Hemodettes

Hemodettes by Dux Dental are cotton pellets emerged in a jellylike aluminum chloride solution used to control hemorrhaging. The material stays in place on the sulcus and helps keep the tissue under control. Hemodettes can be used in the placement of retraction cord, after laser tissue contouring, or before final impressions. The multiple pellets come in a special finger cup that allows for easy access. Unlike some hemostatic agents, Hemodettes have a no-staining additive that keeps the tissue from discoloring. For more information, call 800.833.8267 or visit www.duxdental.com.

Ribbon Tubes

Acudose Ribbon Tubes and Plugs by Centrix are used to help load the laminate with cement. Made of an orange plastic thermal material with a flat ribbon end, cement is scooped and plugged with a rubber plunger. Because the tubes are orange, the curing time of the cement is reduced significantly. This flat ribbon end helps the assistant spread the luting cement across the laminate without lifting out the restoration before cementation. For more information, call 800.235.5862 or visit www.centrixdental.com.

Motorola 2-Way Radios

Having a 2-story practice can make it difficult to keep up with the dental team. We never really had a communication system to talk to one another, until now. Before, we would click on the computer when patient’s arrived. Sometimes we were so busy, we just could not keep up with the arrival times of the patients. So we bought 2-way radios with chargers and now we all are connected and can speak to 1 another. Just remember that you all are connected and only one person can talk at a time. For more information, visit www.motorola.com.

Pace Provisional Bur Block

The Pace Provisional bur block by Axis was designed for the assistant to be able to trim, finish, and polish anterior and posterior provisionals. Finding time to be efficient can be challenging, but this product contains every bur needed. This Provisional Kit contains carbides, diamond discs, and polishers to make your provisionals look like they were laboratory fabricated. For more information, call 800.355.6053 or visit www.axisdental.com.

Optradam

The Optradam is a new latex rubber dam introduced by Ivoclar Vivadent. Pre-stamped to help in rubber dam placement, it also has a connected frame that allows the assistant to place the dam in minutes. The Optradam comes in 2 sizes: small and medium. The manufacturer suggests that clamps may not be needed, although in my opinion this helps isolate the dam for stability. For more information, call 800.533.6825 or visit www.ivoclarvivadent.com.