

IMPROVED GUM HEALTH IN 95% OF PATIENTS



Dental hygienists (n = 340) noted improved gum health in 95% of their patients with mild to moderate gingivitis after using the Philips Sonicare AirFloss for two months.

The Philips Sonicare AirFloss is an electronic hand-held interdental cleaning device; in the overall 60-day study, patients used the device with mouthwash instead of water in the reservoir.

The hygienists also reported a reduction in their patients' gingival inflammation and bleeding, and 88% a significant improvement in interproximal health with an average of 73% reduction in bleeding sites. Overall 96% showed improved oral hygiene when they returned to the practice for a check-up at the end of the study.

The Philips Sonicare AirFloss removes five times more interproximal plaque than brushing alone by propelling rapid bursts of air and micro droplets of water or mouthwash between teeth to remove plaque and bacteria. The device has an auto-burst function which provides a continuous stream of automatic pulses to clean between the teeth in less than 60 seconds via an angled nozzle.

The US dental hygienists involved in the study believed that 87% of their patients would continue to use AirFloss regularly. www.sonicare.com

ADVICE ON COMPLETING YOUR PENSIONS REPORT

30 June 2014 is the deadline for practice owners to submit the NHS Pensions annual reconciliation report (ARR). PFM Townends, a team of specialist dental accountants, can provide advice on how to complete it.

The ARR is the practice owner's opportunity to confirm the pensionable pay allocation for the practice and is vitally important to ensure you and your associates maintain accurate NHS Pension Scheme records.

Here is how the ARR is calculated:

- The Pensionable Pay 'ceiling' for the practice is the gross amount of the NHS contract multiplied by 43.9%
- Associates' pensionable pay figure is what they actually get paid rather than any calculation involving the UDA value
- Practice owners' pensionable pay figure is the total 'ceiling' amount less the following:
 - Total of all associates' pensionable pay
 - Actual pay for any dentists working at the practice who are already in receipt of their NHS pension

- Actual pay for any associates who operate through a limited company.

The remaining amount *may* be claimed by the practice owner as their own pensionable pay, but doesn't have to be. An increase in pensionable pay could mean practice owners breach the new HMRC lifetime and annual limits for pensions. Furthermore, practice owners must have sufficient earned income (net profits/salary/dividends) to justify the level of pension contributions that they can claim tax relief on.

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