

Straumann products wins prestigious medical design award



We are proud to announce that another Straumann product has been internationally recognized for its innovative design and features that provide enhanced benefits for patients. Our thermoplastic drill template has won the prestigious 2007 Medical Design Excellence Award (MDEA), which will be presented at an official ceremony in New York in June.

Significant additional predictability in just a matter of minutes

The Straumann® Thermoplastic Drill Template provides a quick, simple and precise solution for ensuring optimum implant placement. The template consists of a small titanium tube (sleeve) vertically embedded in a flat piece of a special polymer that becomes malleable when heated and then sets when cool. Prior to use, the template is warmed in hot water and moulded over a cast model of the patient's teeth with the sleeve positioned along the planned axis for the implant. Once the polymer has cooled and hardened, the template can be used in the patient's mouth to position and guide the implant pilot drill, which passes through the sleeve precisely.

The additional contribution to the predictability of the procedure are impressive in view of the fact that it takes just a few minutes to prepare the template.

About the Medical Design Excellence Award

The MDEA is the premier awards program for the medical technology community and is the only awards program that exclusively recognizes contributions and advances in the design of medical products. Entries are evaluated on the basis of their design and engineering features, including user-related functions that improve healthcare delivery and change traditional medical attitudes or practices. The 2007 Award will be presented at the Medical Design & Manufacturing East Conference and Exposition in New York on 19 June 2007.