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PRACTICAL INNOVATION



Ophis
MO.205

Flexible,
reusable,
recyclable...

You know it by now, this column displays users' feedbacks for all sorts of products and materials, from international well-known brands but also from more confidential manufacturers. We have desired to bring under the spotlight innovations that we believe interesting, in particular when they come from French companies: it is not a misplaced French pride, but more the wish to promote national companies that deserves recognition by their work.

And the company MO.205 deserves it. Under this mysterious names lies a small company based in La Rochelle which develops and commercializes a unique concept: OPHIS™.

OPHIS™ is a mouth wedge combined with a tongue protector and a lip retractor. Produced in France in an exclusive material without phthalates nor latex, the material has the mechanical properties of a silicone (without being one) and is as such extremely flexible and robust. OPHIS™ is available in three sizes and is completely autoclavable and reusable around thirty times. One can acknowledge that the device is easy to place and allows to move efficiently the tongue away from the teeth while keeping an opening thanks to the wedge and a good visibility of the working space thanks to the labial deflector.

The device has received a mixed reception from our testers: they found it quite unwieldy but their patients declared that they are less bothered by it compared to other spacing devices. One can note that the flexibility of the device can cause a loss of efficiency for patients who have tongues or lips not tonic enough.

Lastly, the working space can become extremely limited for subjects with a reduced oral cavity size: then treating molars, in particular mandibular ones, becomes difficult. However the device has tangible benefits: its production cost is very acceptable especially compared to similar devices. It can be reused around thirty times and is completely recyclable which is appreciable for sustainable development. In fact, OPHIS™. is a well imagined device, not expensive and deserves our focused attention as this product is a pleasant surprise that might find its followers.

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Displays / Ergonomics ★★★★★

Usability ★★★★★

Innovation ★★★★★

Efficiency ★★★★★

Ecological impact : + 1

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