Periodontal Scaling/Root Planing

Non-surgical debridement remains an important treatment option for patients with periodontal disease. However, treatment approaches and armamentarium used may vary widely among providers.

Use of hand instrumentation is a significant part of the dental hygiene curriculum. Hand instruments are also introduced and utilized by dental students during their clinical years. When these students graduate and enter practice, do they find themselves utilizing hand instruments primarily or ultrasonics/piezo instruments? If the private practitioner relies on the use of ultrasonic instrumentation, is it necessary to spend as much time in the curriculum on hand instrumentation skills?

Help us understand your practices periodontal scaling/root planing procedure and operations with this 5-question poll. The results will help determine whether this issue merits further investigation by the Network.

To continue the conversation, go to "Quick Poll Results" in the Member Forum.