

Podcast Week Of 4/17/17

1. Natural Dental Implants is now developing a 3D version of a complete Replicate of an entire tooth including the roots. It features a titanium root portion and a zirconia abutment portion.
 - **The Replicate System features the Replicate Tooth, an anatomically shaped, 100% customized, titanium-zirconia tooth, and the Replicate Temporary Protective Crown, a customized cover shield designed to protect the Replicate Tooth during the healing process.
 - **The Replicate Tooth is an anatomical copy of the patient's natural tooth that fits into the space occupied by the tooth being removed. It is one piece; a super-hydrophilic titanium root fused to a zirconia preparation with an emerging profile like that of a natural tooth. Each Replicate Tooth component is designed individually and can be modified to overcome anatomical limitations or to meet specific clinical requirements
 - ** Immediately after the extraction, the Replicate Tooth is inserted into the tooth socket, without drilling, and covered with the Replicate Temporary Protective Crown until it osseointegrates. Once osseointegration is complete, the Replicate Temporary Protective Crown is removed and a final crown is placed.

More Information : <http://www.dentistryiq.com/articles/2017/03/natural-dental-implants-ag-announces-3d-printed-replicate-tooth-at-international-dental-show-in-cologne.html>

2. Dental Coding: Bone Grafts
 - **These two codes should be used only if bone graft is placed where a natural tooth exists.
 - (D4263)—Bone replacement: First site in quadrant**
 - (D4264)—Bone replacement: Each additional**
 - **This code should be used only if performing peri-implant surgery on an existing implant.
 - (D6103)—Bone graft repair for peri-implant defect**
 - **This code should be used if placing an implant and on the same visit, and when bone grafting the exact area.
 - (D6104)—Bone graft at time of implant placement**
 - **If performing an extraction of either a natural tooth, or bone grafting after implant removal, this is the correct code.
 - (D7953)—Bone replacement graft for ridge preservation**
 - **Always keep in mind that it is recommended to send in a pre-treatment authorization, including radiographs and periodontal charting, to ensure a smooth claim determination process.
3. Dentist Pays \$10,000 Fine after accused of Faulty implant work. A West Des Moines dentist who specializes in dental implants has agreed to pay a \$10,000 fine and to undergo retraining after state regulators alleged that she installed them wrong. According to [settlement documents released by the state board last week](#), Mohan did not admit performing faulty work. However, she agreed to pay a \$10,000 fine and to

stop installing dental implants until she has undergone retraining and passed a test of her proficiency. She also agreed to refrain from training other dentists on how to do the procedure. Her license was placed on indefinite probation.

4. **RecordLinc's new Implant Management System** was created to manage dental implant cases and strengthen relationships with referral dentists and labs
**RIMS is a web-based application designed to manage dental implant cases and strengthen relationships with referral dentists and labs. By implementing RIMS, users will attract new business, share accurate and consistent case information, make implant treatment coordinators more efficient, as well as strengthen and grow referral relationships.

**Our goal was to build a tool that easily integrates with current systems and processes so dental professionals can easily manage treatment plans. Some of the benefits:

- Increase implant cases
- Attract new business
- Streamline implant case management
- Get the right implant and restorative parts at the right time
- Share accurate and consistent case information
- Strengthen referral relationships
- Make implant treatment coordinators more efficient

More Information <http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/recordlinc-unveils-new-implant-case-management-system-300424818.html>

5. **Turning over a new leaf with hands-free dental suction**

**The ReLeaf hands-free dental suction is a dental innovation you should try.

**The suction kit contains the soft green leaf, a quick-connect adapter, and a hose. The hose connects to the high-volume evacuation (HVE), and the quick-connect adapter connects the green leaf to the tubing. The leaf is disposable, and the tubing can be disinfected just like evacuation tubing. The tubing is also autoclavable.

**The green leaf is made of a soft, BPA-free polymer, and it is very comfortable for the patient. ReLeaf gently rests against the cheek, and the tapered shape fits perfectly in the vestibule. Since the leaf fits up against the cheek, the clinician's field of view is clear.

**Since it uses the HVE, there is very little pooling of saliva or water during procedures. If a patient does feel a need to expectorate, I find if they bite just slightly, the leaf seems to open more and completely evacuates any fluid that might have accumulated.

More Information: <http://www.dentistryiq.com/articles/2017/03/turning-over-a-new-leaf-with-hands-free-dental-suction.html>

6. **Trouble keeping up with the not-so-daily responsibilities in your dental Practice?**

**There's no denying the To Do lists for dental team members can be endless, and the not-so-daily chores can get pushed to the back burner.

**two things generally happen—they try to do too much at one time, or they find organizing so overwhelming that they do nothing at all.

** the administrative team of the dental office has set responsibilities. They must greet patients, answer phones, appoint patients, maintain a productive schedule, check patients in and out, and verify, submit, and follow-up on insurance.

**On the clinical side, in addition to patient care, there is preparing instruments for sterilization, unloading the autoclave, preparing trays, breaking down and setting up the operatory, and completing chart notes. The outlying responsibilities are spore testing, changing the ultrasonic water, ordering supplies, vacuuming and sweeping the operatory, and taking out the trash.

**the best way to improve time management is with checklists. As old fashioned as that sounds, it still works. A calendar could be placed inside the cabinets of the sterilization area with a list of tasks that need to be done and on what days. We suggest laminating this and using a dry erase pen to check the tasks when completed. This will ensure that everyone knows exactly what to do and when.

**A similar checklist can be created for the front office that lists when the insurance aging report is to be run, when the billing statements and unscheduled treatment reports should be run, and more. This will help keep reports front and center when the front desk prepares the schedule for each day.

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7. Long Time Patient takes over Middletown Pediatric Dentistry- Dr. Pitera first came into the practice as a child. She had her Braces done in the office, along with her regular care. The dentist inspired her to become a dentist. When out of dental school Dr. Pitera mentor got sick with cancer, shortly after she became an associate their. Cancer treatment failed, and her mentor passed away. Dr. Pitera then had the chance to buy the practice that she herself was a patient at. She is now the proud owner.
8. 7 Dental Fun Facts :
 - **Americans buy more than 14 million gallons of toothpaste every year.
 - **The average human being produces 100,000 gallons of saliva during their lifetime.
 - **People prefer blue toothbrushes to red ones.
 - **It was customary during the middle ages to kiss a donkey if you had a toothache.
 - **Kids miss 51 million school hours a year due to dental related illnesses.
 - **The average woman smiles 62 time a day. The average man? Only 8 times.
 - **Americans spend \$100 billion a year on hair care products, and only \$2 billion a year on dental care products.

