

In review: Sylc

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Sylc is an innovative range of therapeutic prophylaxis powders that improves preventive dental care and its delivery. It works by sealing exposed dentine to provide long-term relief from dental hypersensitivity. It also protects and soothes dental tissues, and provides fast removal of heavy staining – it is capable of whitening patients' teeth by up to four Vita shades in this way, returning enamel to its natural brightness.

All of these benefits are due to the properties of the active ingredient: a bioactive glass called Novamin.

Sylc is available in stain removal (SR) and polishing (P) formulations, and can be used before and after both whitening and scaling treatments and in a number of roles in modern dental therapy.

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The results

While the majority of respondents (66%) thought the clarity of instructions for use was fair, all agreed that they found Sylc easy to use.

In terms of patient comfort, 50% reported treatment as being very comfortable, with some patients commenting on the product being 'less prickly' on soft tissue.

Sixty per cent of respondents said that patients

'Gave me more confidence to use around sensitive areas'

'Removed stains very quickly and effectively'

'I had excellent results with a patient who suffers from severe sensitivity and finds scaling unbearable'

'Only a small amount is required for a full mouth prophylaxis'

	Fair	Good	Excellent
Clarity of instructions for use	66%	17%	17%
Ease of use for clinician		17%	83%
Patients' comfort during procedure	17%	33%	50%
Packaging and product size		33%	67%
Patients' response to taste of product*	40%	60%	
Clinician's view of effectiveness		17%	83%
Patients' view of effectiveness		17%	83%
Summary of short-term results*		20%	80%

*Based on five responses

	Yes	No	Don't know
Will you use this product with your patients?	100%		

found the taste of Sylc to be good.

Clinicians and patients were in agreement on the effectiveness of the product – with 83% rating it as excellent. The majority of the clinicians that trialed Sylc commented on how impressed they were at its ability to remove stains quickly and easily, as well as when using it for patients with severe sensitivity.

Eighty per cent of the respondents reported 'excellent' short-term results and were looking forward to seeing the long-term results.

Of the six respondents, the majority (67%) agreed that the size and packaging of Sylc was excellent and every single clinician (100%) stated that they would continue to use it with their patients. ■



'Leaves a smooth finish, does not splash all over'

'Perfect stain removal'

'Love the product'

'I am impressed with the effectiveness and final finish achieved'

'Patients have found the product very effective'



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