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Pro-Tip Turbo RECOMMENDED PRODUCT

The single-use air/water syringe tips feature a unique dual-chamber design to completely separate air from water

he problem with some air/water syringe tips, according to Dr. Gary Berman, is that sometimes the water mixes with the air and often there's not a strong enough air flow. After trying Medicom's new Pro-Tip Turbo air/water syringe tips for this DPS evaluation, Dr. Berman said he had better visualization and improved air flow, and the water was never inadvertently mixed with the air. In fact, he called this unique dual-chamber system a very good solution to a longstanding problem.

Dr. Rocco DiAntonio agreed with Dr. Berman that the tips provided excellent air power for reliable drying of the preparation, but also pointed out that the tips are single-use, which he said ensures an aseptic tip for every patient. For efficient, dependable, and safe dispensing of air and water, our DPS evaluators decided that they would recommend the Pro-Tip Turbo air/water syringe tips.

Separation of Air and Moisture

Medicom designed the tips with a unique dual-chamber system that completely separates air from water. Dr. Michael LaMarche and his assistant evaluated the tips together and said they normally have to clear water before using air. However, with the Pro-Tip Turbo, they were able to transition from air to water spray with no mixture, and had no moisture when switching from water to air. The tips provided great air and water separation for Dr. Cynthia Young, who said she had clean air and clean water, and did not have to worry about contaminated air. "The increase in air/water flow and the ability to blow moisture-free air is excellent," noted Dr. Charles Kattuah. He added, "Anytime I was bonding and evaporating the solvent



of the primer or thinning the adhesive this product worked areat."

Air/Water Velocity

A high-power air jet supplies dry air, and water is delivered in a spray or mist. Several dentists mentioned that the air velocity and water flow were their favorite features, including Dr. Donald LeClair, who praised the quality of the spray pattern. Dr. LaMarche noted that he had more control of the water pressure, which was especially helpful during implant placement and surgical extractions. One dentist thought the air stream was almost too powerful, and Dr. Kattuah recommended thinner tips and a slightly more acute angle for sending air streams down posterior tooth preparations.

"It worked well and delivered a nice smooth stream of air, water, or mist," shared Dr. Phil Aurbach, who said he liked the product better than the thinner disposables he was previously using. He added, "The flow was better and the increased strength was nice." Calling the air velocity excellent, Dr. DiAntonio said

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concluded that they are "very effective and

more powerful compared to other dispos-

Dr. Kattuah was impressed with the tip's resistance to rotation, commenting, "The tip does not rotate like my current air/water syringe tip."

Overall Satisfaction

Calling it an excellent air/water system, Dr. LeClair said his practice is expanding and he will most likely install Medicom's system in his 2 new treatment rooms, especially since he will only need one air/ water system per room with this system. "The quality of air, water, and spray is

Patient Comfort and Safety

The single-use tips protect patients from possible cross-contamination. Dr. Eric VanZytveld acknowledged that metal air/water syringe tips may be difficult to sterilize, which is one reason he liked these disposable tips. Dr. LaMarche and his assistant appreciated the time saved from not having to sterilize tips, and Dr. Shari Mathew called them timesaving, convenient, and efficient.

The tips fit the most popular 3-in-1 air/ water syringe models, with a wide range of converters available. "There was a small learning curve to make sure [the tips] were seated correctly, but nothing overly complicated," reported Dr. Aurbach. Some dentists had trouble attaching the tips, including Dr. VanZytveld, who said, "Although we did not have any tips detach, it took practice to reliably secure them."

The tips are rigid enough to be used for tissue retraction with rounded edges for patient comfort. "The wider base made it feel more sturdy for tissue retraction," noted Dr. Aurbach, who added, "I could retract and not have to worry about the original air/water I was using bending or snapping on me."

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excellent," shared Dr. Howard, who called the tips "by far the best we have used, even when compared to metal." He has already ordered the tips for all of his operatories and proclaimed, "This is the best triple syringe that I have used in 30 years of practice."



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CRITERIA BASED ON AVERAGE SCORE (OUT OF 5)

