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CR is the original and only independent dental product testing organization with funding only from dentists!



Products Rated Highly by CR Scientists and Clinical Evaluators

COBALT Air Purification System



Surgically Clean Air

\$2,495/2'x2' Size

\$3,495/2'x4' Size

JADE 2.0 Air Purifier



Surgically Clean Air

\$1,295/Standalone System

Portable Cylinder 12.4" deep x 35.2" high

Well-Received Air Purifiers Improve Operatory Air Quality and Reduce Dental Office Odors

Dentistry creates aerosols and particulate debris in the office environment. Surgically Clean Air produces two useful options to improve air quality. Both air purification systems have quiet operation and effectively clean the air with HEPA filters that capture 99.9% of ultrafine particles (0.3 microns). Surgically Clean Air offers high-efficiency HEPA filters and HEPA Carbon Hybrid filters for the COBALT Air Purification System.

The COBALT ceiling mounted units have:

- 28.5 air changes in an hour for a 10'×10'×9' operatory with 2'×2' unit.
- Two sizes that integrate into the ceiling.
- Smart proximity sensor that turns the COBALT on and off based on room occupancy.
- Schedule to operate for 2, 6, 12, or 24 hours.
- Activated carbon filter for removing unpleasant odors.

The JADE 2.0 stand-alone air purification system has similar effective filtration and includes a no ozone emitting UV-C+ bulb for disinfection (not tested by CR).

Advantages:

- Activated carbon filter reduces dental office odors
- Effectively reduces aerosols and debris from operatory air
- Quiet operation
- Easy to use settings/controls

Limitations

- Requires cost and process of installation
- Does not resolve clinician exposure to burst of oral aerosols created with rotary and water cooled instruments; PPE (personal protective equipment) is still important

CR CONCLUSIONS: 91% rated COBALT or JADE 2.0 Air Purification System excellent or good and worthy of trial by colleagues. 82% of 11 CR Evaluators stated they would incorporate them into their practice.

What is CR?

WHY CR?

CR was founded in 1976 by clinicians who believed practitioners could confirm efficacy and clinical usefulness of new products and avoid both the experimentation on patients and failures in the closet. With this purpose in mind, CR was organized as a unique volunteer purpose of testing all types of dental products and disseminating results to colleagues throughout the world.

WHO FUNDS CR?

Research funds come from subscriptions to the Gordon J. Christensen Clinicians Report®. Revenue from CR's "Dentistry Update" courses support payroll for non-clinical staff. All Clinical Evaluators volunteer their time and expertise. CR is a non-profit, educational research institute. It is not owned in whole or in part by any individual, family, or group of investors. This system, free of outside funding, was designed to keep CR's research objective and candid.

HOW DOES CR FUNCTION?

Each year, CR tests in excess of 750 different product brands, performing about 20,000 field evaluations. CR tests all types of dental products, including materials, devices, and equipment, plus techniques. Worldwide, products are purchased from distributors, secured from companies, and sent to CR by clinicians, inventors, and patients. There is no charge to companies for product evaluations. Testing combines the efforts of 450 clinicians in 19 countries who volunteer their time and expertise, and 40 on-site scientists, engineers, and support staff. Products are subjected to at least two levels of CR's unique three-tiered evaluation process that consists of:

1. Clinical field trials where new products are incorporated into routine use in a variety of dental practices and compared by clinicians to products and methods they use routinely.
2. Controlled clinical tests where new products are used and compared under rigorously controlled conditions, and patients are paid for their time as study participants.
3. Laboratory tests where physical and chemical properties of new products are compared to standard products.

Clinical Success is the Final Test



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This team is testing resin curing lights to determine their ability to cure a variety of resin-based composites.

Every month several new projects are completed.

THE PROBLEM WITH NEW DENTAL PRODUCTS.

New dental products have always presented a challenge to clinicians because, with little more than promotional information to guide them, they must judge between those that are new and better, and those that are just new. Because of the industry's keen competition and rush to be first on the market, clinicians and their patients often become test data for new products.

Every clinician has, at one time or another, become a victim of this system. All own new products that did not meet expectations, but are stored in hope of some unknown future use, or thrown away at a considerable loss. To help clinicians make educated product purchases, CR tests new dental products and reports the results to the profession.