment of periodontal disease. By understanding what a dental scaler is, how it works, and the different types available, patients can take a more active role in maintaining their oral health. Whether you are a dentist, dental hygienist, or simply a patient looking to learn more about oral health, understanding the importance of regular cleaning and maintenance. What is the difference between a manual scaler and an ultrasonic scaler? + A manual scaler is a hand-held instrument that is used to manually remove plaque and tartar. Ultrasonic scaler uses high-frequency vibrations to remove plaque and tartar. Ultrasonic scaler uses high-frequency of teeth scaling and cleaning depends on several factors, including the patient's oral health, medical history, and lifestyle. Generally, it is recommended that patients with a history of periodontal disease. Can I use a dental scaler at home? + While it is possible to purchase dental scalers for at-home use, it is generally not recommended. Dental scalers are complex instruments that require proper training and technique to use effectively and safely. Improper use of a dental scalers are complex instruments that require proper training and technique to use effectively and safely. scalers play a vital role in maintaining healthy teeth and gums. By understanding the different types of dental scalers, their uses, and the techniques involved in using them, patients can take a more active role in maintaining their oral health, the importance of dental scalers cannot be overstated. To make your scaling procedures as efficient and effective as they can be, it is important to understand the difference between hand scaler designs, between sonic and ultrasonic devices and between magnetostrictive and piezoelectric devices. Dental scalers are one of the most widely used instruments in dentistry. They are used primarily for removing plaque (calculus and tartar) and other deposits from the teeth, both above and below the gum line. The three types of scalers used in modern dentistry are hand scalers, sonic scalers and ultrasonic scalers. Hand scaling is the most traditional method of removing plaque. Stainless-steel hand scalers are comprised of a handle and a tip. The tip is made up of a shank (upper and terminal) and a working end/blade. Most scalers now have tips at both ends of the handle. Hand scalers with curved working ends are known as sickle scalers and are designed to be used on both anterior teeth only. Scaler tips are more efficiency at removing heavier deposits while thinner tips are ideal for accessing difficult areas and tight tissues. Most widely used hand scalers: H6/H7 Scaler - popular double-ended sickle scaler for use in the posterior areas. M23 Scaler universal scaler designed for interproximal access of anterior and posterior teeth. Silicone handle for a soft and firm grip. Lightweight/hollow design to help reduce hand fatigue. Premium quality stainless steel for better hardness, wear, corrosion resistance and less need for sharpening. Colour coding system to easily identify scaler type. Latex free to reduce the chances of an allergic reaction. Autoclavable to increase the lifespan of the scaler. 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A wide choice of tips for different clinical applications. Integrated spray. Slim and lightweight design for easily adjust the power output. For help finding the right scaler, speaker accessibility and user comfort. to Michael our equipment specialist on 01634 877480. EmailFor help finding the right scaler, speak to Michael our equipment specialist on 01634 877480. EmailUltrasonic scalers are electric, high frequency devices that connect to a compact and portable power unit that sits on the counter and plugs in at the wall. A water source must also be connected. Similar in design to sonic scalers, ultrasonic scalers, ultrasonic scalers are more effective at removing heavy calculus and tartar. Cavitation is the formation of air bubbles in the water stream that break down and destroy the cells of harmful bacteria when they burst. Ultrasonic scalers for their universal inserts and the fact that all sides of the magnetostrictive tip may be used for removing deposits, unlike the piezo scalers for their wider and more ergonomic design and greater tactile sensitivity as the entire handpieces does not vibrate like magnetostrictive scalers do. Though piezo and magnetostrictive designs each have passionate advocates, both do a fine job of calculus removal. Ergonomic design with lightweight cable 360 degrees rotating handpiece for convenient access Broad range of scaling inserts for different clinical applications Automatically adjusts to optimum frequency Fibre optics for improved visibility of the treatment site. 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On first investigation, the variety of instruments available for similar purposes appears confusing. With experience, however, clinicians select a relatively small set that fulfills all requirements. Classification of Periodontal Instruments are classified according to the purposes they serve, as follows: 1. Periodontal probes are used to locate, measure, and mark pockets, as well as determine their course on individual tooth surfaces.2. Explorers are used to locate calculus deposits and caries. 3. Scaling, root-planing, and curettage instruments are used for removal of biofilm and calcified deposits from the crown and root of a tooth, removal of altered cementum from the subgingival root surface, and debridement of the soft tissue lining the pocket. Scaling and curettage instruments are classified as follows: 4. Periodontal endoscopes are used to visualize deeply into subgingival pockets and furcations, allowing the detection of deposits. 5. Cleansing and polishing instruments, such as rubber cups, brushes, and dental tape, are used to clean and polish tooth surfaces. Also available are air-powder abrasive systems for tooth polishing. The wearing and cutting qualities of some types of steel used in periodontal instruments have been tested, 83, 84, 146 but specifications vary among manufacture steel. instruments are also available and are considered by some clinicians to be superior. Each group of instruments has characteristic features; individual therapists often develop variations with which they operate most effectively. Small instruments are recommended to fit into periodontal pockets without injuring the soft tissues. 109,111,112,163The parts of each instrument are referred to as the working end, shank, and handle (Figure 46-1). Periodontal probes are used to measure the depth of pockets and to determine their configuration. The typical probe is a tapered, rodlike instrument calibrated in millimeters, with a blunt, rounded tip (Figure 46-2). There are several other designs with various millimeter calibrations (Figure 46-3, E). Ideally, these probes are thin, and the shank is angled to allow easy insertion into the pocket. Furcation areas can best be evaluated with the curved, blunt Nabers probe (Figure 46-4). Figure 46-3 Types of periodontal probes. A, Marquis color-coded probe. Calibrations are in 3-mm sections. B, University of North Carolina-15 probe, a 15-mm long probe with Williams markings (at 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, and 10mm). D, Michigan O probe with markings at 3, 6, and 8mm. E, World Health Organization (WHO) probe, which has a 0.5-mm ball at the tip and millimeter markings at 3, 6, and 8mm. E, World Health Organization (WHO) probe, which has a 0.5-mm ball at the tip and millimeter markings at 3, 6, and 8mm. 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Explorers are used to locate subgingival deposits and carious areas and to check the smoothness of the root surfaces after root planing. Explorers are designed with different shapes and angles, with various uses (Figure 46-6, D). Scaling and Curettage Instruments Scaling and curettage instruments are illustrated in Figure 46-7. Sickle Scalers. Sickle scalers have a flat surface and two cutting edges that converge in a sharply pointed tip. The shape of the instrument makes the tip strong so that it will not break off during use (Figure 46-9). Because of the design of this instrument, it is difficult to insert a large sickle blade under the gingiva without damaging the surrounding gingival tissues (Figure 46-10). Small, curved sickle scalers are used with a pull stroke. It is important to note that sickle scalers with the same basic design can be obtained with different blade sizes and shank types to adapt to specific uses. The U15/30 (Figure 46-11), Ball, and Indiana University sickle scalers are large. The Jaquette sickle scalers are available with large, medium, or small blades (Figure 46-12). The Montana Jack sickle scaler and the Nevi 2, Nevi 3, and Nevi 4 curved posterior sickle scalers are all thin enough to be inserted several millimeters subgingivally for removal of light to moderate ledges of calculus. The selection of these instruments should be based on the area to be scalers with straight shanks are designed for use on anterior teeth and premolars. Sickle scalers with contra-angled shanks adapt to posterior teeth. Curettes. The curette is the instrument of choice for removing deep subgingival calculus, root planing altered cementum, and removing the soft tissue lining the periodontal pocket (Figure 46-13). Each working end has a cutting edge on both sides of the blade and a rounded toe. The curette is finer than the sickle scalers and does not have any sharp points or corners other than the cutting edges of the blade (Figure 46-14). Therefore curettes can be adapted and provide good access to deep pockets, with minimal soft tissue trauma (see Figure 46-14). Therefore curettes can be adapted and provide good access to deep pockets, with minimal soft tissue trauma (see Figure 46-14). convex base forms a cutting edge with the face of the semicircular blade. There are cutting edges on both sides of the blade to adapt better to the root surface. As shown in Figure 46-10, the curved blade and rounded toe of the semicircular blade to adapt better to the root surface. unlike the straight design and pointed end of a sickle scaler, which can cause tissue laceration and trauma. There are two basic types of curettes have cutting edges that may be inserted in most areas of the dentition by altering and adapting the finger rest, fulcrum, and hand position of the operator. The blade size and the angle and length of the shank may vary, but the face of the blade to the toe. The Barnhart curettes #1-2 and 5-6 and the Columbia curettes are the Younger-Good #7-8, McCalls #17-18, and the Indiana Universal curettes. Other popular universal curettes. Other popular universal curettes. Gracey curettes are representative of the area-specific curettes, a set of several instruments designed and angled to adapt to specific anatomic areas of the dentition (Figure 46-18). These curettes and their modifications are probably the best instruments for subgingival scaling and root planing because they provide the best adaptation to complex root anatomy. Single ended Gracey curettes can also be obtained; a set of these curettes comprises 14 instruments. Although these curettes are designed to be used in specific areas, an experienced operator can adapt each instrument for use in several different areas by altering the position of his or her hand and the position of the patient. The Gracey curettes also different areas by altering the position of his or her hand and the position o from the universal curettes in that the blade is not at a 90-degree angle to the lower shank. The term offset blade is used to describe Gracey curettes because they are angled approximately 60 to 70 degrees from the lower shank (see Figure 46-15, B). This unique angulation allows the blade to be inserted in the precise position necessary for subgingival scaling and root planing, provided that the lower shank is parallel with the long axis of the tooth surface being scaled. Area-specific curettes also have a curved blade. Whereas the blade of the universal curette is curved in one direction (Figure 46-21, A), the Gracey blade is curved from head to toe and also along the side of the cutting edge (Figure 46-21, B). Thus only a pull stroke can be used. Table 46-1 lists some of the major differences between Gracey (area-specific (Gracey) and Universal CurettesGracey Curettes and universal Curettes. TABLE 46-1 lists some of the major differences between Gracey (area-specific (Gracey) and Universal CurettesGracey Curettes. TABLE 46-1 lists some of the major differences between Gracey (area-specific (Gracey) and Universal CurettesGracey Curettes. TABLE 46-1 lists some of the major differences between Gracey (area-specific (Gracey) and Universal CurettesGracey CurettesGracey Curettes. 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The rigid shank allows the removal of moderate to heavy calculus without using a separate set of heavy scalers, such as sickles and hoes. Although some clinicians prefer the enhanced tactile sensitivity that the flexible shank of the finishing Gracey provides, both types of Gracey curettes are suitable for root planing. Recent additions to the Gracey curette set have been the Gracey #15-16 and 17-18. The Gracey #15-16 is a modification of the standard #11-12 and is designed for the mesial surfaces of posterior teeth (Figure 46-22). It consists of a Gracey #11-12 blade combined with the more acutely angled #13-14 shank. When the clinician is using an intraoral finger rest, it is often difficult to position the lower shank of the Gracey #11-12 so that it is parallel with the mesial surfaces of the posterior teeth, especially on the mandibular molars. The new shank angulation of the Gracey #15-16 allows better adaptation to posterior mesial surfaces from a front position with intraoral rests. If alternative fulcrums, such as extraoral or opposite-arch rests, are used, the Gracey #11-12 works well and the new #15-16 is not essential. The Gracey #17-18 is a modification of the #13-14. It has a terminal shank elongated by 3mm and a more accentuated angulation of the #13-14. It has a terminal shank elongated by 3mm and a more accentuated angulation of the #13-14. It has a terminal shank elongated by 3mm and a more accentuated angulation of the #13-14. It has a terminal shank elongated by 3mm and a more accentuated angulation of the #13-14. It has a terminal shank elongated by 3mm and a more accentuated angulation of the #13-14. It has a terminal shank elongated by 3mm and a more accentuated angulation of the #13-14. It has a terminal shank elongated by 3mm and a more accentuated angulation of the #13-14. 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For heavy or tenacious calculus removal, rigid After Five curettes should be used. For light scaling or deplaquing in a periodontal maintenance patient, the thinner, finishing After Five curettes will insert subgingivally more easily. Mini-Bladed Curettes, such as the Hu-Friedy Mini Five curettes, are modifications of the After Five curettes. (Figure 46-25). The shorter blade allows easier insertion and adaptation in deep, narrow pockets; furcations; developmental grooves; line angles; and deep, tight, facial, lingual, or palatal pockets. In any area in which root morphology or tight tissue prevents full insertion of the standard Gracey or After Five blade, the Mini Five curettes can be used with vertical strokes, with reduced tissue distention, and without tissue trauma (Figure 46-26). In the past the only solution in most of these areas of difficult access was to use the Gracey curettes, along with other short-bladed instruments relatively recently introduced, open a new chapter in the past the only solution in most of these areas of difficult access was to use the Gracey curettes with a toe-down horizontal stroke. the history of root instrumentation by allowing access to areas that previously were extremely difficult or impossible to reach with standard instruments. The Mini Five curettes are recommended for calculus removal. The more flexible, shanked, finishing Mini Five curettes are appropriate for light scaling and deplaquing in periodontal maintenance patients with tight pockets. As with the After Five series, the Mini Five Gracey numbers, except the #9-10. The recently introduced Micro Mini Five Gracey numbers, except the #9-10. The recently introduced Micro Mini Five Gracey numbers, except the #9-10. 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The recently int Mini Five curettes (Figures 46-27 and 46-28) These are the smallest of all curettes, and they provide exceptional access and adaptation to tight, deep, or narrow furcations; line angles; and deep pockets on facial, lingual, or palatal surfaces. In areas in which root morphology or tight, thin tissue prevents easy insertion of other mini-bladed curettes, the Micro Mini Five curettes can be used for anterior teeth and premolars, the #1-12 is used for posterior mesial surfaces, and the #13-14 for posterior distal surfaces. The blade length of these instruments is 50% shorter than that of the conventional Gracey curvettes to adapt more closely to the tooth surface than any other curvettes, especially on the anterior teeth and on line angles (Figure 46-30). However, this curvature also carries the risk of gouging or grooving into the root surfaces on the proximal surfaces of the posterior teeth when the Gracey Curvette #11-12 or 13-14 is used. Additional features that represent improvements on the standard Gracey curettes are a precision-balanced blade tip in direct alignment with the handle, a blade tip perpendicular to the handle, and a shank closer to parallel with the handle. For many years, the Morse scaler, a miniature sickle, was the only mini-bladed instrument available. However, the mini-bladed curettes have largely replaced this instrument (Figure 46-31). Schwartz Periotrievers. The Schwartz

Periotrievers are a set of two double-ended, highly magnetized instruments designed for the retrieval of broken instrument tips from the periodontal pocket (Figures 46-33 and 46-34). They are indispensable when the clinician has broken a curette tip in a furcation or deep pocket. 138 Hoe Scalers. Hoe scalers are used for scaling of ledges or rings of calculus (Figure 46-38). The blade is bent at a 99-degree angle; the cutting edge is formed by the junction of the blade is rounded, and the blade has been reduced to minimal thickness to permit access to the roots without interference from the adjacent tissues. Hoe scalers are used in the following manner: McCalls #3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 are a set of six hoe scalers are used in the handle.Diamond-Coated Files.Diamond-coated files are unique instruments used for final finishing of root surfaces. These files do not have cutting edges; instead, they are coated with very-fine-grit diamond (Figure 46-41). The most useful diamond files are the buccal-lingual instruments, which are used in furcations and also adapt well to many other root surfaces. New diamond files are sharply abrasive and should be used with light, even pressure against the root surface to avoid gouging or grooving. When viewing the root surface can be observed. Diamond files are used similar to an emery board to remove these minute remnants of calculus from the root, creating a surface. They will remove too much root structure if they are used with excessive force, are poorly adapted to root morphology, or used too long in one place. Diamond files are particularly effective when used with the dental endoscope has been introduced for use subgingivally in the diagnosis and treatment of periodontal disease (Figure 46-42). The Perioscopy system (Perioscopy system (Perioscopy system), Inc., Oakland, CA) consists of a 0.99-mm-diameter, reusable fiberoptic endoscope fits onto periodontal probes and ultrasonic instruments of a 0.99-mm-diameter, reusable fiberoptic endoscope over which is fitted a disposable, sterile sheath. that have been designed to accept it (Figure 46-43). The sheath delivers water irrigation that flushes the pocket while the endoscope attaches to a medical-grade charged-coupled device (CCD) video camera and light source that produces an image on a flat-panel monitor for viewing during subgingival exploration and instrumentation. This device allows clear visualization deeply into subgingival pockets and furcations (Figure 46-44). It permits operators to detect the presence and location of subgingival deposits and guides them in the thorough removal of these deposits. Magnification ranges from 24 to 48 times, enabling visualization of even minute deposits of plaque and calculus. Using this device, operators can achieve levels of root debridement and cleanliness that are much more difficult or impossible to produce without it.149,150,167,168 The Perioscopy system can also be used to evaluate subgingival areas for caries, defective restorations, root fractures, and resorption. Rubber cups consist of a rubber shell with or without webbed configurations in the hollow interior (Figure 46-45). They are used in the handpiece, prophylaxis angle, and rubber cup may be used and then discarded (Figure 46-46). A good cleansing and polishing paste that contains fluoride should be used and kept moist to minimize frictional heat as the cup revolves. Polishing pastes are available in fine, medium, or coarse grits and are packaged in small, convenient, single-use containers. Aggressive use of the rubber cup with any abrasive may remove the layer of cementum, which is thin in the cervical area. Air-Powder Polishing was introduced in the early 1980s. This device, called the Prophy-Jet (Dentsply International, York, PA) is very effective for the removal of extrinsic stains and soft deposits (Figure 46-47). The slurry removes stains rapidly and efficiently by mechanical abrasive cleansing power can be adjusted to increase the amount of powder for rinsing and lavage. The flow rate of abrasive cleansing power can be adjusted to increase the amount of powder for rinsing and lavage. powder polishing systems that use various powder formulas. The results of studies on the abrasive effect of the air-powder polishing devices using sodium bicarbonate and aluminum trihydroxide on cementum and dentin show that significant clinically, 10,118 Damage to gingival tissue is transient and insignificant clinically, and the air-powder polishing devices using sodium bicarbonate and aluminum trihydroxide on cementum and dentin show that significant clinically, and the air-powder polishing devices using sodium bicarbonate and aluminum trihydroxide on cementum and dentin show that significant clinically, and the air-powder polishing devices using sodium bicarbonate and aluminum trihydroxide on cementum and dentin show that significant clinically, and the air-powder polishing devices using sodium bicarbonate and aluminum trihydroxide on cementum and dentin show that significant clinically, and the air-powder polishing devices using sodium bicarbonate and aluminum trihydroxide on cementum and dentin show that significant clinically, and the air-powder polishing devices using sodium bicarbonate and aluminum trihydroxide on cementum and dentin show that significant clinically, and the air-powder polishing devices using sodium bicarbonate and aluminum trihydroxide on cementum and dentin show that significant clinically, and the air-powder polishing devices using sodium bicarbonate and aluminum trihydroxide on the air-powder polishing devices using sodium bicarbonate and aluminum trihydroxide on the air-powder polishing devices using sodium bicarbonate and aluminum trihydroxide on the air-powder polishing devices using sodium bicarbonate and aluminum trihydroxide on the air-powder polishing devices using sodium bicarbonate and aluminum trihydroxide on the air-powder polishing devices using sodium bicarbonate and aluminum trihydroxide on the air-powder polishing devices using sodium bicarbonate and aluminum trihydroxide on the air-powder polishing devices using sodium bicarbonate and aluminum trihydroxide on the ai but amalgam restorations, composite resins, cements, and other nonmetallic materials can be roughened.13,43,67,89,161 Polishing powders containing glycine rather than sodium bicarbonate recently have been introduced for subgingival biofilm removal from root surfaces.97,117 Air-powder polishing can be used safely on titanium implant surfaces.74,91,126Patients with medical histories of respiratory illnesses and hemodialysis are not candidates for the use of the air-powder polishing device.145,165 Powders containing sodium bicarbonate should not be used on patients with histories of hypertension, sodium-restricted diets, or medications affecting the electrolyte balance.125 Patients with infectious diseases should not be treated with this device because of the large quantity of aerosol created. A preprocedural rinse with 0.12% chlorhexidine gluconate should be used to minimize the microbial content of the aerosol.17 High-speed evacuation should also be used to eliminate as much of the aerosol as possible.57General Principles of Instrumentation Effective instrumentation is governed by a number of general principles that are common to all periodontal instruments. Proper position of the patient and the operator, illumination and retraction for optimal visibility, and sharp instruments are fundamental prerequisites. A constant awareness of tooth and root morphologic features and of the condition of the periodontal tissues is also essential. Knowledge of instrument design enables the clinician to select the proper instrument for the periodontal tissues is also essential. be understood before clinical instrument-handling skills can be mastered. Maintaining a Clean FieldDespite good visibility, illumination, and retraction, instrumentation can be hampered if the operative field is obscured by saliva, blood, and debris. The pooling of saliva interferes with visibility during instrumentation and impedes control because a firm finger rest cannot be established on wet, slippery tooth surfaces. Adequate suction is essential and can be achieved with a saliva ejector or, if working with an assistant, an aspirator. Gingival bleeding is an unavoidable consequence of subgingival instrumentation. In areas of inflammation, bleeding is not necessarily an indication of trauma from incorrect technique but rather may indicate ulceration of the pocket epithelium. Blood and debris can be removed from the operative field should also be flushed occasionally with water. Compressed air and gauze squares can be used to facilitate visual inspection of tooth surfaces just below the gingival margin during instrumentation. A jet of air directed into the pocket deflects a retractable gingival margin. Retractable gingival margin. Retractable tissue can also be deflected away from the tooth by gently packing the edge of a gauze square into the pocket with the back of a curette. Immediately after the gauze is removed, the subgingival area should be clean, dry, and clearly visible for a brief interval. 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Adaptation refers to the manner in which the working end of a periodontal instrument so face. Precise adaptation must be maintained with all instruments to avoid trauma to the soft tissues and root surfaces and to ensure maximum effectiveness of instrumentation. Correct adaptation of the probe is quite simple. The tip and side of the probe is quite simple. The tip and side of the probe is quite simple. explorers) are more difficult to adapt. The ends of these instruments are sharp and can lacerate tissue, so adaptation in subgingival areas becomes especially important. The lower third of the working end, which is the last few millimeters adjacent to the toe or tip, must be kept in constant contact with the tooth while it is moving over varying tooth contours (Figure 46-66). Precise adaptation is maintained by carefully rolling the handle of the instrument against the index and middle fingers with the thumb. This rotates the instrument in slight degrees so that the toe or tip leads into concavities and around convexities. On convex surfaces such as line angles, it is not possible to adapt more than 1 or 2mm of the working end against the tooth. Even on what appear to be broader, flatter surfaces, no more than 1 or 2mm of the working end can be adapted on a convex surface so that the blade contacts the tooth at a tangent, the toe or sharp tip will jut out into soft tissue, causing trauma and discomfort (Figure 46-67). If the instrument is adapted or compressed by the back of the working end, also causing trauma and discomfort. A curette that is improperly adapted in this manner can be particularly damaging because the toe can gouge or groove the root surface. Angulation refers to the angle between the face of a bladed instrument such as a curette, angulation should be as close to 0 degrees (Figure 46-68, A). The end of the instrument can be inserted to the base of the pocket more easily with the face of the blade angulation depends on the amount and nature of the calculus, the procedure being performed, and the condition of the tissue. Blade angulation is diminished or closed by tilting the lower shank away from the tooth. It is increased or opened by tilting the lower shank away from the tooth. be just less than 90 degrees so that the cutting edge bites into the calculus. With angulation of less than 45 degrees, the calculus, smoothing or burnishing it. If angulation is more than 90 degrees, the lateral surface of the blade, rather than the cutting edge, will be against the tooth, and the calculus will not be removed and may become burnished (Figure 46-68, D). After the calculus has been removed, angulation of just less than 90 degrees may be maintained, or the angle may be slightly closed as the root surface is smoothed with light, root-planing strokes. When gingival curettage is indicated, angulation greater than 90 degrees is deliberately established so that the cutting edge will engage and remove the pocket lining (Figure 46-68, D). Strokes, and the root-planing stroke, and the root-planing stroke, and the root-planing stroke are used during instrumentation: the exploratory stroke, the scaling stroke are used during instrumentation. or a push motion in a vertical, oblique, or horizontal direction (Figure 46-69). Vertical and oblique strokes are used most frequently. Horizontal strokes are used most frequently. Horizontal strokes are used most frequently. planing are determined by four major factors: (1) gingival position and tone, (2) pocket depth and shape, (3) tooth contour, and (4) the amount and nature of the calculus or roughness. The exploratory />Only gold members can continue reading. Log In or Register to continue Related Manufacturers provide information about dental hygiene products.ADMTNoteworthy: On its Web site, ADMT claims to have started as a response to ergonomic issues in the dental profession. The products were developed after a three-year period of analyzing designs that would alleviate occupational injuries, resulting in the companys intervention line of instruments. The ribbed silicone handle, for example features varying thicknesses to eliminate switching back-and-forth to different sizes. 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Click here to enlarge imageWeight range: 18 to 18.5 gramsHandle width range: Thickest is 9.5 mmEstimated lifespan for typical dental hygiene usage: Four to six monthsReplaceable tips: YesWarranty: UnconditionalContact for more information: (800) 551-5172, www.am-eagle.comBrasselerNoteworthy: The company promotes the improved balance of its hollow steel handles as requiring less working pressure (resulting in less fatigue). Styles/configurations Barnhart, Columbia, Goldman-Fox, Gracey, Jacquette, Langer, Loma Linda, McCall, Miller, Ratcliff, Remington, Towner, Younger-Good.Click here to enlarge imageWeight range: 6.35 mm to 11 mmEstimated lifespan for typical dental hygiene usage: Estimated 900 to 1,200 patients, dependent on factors such as sharpening techniques and sterilization process.Warranty: 90 days on workmanshipContact information: (800) 841-4522, www.brasselerusa.comDentsply ProfessionalNoteworthy: The company produces the Flexichange line, which features ergonomic design for the handle. The company says the Flexichange handle, which comes in varying diameters, has a medical-grade silicone that provides a positive comfortable grip with excellent tactile feedback. Styles/configurations: Columbia, Gracey, Williams Probe, S204, Hollenback. 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Styles/configurations: Ball, Barnhart, Bates, Bunting, Cattoni, Columbia, DiamondTec, Goldman-Fox, Gracey (including After Five and Mini-Five), Jacquette, Kramer-Nevins, Langer, McCall, Miller, Morse, Nevi, Ratcliff, Remington, Towner, Vision Curvettes, Younger-Good. Weight range: 18.4 grams to 20.8 gramsHandle width range: 6.35mm to 9.9mmEstimated lifespan for typical dental hygiene usage: Nine to 12 months, or approximately 360 usages based on twice a day for nine months. Click here to enlarge imageReplaceable tips: NoWarranty: Defects in material and workmanship is repaired or replaced at no chargeContact for more information: (800) 483-7433, www.hu-friedy.comMiltexNoteworthy: The companys GripLite line has a new addition, the GripLite S6 instruments. The name is derived from the fact that the hollow stainless steel handle is a #6 in size. 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In addition, the four handle designs (all stainless steel because of Nordents belief that steel transmits better tactile sensitivity than other materials) allow for changes in grasp. Styles/configurations: Barnhart, Bates, Catroni, Columbia, Goldman-Fox, Gracey (including modified shank), Jacquette, Langer, McCall, Remington, Scalette, Towner, Younger-Good.Weight range: 6.4mm to 16mmClick here to enlarge imageReplaceable tips: NoWarranty: Guaranteed against defects in materials and workmanshipContact for more information: (800) 966-7336, www.nordent.comParadise Dental Technologies (PDT)Noteworthy: The companys Cruise line was founded by one of the developers of American Eagles EagleLite handles. The thermal resin handles were intentionally designed to be large and light. A proprietary heat/cryogenic technology is used in the manufacturing of PDTs instruments. 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