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Together comes up trumps: In mixed teams at the 41st International Dental Show 2025 in Cologne

Prophylaxis team - hygiene team - periodontal team - orthodontic team - dentist/dental technician team - internal team building - international teams - IDS 2025 presents extensive trusted and innovative processes - at the same time it is a top event for networking with different partners.

The dental challenges have increased significantly during the first years of the 21st century. New processes as well as innovative materials, digital technologies, Artificial Intelligence and Cloud computing are available to help the practices and laboratories master these challenges. This requires team work. What could be more appropriate here than visiting the International Dental Show (IDS) in Cologne from 25 to 29 March 2025 as a team - or even in several different teams.

Depending on the objective, this could be the general dental team or specifically the hygiene team, the prophylaxis team, etc. The formation of a dentist/dental technician IDS team is also conceivable. The general motives are similar: In complex working environments different competences and people have to be brought together to find solutions for concrete tasks and challenges.

For example, if the prophylaxis section of a dental practice is to be further reinforced, it is recommended that the dental prophylaxis and dental hygiene assistants and ideally the trainees attend in addition to the owner. Because everyone has to get along with the new treatment unit for an additional prophylaxis room in the everyday routine, as well as with a new plaque remover and other peripheral systems. The overall design with practical and attractive furnishings also has to "fit in".

A different objective can also be: "We are updating our surgery hygiene this year and at the same time making it more efficient." Above all, the hygiene assistants contribute here with their experience from the everyday surgery routine. They can judge whether a certain software offers the team effective support in terms of the documentation. For example, when processing semi-critical and critical medical products each batch has to be authorised by the responsible person and each individual step has to be documented in the cleaning and disinfection device and sterilisation log book. Depending on the external framework conditions, this ideally occurs either in writing on paper or electronically. The data can then be made available via a device capable of printing or via a connected PC or digitally saved securely in the central practice EDP system.

Dealing with new digital technologies additionally also always requires the fine



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tuning of dentist/dental technician teams. Cloud computing allows the workflows that encompass the practice and the laboratory to grow together. A new distribution of tasks often makes existing work processes more efficient and more flexible. Different production methods for prosthetic restorations also play a role, because in addition to milling and grinding, 3D printing is available more and more as a matter of course alternative.

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Alongside the teams outlined here, countless other teams can be formed: the orthodontic team for instance or the implantology team comprising of the implantologist, the prosthodontist, the respective assistant and the corresponding dental technician.

"The International Dental Show in Cologne from 25 to 29 March 2025 will present trusted products and innovations in all sections for the highly responsible tasks of different teams," emphasised Mark Stephen Pace, Chairman of the Executive Board of the Association of the German Dental Industry (VDDI). "IDS is an ideal team-building event - indeed in several respects: as a top team event with own employees from the practice or laboratory and as a joint visit to the trade fair as a dentist/dental technician team. Beyond this, it offers the opportunity to network with diverse, future partners. I can imagine international cooperations more and more often at the 41st IDS 2025 and in the near future. They are particularly becoming more attractive through the digitalisation - both for larger companies as well as for medium-sized and smaller companies, like classic dental practices and laboratories."

About IDS

The International Dental Show (IDS) takes place in Cologne every two years and is organised by the GFDI Gesellschaft zur Förderung der Dental-Industrie mbH, the commercial arm of the Association of the German Dental Industry (VDDI), and hosted by Koelnmesse GmbH, Cologne.

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