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Top 10 Pearls from 2006



IMS® (Instrument Management System) by Hu-Friedy — How do you organize your instruments? If you're like me, you probably don't care as long as you have the instruments you need, when you need them. A number of years ago, we were using a tray system that everyone (doctor, assistants, and hygienists) had a hand in setting up. It worked fine for a while, but the clinical assistants noticed that the number of instruments was increasing and the trays were becoming difficult to close. At a staff meeting, the assistants announced that we were going to have an instrument meeting. The rules were simple: They would open a tray, hand me an instrument, and give me 20 seconds to identify its use. If I could not, it would be removed from the tray. We very quickly got things under control. About that time, we were introduced to Hu-Friedy's Instrument Management System. IMS was our answer. It kept things organized but, most importantly, the system prevented us from wasting valuable time searching for instruments. It also taught us that it is less expensive to buy more instruments than to hire another person to sterilize more frequently. Buy enough instruments to get you through a full day of patients. By doing so, you have built in room for growth, and if your sterilizer stops working (heaven forbid), you can finish the day because you have enough instruments.

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