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Tetric N-Ceram

Tetric N-Ceram is a further development of the popular Tetric Ceram. Tetric N-Ceram is a universal composite for high-quality standard restorations in the anterior and posterior region. Important properties have been further improved with the help of nanotechnology. These properties include increased shrinkage, lower wear and enhanced polishability.

Tetric N-Flow

The new flowable composite Tetric N-Flow is based on 20 years of tradition and the clinical performance of its predecessor Tetric Flow. It offers excellent handling properties and an exceptionally high level of radiopacity, making it the ideal complement to Tetric N-Ceram. Because of the material's outstanding wetting ability, it is particularly suitable for use as a cavity liner. At the same time, the material offers the stability required for Class V restorations.

Tetric N-Bond

The new nano-optimized adhesive Tetric N-Bond is a light-curing single-component bonding agent for enamel and dentin bonding in conjunction with the total-etch technique. Due to the nanotechnology employed and the aceto-free formulation, postoperative sensitivity is reduced significantly. At the same time, it enables a durable bond to be established between the restorative material and the dental hard tissues. Tetric N-Bond is suitable both for direct and indirect restorative procedures after prior light polymerization.

Kodak to sell health group to Onex

Eastman Kodak Company has entered into an agreement to sell its health group to Onex Corporation, a subsidiary of Onex Corporation, for as much as $2.55 billion. Eastman Kodak expects the sale to close in the first half of 2007, subject to receipt of regulatory approval. "This is a great opportunity to acquire and grow a business that has established an impressive record in delivering innovative solutions to customers around the world," said Thomas A. LeBlanc, managing director of Onex, in a release. "Kodak’s health group has an exceptionally strong management team and we share this team’s vision for the future. We recognize that growth is critical and that digital technology is the future, and we believe strongly that customers and employees must continue to be a top priority." In an exclusive interview with Dental Tribune (Endo Tribune's sister publication), LeBlanc and Kevin Hobert, president of Kodak’s health group, say that as a division of Onex, the business will continue to emphasize R&D and new product development.

Sunstar Announces Recipients of First World Dental Hygienists Awards

Chicago (May 1, 2007) - Sunstar Americas has announced in providing advanced oral care products for both professionals and consumers worldwide, is pleased to announce the winners of the first World Dental Hygienists Awards.

Sponsored by the Sunstar Foundation for Oral Health Promotion, in Japan, and co-sponsored by Sunstar Americas, Inc., the new awards were created to recognize and encourage dental hygienists and students of dental hygiene who have made a great contribution to the development of dentistry, their profession, or to the public in general.

Award winners were chosen from papers submitted to a collaborative sponsorship of the world's, the International Journal of Dental Hygiene. Submissions were divided into three award categories: research paper on dentistry, report of activities that contribute to the promotion of oral health, and activity report or essay written by dental hygiene students on dental hygiene or volunteer work.

The award recipients are as follows:

• Research Category: "Risk for development of atherosclerosis in women with high amount of dental plaque and severe gingival inflammation," Birgitta LeLievre and Maha Yakob from the Karolinska Institute, Sweden.

• Project Category: "An experience of a Canadian dental hygienist in the Dominican Republic," Elina Katabkam from Toronto, Canada.

The activities carried out by "Sonrisas" to promote oral health.

• Student Category: "Dental hygiene residential care in a 3-year dental hygiene education programme in Japan. Towards dysphagia management based on the dental hygiene process of care," Tomomi Nishimura, from the Miyagi Advanced Dental Hygienist College, Japan.

The World Dental Hygienists Awards are granted and selected by a screening committee, and will be conducted every three years. A commemorative trophy will be presented to each recipient, as well as a cash prize, will be distributed as follows: Research Category: $5,000, Project Category: $3,000, Student Category: $2,000.

The award ceremony will take place at the IFDH (International Federation of Dental Hygienists) Symposium on Thursday, July 19th, at the Westin Harbour Castle in Toronto, Canada.

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For more information on new products, special offers, or to sign up for Sunstar’s quarterly newsletter, please visit www.SunstarAmericas.com.