



ENDO – Endodontic Practice Today



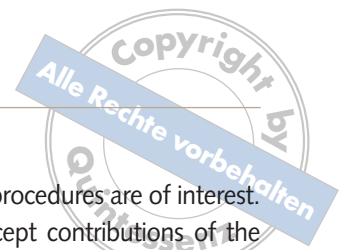
Welcome to this first issue of *ENDO – Endodontic Practice Today*. You may be asking yourself whether yet another endodontic journal is necessary. Our answer is yes!

Up-to-date knowledge is essential in order to achieve the goal of a successful treatment outcome. For the busy practitioner, it is not easy to keep up with all the advances in the science and art of endodontics. With this in mind, the intention of *ENDO – Endodontic Practice Today* is to act as a bridge between original science and clinical practice. In other words, this journal intends to be *clinically relevant and scientifically based*. The principal aim is to establish *ENDO* as essential reading for general practitioners and specialist endodontists. Current scientific knowledge of the highest quality, relevant to everyday clinical practice, will be presented in a way that is easy to understand and articles will be well illustrated with colour pictures. Consequently, *ENDO* is meant to complement, rather than replace, existing journals on the specialty.

Each issue of *ENDO* will include a review article, at least one clinical treatment article, a case report, and an endodontic question that will be answered by an expert in that particular field. We also aim to bring to the attention of our readers technological developments and new devices released by manufacturers. We will be offering unbiased and honest appraisals, free from commercial influence, of these products as they become available on the market.

In this first issue of *ENDO* some of the challenges we face in routine endodontic practice are covered. The effective and thorough irrigation of the root canal system is essential for improving the outcome of endodontic treatment. Two articles in this issue are focussed on this topic. The first article on *irrigation of the root canal* is a critical review on root canal irrigants and includes a suggested irrigation protocol. The second article discusses the uses of *ultrasound in endodontics*. Nowadays, it is not uncommon to encounter an HIV-infected patient in need of endodontic treatment. A third article deals with *HIV and endodontics*. Current knowledge and outcome regarding endodontic treatment of these patients are discussed. The use of rotary nickel-titanium instruments to prepare root canals is increasingly popular, so an article on the *surface properties of nickel-titanium rotary instruments* is featured in the *Materials and Instruments* section. Besides the use of suitable materials and instruments, accurate knowledge of the morphology and anatomy of teeth is one of the key factors for a successful treatment outcome; a further article focuses on *apical canal confluency in mandibular molars*. There is also a *case report*, a detailed answer to an *endodontic question* and a report on the recent *regional meeting of the British Endodontic Society*.

We are honoured to have assembled a panel of Editorial Board members with impeccable academic, research and clinical credentials from around the world. The members of the Editorial Board are introduced in this first issue of *ENDO*. Our Editorial



Board will be involved in advising, reviewing, commissioning and contributing articles for publication. We look forward to their input and help in maintaining the high standards we strive to achieve.

We cordially invite all colleagues and readers to submit manuscripts (please see *Guidelines for Authors* for further information) to *ENDO* for publication. As there is rarely only one solution to any clinical situation or problem, different opinions,

approaches, and treatment procedures are of interest. We would be happy to accept contributions of the highest quality. All submitted manuscripts will be subjected to peer review by at least two referees. We promise a fair and rapid review process.

We look forward to your support in making *ENDO* an essential read for everyone interested in endodontics. We hope you enjoy reading this first issue of *ENDO*.

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