Treat pulpotomies with TheraCal PT

Resin-modified calcium silicate performs as barrier and protectant of pulpal complex

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BISCO Dental Products has recently introduced TheraCal PT — a biocompatible, dual-cured, resin-modified calcium silicate designed for pulpotomy treatment. It’s the latest product in BISCO’s “Thera” family of products that also includes TheraCem self-adhesive resin cement and TheraCal LC pulp capping liner. All three products feature resin-modified calcium silicate technology with calcium releasing abilities.

In an interview at the 2019 American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry meeting in Chicago, Katherine Steyer, product marketing manager at BISCO Dental, explained that TheraCal PT maintains tooth vitality by performing as a barrier and protectant of the dental pulpal complex. Steyer said that when a primary tooth is compromised, it is important to save it because it is important for speech, for mastication and for guiding adult teeth. Steyer explained that TheraCal PT is particularly helpful in treating children because it can be used for immediate restoration.

No mixing required

What’s more, TheraCal PT does not require mixing like MTA, Steyer said. And further, unlike calcium hydroxide, it is moisture tolerant, she said. Another plus, Steyer said, is that it is radiopaque, allowing for easy identification and differentiation from recurrent decay and other restorative materials.

“What’s great about this product is an easy application with its direct syringe,” Steyer said. “We have a working time of minimum 45 seconds and a setting time.

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In the exhibit hall at the 2019 American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry meeting in Chicago, Katherine Steyer of BISCO Dental Products holds TheraCal PT, BISCO Dental’s new product designed for pulpotomy treatment. Photo/Fred Michmershuizen, Dental Tribune Staff
‘Tranzform’ the way you store your X-ray aprons with Flow’s new hanger

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(Source: Flow Dental)

TheraCal PT’s physical properties resist breakdown and degradation, leading to a durable seal. Photo/Provided by BISCO Dental

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Sulzer Mixpac awarded $2 million in candy-colors trademark infringement

According to the leadership team at Sulzer Mixpac, the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York has issued a judgment in favor of Sulzer Mixpac in Sulzer Mixpac AG v. A&N Trading Co., A&N Trading Co. Ltd. and Sung Bin An, awarding $2 million in damages and imposing a permanent injunction against further infringement.

Infringer spotted at GNYDM
Sulzer Mixpac filed the case during the 2016 Greater New York Dental Meeting (GNYDM) after an exhibitor, A&N Trading Co., displayed dental mixing tips that used Sulzer Mixpac’s Candy Colors™ (Sulzer Mixpac’s Candy Colotm trademarks include yellow, teal, blue, pink, purple and brown), according to the company. See image of examples of the infringing mixing tips in yellow, teal and blue.

Sulzer Mixpac asserts that it later learned that the mixing tips were made by Seil Global of Korea, which was previously ordered by the same court not to offer certain mixing tips. Defendant Sung Bin An was a Seil Global employee who displayed the infringing mixing tips during the 2016 GNYDM. He is also the son of Seil Global’s CEO and president. The court also found that An’s companies A&N Trading Co. and A&N Trading Co. Ltd. were the alter egos of Seil Global, according to the company.

According to Sulzer Mixpac, the defendants mistakenly argued that using Sulzer Mixpac’s Candy Colors on a different location of the mixing tip was not infringing. The court confirmed that Sulzer Mixpac’s Candy Colors are a strong trademark for its dental system and that use of the trademarked candy colors by the defendants was intended to cause confusion.

The court found that the defendants’ infringement was willful and awarded Sulzer Mixpac $2 million in statutory damages. Further, the court issued a permanent injunction that prohibits infringing use of Sulzer Mixpac’s Candy Colors on dental mixing tips by An, his companies or Seil Global.

(Source: Sulzer Mixpac)