Assistina makes handpiece cleaning and maintenance easy

Senior Dental Assistant Tracey Carroll is one of a growing number of users of the W&H Assistina - regarded as the 'Rolls Royce' in handpiece cleaning and maintenance systems. Tracey has worked with Queensland practice, The Endodontic Group for 15 years and has seen many changes in that time in dental equipment.

She says it would be difficult to think of one piece of equipment which has made such a difference to the daily routine of auxiliary staff as the W&H Assistina.

"Before we moved into our new Gold Coast surgery about a year ago, we were using G82 cans to lubricate the handpieces by hand. It was messy and time consuming and at the end of the year we went through quite a lot of spray cans.

"Now we just place the handpiece in the Assistina, hit the button and go - it's fantastic."

Tracey said the Assistina automatically took care of the amount of lubricant applied to each handpiece which saved wastage and kept the sterilization room cleaner and uncluttered.

"It's very quick - especially when you have a lot of handpieces coming through and the W&H oil and handpiece cleaner lasts from a very long time before you need to refill the Assistina."

Dental Depot Queensland equipment specialist, Mark Czerniawski, said the Assistina prolonged handpiece life and literally paid for itself in lubricant savings alone - let alone in handpiece repairs over the longer term.

"In a typical surgery the Assistina will pay for itself in about a year. Not only is it much cheaper to operate than using lubricant spray cans, but it also delivers the optimum amount of lubrication to the turbine. Over-oiling is a major problem when hand lubricating handpieces and does more harm than good," he said.

This observation has been borne out by handpiece repairers who have witnessed a marked improvement in the condition and cleanliness of handpieces maintained with the Assistina.

Larry Hazell of Dental Logistics in Melbourne said routine servicing of handpieces and regular use of automated handpiece lubricating equipment such as the Assistina greatly extended handpiece life and reliability.

At the same time maintaining handpieces in this way virtually eliminated the build-up of debris inside the turbine which was an important consideration in infection control.

The new Assistina 300 Plus is available from A-dec Australia dealers.

For more information on the W&H Assistina 301, contact A-dec Australia 1800-225-010.