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Extra-Thin Flossers

Plackers GentleSlide disposable flossers are designed for patients with extremely tight contacts and sensitive gums. The mint-flavored ribbon floss slides smoothly between the teeth and is resistant to stretching, shredding, and breakage, according to the manufacturer. The flosser handle incorporates a tartar pick for removing plaque and food debris. Bags of 90 flossers are available in most drugstores and through the company's website.



For additional information, contact Ranir LLC, 4701 E. Paris Ave. S.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49512. (877) PLACKER; www.plackers.com.

Handpiece Attachments

TorqTech high-precision geared attachments include a 1:1 straight nose cone, a 1:1 contra angle, and a 1:5 speed-up contra angle, all of which are compatible with both electric motors and air motors such as Morita's Air Torx, according to the manufacturer. The attachments are designed for reduced operational noise and bur stability, with a strong, long-lasting chuck. The built-in water filter is easily removed for cleaning.



For more information, contact J. Morita USA, 9 Mason Lane, Irvine, CA 92618. (888) JMORITA; www.morita.com/usa.

iPad Check-In App

MacPractice, a developer of Apple-based practice-management and clinical software, has released the MacPractice Patient Check In App for iPads and iPad minis. Fully integrated with MacPractice DDS management software, the app automates patient check-in procedures in compliance with HIPAA privacy regulations, according to the company. When a patient's name and arrival time are entered into the practice computer, appropriate staff members are automatically alerted.



For information, contact MacPractice, Inc., 233 N. Eighth St., Lincoln, NE 68508. (646) 305-9008; www.macpractice.com.

LED Curing Light

The Ivoclar Vivadent Blue-phase Style Curing Light is an ergonomically designed, cordless unit featuring a shorter, rotating light probe with a wide, 10mm-diameter tip for greater surface coverage. The specially developed "polywave" LED, with a maximum intensity of 1,100mW/cm² and a range of 380-515 nanometers, can cure any dental materials, according to the manufacturer; the unit's lithium polymer battery has an inductive charging system that requires no contacts.



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