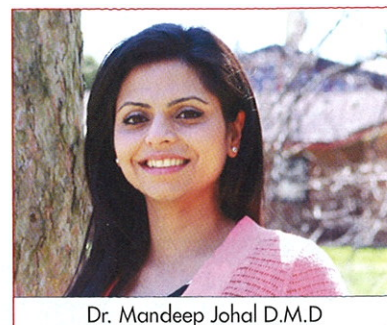


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A clinician's perspective on the EZ DAM[®] Dryfield Isolation system



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Dr. Mandeep Johal is a general dentist based in Fergus Ontario. In this interview, we explore how EZ DAM[®] has impacted her practice and patients.

Q What first caught your interest in EZ DAM[®]?

A What first caught my eye was the fact that this product offered a better way to do what I try to do every day: keep things out of the way, and dry while I provide treatment.

Q What procedures is it used for?

A I really like to use it anytime I need to keep the cheek out of the way with a controlled and dry environment. I use it for most restorative cases, especially Class V's in the posterior, crown and bridge preps and cementation, and it's also great for kids even if they move around a lot. EZ DAM[®] saves so much time and makes my job easier!

It is also great for the hygienists, who benefit from it when they use the Cavitron and need help with suction and keeping the tongue out of the way. It is also very handy for quick sealants.



Q What would you say are the most important benefits after having used the system for a while now?

A I would say there are many tangible and intangible benefits of this system but, what I like the most, are the following: you get that “rubber dam peace of mind” without the hassles of rubber dam!

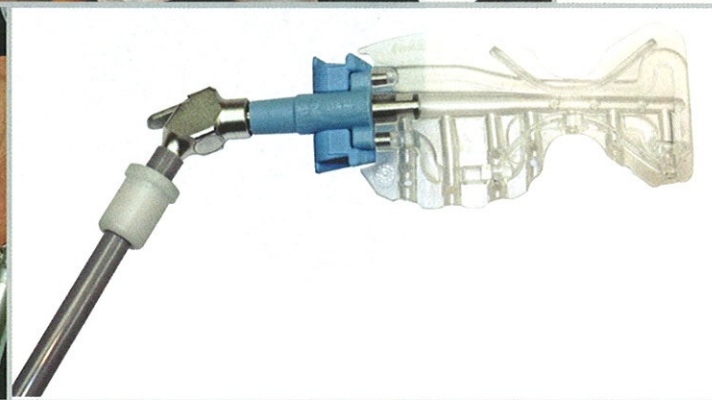
It saves time because it allows me to work uninterrupted: no more stop-and-go... it's all go. I like the fact that I don't have to worry about the tongue, cheek, saliva etc... it's like having a virtual 2nd assistant working. If my assistant has to get up to attend to something, she can without hesitation, which is great, because sometimes you need the resources to be available to handle those everyday unexpected things that pop up. And lastly, I like that I'm providing a better patient experience in regards to comfort, protection, and treatment quality.

Q How do your patients like the EZ DAM®?

A Overall, a positive response. My patients are very surprised to find how comfortable the mouthpiece and the bite-block are, because when you first see it, it doesn't look that way. It helps that the bite-blocks come in various sizes, and the mouthpiece can be trimmed for patient comfort.

Q Do you have anything negative to say about the system?

A I can't say I use it on every single patient, like on my sensitive



patients. Some like the fact that they have something to bite down on and keep things in place, and some don't like it. With those patients, I can't even get the mirror into their mouth without a gag reflex! But, that is a small percentage of my practice. I use it on most patients throughout the day for a wide variety of procedures.

Q What kind of dentist would benefit from this product?

A Honestly, everyone. Even independent hygienists should invest in this. At only \$599 for a starter kit, it's not expensive to get into the product and, at an average of \$2 per use, it easily justifies itself in time savings. When I find a product that provides a better way to work and impacts my patients

comfort, experience, safety and quality of care, I think it's a worthwhile investment. ■

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