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Your No-Rip Dental Dam

The HySolate SyntX Dam combines the right amount of elasticity and tear resistance for frustration-free isolation and retraction

As an educator, Dr. Michael Miyasaki is always looking at what's new in dental tools and materials. So, it's no surprise he decided to test various rubber dam materials just to see if he could find a better product. That led him to the HySolate SyntX Dam from COLTENE—his new go-to for endodontic and restorative procedures.

The latex-free SyntX is made of polyisoprene, giving the rubber dam better elasticity and tear resistance than other options, a difference Dr. Miyasaki certainly appreciates.

"With other rubber dam materials, I would punch the hole, stretch it over the clamp or put it over the patient's teeth, and the hole would rip," he said. "I'd sometimes go through a few sheets of material. Then, there are other options that are too stretchy and don't retract the gums enough."

The tear-resistant SyntX, which is blue for improved visibility, allows for faster isolation and more confident retraction, and is what Dr. Miyasaki describes as a "dam material that works really well."

Why A Good Rubber Dam Matters

Dr. Miyasaki noted that rubber dams are critical in endodontics, where they help prevent salivary contamination of the canals and provide added safety during procedures—reducing the risk of instruments such as endodontic files being aspirated.



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"Whether you're working on 1 tooth or the entire arch, you need a rubber dam that's easy to place and won't rip or tear, because that's where the frustration builds," he said. "It has to have the right amount of elasticity yet not tear easily. This material has that."

And unlike other rubber dams, Dr. Miyasaki said, the tooth markings are pre-printed on the latex-free SyntX, allowing for faster punching. This also gives dental assistants more confidence when punching holes because they know exactly where to go.

Isolation That Everyone Will Love

The SyntX not only performs well, Dr. Miyasaki said, it's also offered at a price point that's comparable to other rubber dam products, which is "a big plus for practice owners."

"The dental team will love that they don't have to guess where to punch the holes, and the doctor will love the retraction and isolation the dam provides and that it doesn't tear. It's also patient-friendly because there are no allergy issues," he said. "Those factors make this the perfect rubber dam material."