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Isolation360 Power Pack



Seven unique isolation devices in an all-in-one pack for increased convenience and efficiency

any isolation systems on the market are multifunctional devices, able to control moisture, retract, enhance visibility, and protect oral tissue. But not all isolation products fit every clinical situation. It often takes time and experimentation on behalf of the clinician to determine which tools are the best fit. Wanting to acquire multiple isolation techniques for his practice, Dr. Brett Druger said, "I think it's very important to have a variety of isolation mouth props. One isolation tool was not sufficient for me."

Dr. Druger received not one but 7 unique isolation devices when he recently tried Zirc Company's Isolation360 Power Pack for this DPS evaluation. Each of the 7 products in the pack has its own specific features, collectively covering a wide range of isolation needs for dentists and hygienists. Looking to improve practice efficiency and enhance patient safety and comfort, Zirc created the Isolation360 Power Pack so clinicians can try each device and order more of the ones that suit the needs of their practices.

Dr. Laura Lam was one of many evaluators—both dentists and hygienists—who enjoyed the variety of items in the Isolation360 Power Pack and the convenience of having everything in one kit. "It is a go-to, especially if I am in need of a particular isolation technique," she shared.

Convenience & Versatility

Those who purchase the Isolation360 Power Pack receive 64 products in total: 5 Lingua-Fix, 10 Pink Petal, 20 SE Cushion, 9 Airway Armor, 10 Mr. Thirsty One-Step, 5 Insti-Dam Original, and 5 Relaxed-Fit Insti-Dam. This variety of products is ideal for dental teams who want to be completely prepared for



any clinical situation that requires isolation. "I liked the wide variety of options for isolation techniques that apply to different isolation needs," said Dr. Lam. Teresa DeStefano, DMD, agreed that this is "a good assortment of products," and Dr. Marshall Dicker praised the pack's versatility, saying, "I used all items as instructed, and they all worked very well."

While he appreciated the different options, Dr. Druger admitted that he didn't use everything in the kit. An ideal usage chart is included within the pack for clinicians to reference, and Dr. Lam suggested adding "a small postcard-size reference sheet for the products" for guidance. Duy Nguyen, DDS, said, "I liked the ability to try all the products and continue buying only the items I thought worked well for me."

Each of Zirc's isolation products is disposable, saving clinicians time that they might otherwise need to spend sterilizing instruments. One of the favorite products among our evaluators was the Insti-Dam, a flexible, single-use dam that comes with a built-in

takeaways

 Includes 7 unique devices for varying isolation needs: Lingua-Fix, Pink Petal, SE Cushion, Airway Armor, Mr. Thirsty One-Step, Insti-Dam Original, and Relaxed-Fit Insti-Dam

- Allows clinicians to try variety of products before purchasing quantities of individual products
- All products are single-use, disposable, and preassembled
- Compact design of products enhances patient comfort and safety

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Laura Lam, DMD; Huntington Beach, CA

frame and a half-inch, prepunched hole for easy positioning. Referring to the Relaxed-Fit Insti-Dam, Dr. DeStefano noted, "The rubber dam was helpful. Because it was a bit baggy, it fit many of my patients and was comfortable." She said some of the other products in the kit, however, were a bit oversized and difficult to stabilize.

Agreeing that the Insti-Dam was easy to use, Louis Sterling, DDS, said that the SE Cushion, used in conjunction with the saliva ejector, "worked well during root canal treatment to prevent intraoral injury to the patient." Samantha Weigel, RDH, noted, "The SE Cushion pack helped with patients who were anxious or had strong muscles," and Dr. Brad Barker described the pack as a "solid product with a variety of isolation and moisture-control options."

Patient Comfort & Safety

Zirc aims to help clinicians elevate the patient experience in the dental chair. While each patient presents unique characteristics that require diverse approaches, all of the products in the Isolation360 Power Pack are designed for comfort and easy placement. For Dr. Dicker, the variety of isolation products provided "better field of view for work and [patient] protection from aspiration or swallowing items." Explaining how patients reacted to the products in general, Dr. Marc Herman said, "Patients did not mind it. [I was] very impressed with the products."

Recounting a specific case, Dr. Lam shared, "The Insti-Dam was extremely helpful for a recent patient who was very anxious. It helped to comfortably speed up the treatment process for her." Similarly, Dr. Druger needed to find a mouth prop that a gagging patient was able to tolerate, and Mr. Thirsty One-Step came to his rescue.

Overall Satisfaction

Praising the products in the Isolation360 Power Pack for their effectiveness, versatility, and ability to increase patient acceptance, the evaluators awarded the kit a Recommend Product rating for providing disposable, preassembled, and safe products for every clinical situation. Dr. Herman concluded that, for him, "The products were easy to use, liked by the patient, controlled saliva, eliminated water, and kept the operating field dry. What more could you ask for?"

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