

Competition

Over the next four issues, *Dental Practice*, in association with Dürr Dental, is offering readers the chance to enter a fantastic competition to win a range of prizes but most importantly the opportunity to show off your talents in these very pages.

Entries must be original and in some way related to dentistry, and anything goes – but no Photoshopping is allowed. The judging panel will comprise a representative from Dürr Dental, a member of the *Dental Practice* editorial team and Phil Wander, who last month concluded his excellent series on dental photography, and what the judges want to see are examples of imaginative and creative photography, with attention paid to the things that make a great photo: lighting, perspective, depth of field, etc., and of course an eye-catching subject. We get enough pictures of teeth at DP Towers so hopefully this competition will stir up some interesting ideas. All readers are eligible to enter but there is a limit to four entries per person, all at once or spread across the duration of the competition.

1st prize: Panasonic Lumix DMC FX550
2nd prize: John Lewis vouchers – £150
3rd prize: John Lewis vouchers – £100

Entry criteria: postal submissions will be accepted in any size, but photos must be original (no negatives please) and photocopies/scans will not be accepted. Digital photos will be accepted on disc or via e-mail but must be high-resolution (300dpi) and labelled with the entrant's name. Please remember to include all contact details.

Each month from December to February, a selection of the best photographs received will be published, with the final winner and runners-up being announced in the March edition.

Postal entries should be sent to:

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Submissions by e-mail (and any enquiries) should be sent to:

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The closing date for entries is **31st January**. Standard A E Morgan competition rules apply.

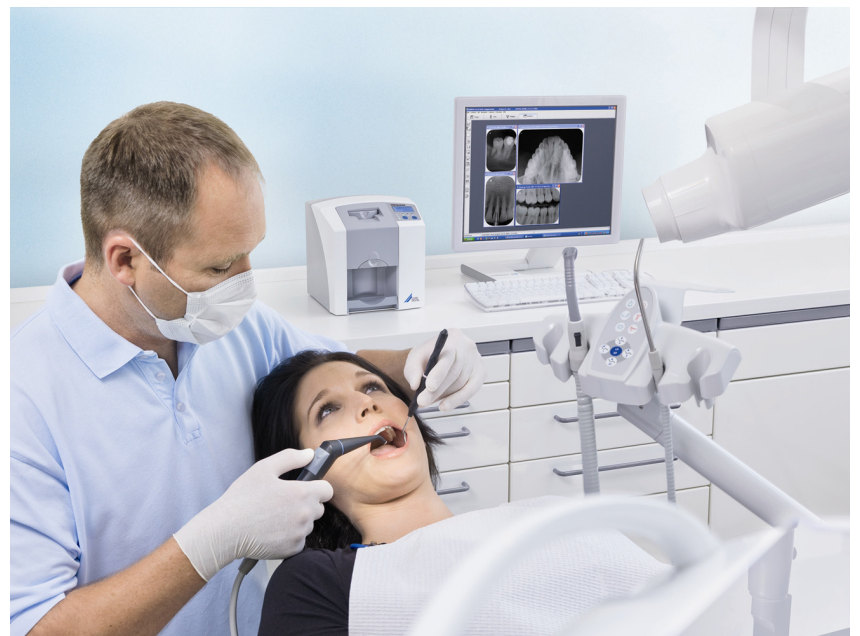
Get snapping – and good luck!

Promotion

Mini but mighty

DÜRR Dental really does believe that “good things come in small packages” with the launch of its VistaScan Mini image plate scanner. This miniature unit is simple to use, does not compromise on image quality and is extremely compact so that it can be easily sited in even the smallest surgery.

X-ray and scanning can literally be at arm's reach. The re-usable VistaScan image plates are ready within seconds and offer a range of image formats from size 0 to 4. The clarity of the image is phenomenal; being able to detect caries D1 lesions and endo instruments down to ISO 06. The unit is easy to integrate and can be operated with DBSWIN or other software packages via plug-ins or Twain drivers.



VistaScan Mini is priced similarly to a traditional two-sensor CCD system (but offers considerable advantages over this older technology). It is ideal for smaller or individual practices without an OPG. Ironically, it is also suitable for large surgeries too, as it obviates the need for the nurse to go out of the room to process plates.

Ian Pope, managing director for Dürr Dental, commented: “The evolution of VistaScan technology is not dissimilar to that of the mobile phone for those of us old enough to remember the brick-like Motorola prototypes of the 1990s.

“Although the original models worked, they were rather cumbersome and looking at the elegant models of the 21st century, you can't imagine ever having had such a large model. The size of VistaScan Mini belies its strength and proves that big isn't always beautiful!”

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