EFP issues guidance on interdental cleaning in response to media controversy about flossing

The EFP has issued a statement about the efficacy of flossing to prevent gum disease in response to media coverage of the subject. EFP secretary general Iain Chapple said misleading articles had caused “confusion for patients, the public and – indeed – parts of the profession.” The statement is based on the findings of the November 2014 EFP Perio Workshop.

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Perio Insight: Is it time for a rethink on the use of antibiotics to treat periodontitis?

The use of antibiotics, as an adjunct to mechanical debridement, to treat periodontitis is known to be effective. But it remains controversial because of the wider context of the over-prescription of antibiotics and the rise of antimicrobial resistance (AMR). In a detailed and thought-provoking debate, Prof Lior Shapira and Prof Andrea Mombelli discuss the issues involved.

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Colgate becomes new EFP partner

Colgate-Palmolive, a leading global oral-care company, has become the latest EFP partner, under an agreement which envisages a three-year collaboration. The EFP and Colgate held a strategic workshop in July to develop collaboration activities aimed at empowering and promoting better oral care across Europe.

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'A very sad day for perio': RIP Prof Thorkild Karring (1937-2016)
The EFP was saddened to learn that Thorkild Karring, one of the great perio pioneers, passed away on August 23 at the age of 78. Prof Karring made an outstanding contribution to the development of periodontology, particularly through his work on tissue regeneration.

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Video of the month: Perio Greats: Prof Thorkild Karring

A video interview with Prof Thorkild Karring, who died in August, was recently carried out by Tiernan O'Brien, chairman of the EFP external affairs committee as part of the "Perio Greats" series. It can be viewed here. In this three-part interview, Prof Karring talks about the steps that led to the breakthrough in regenerative studies that eventually evolved into guided tissue regeneration.

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