

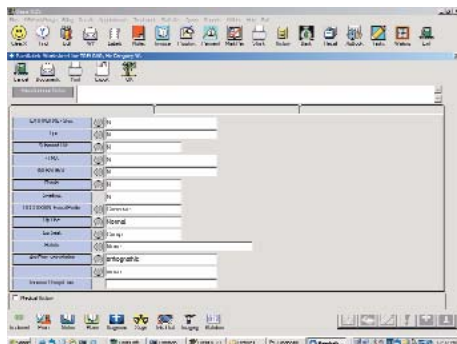
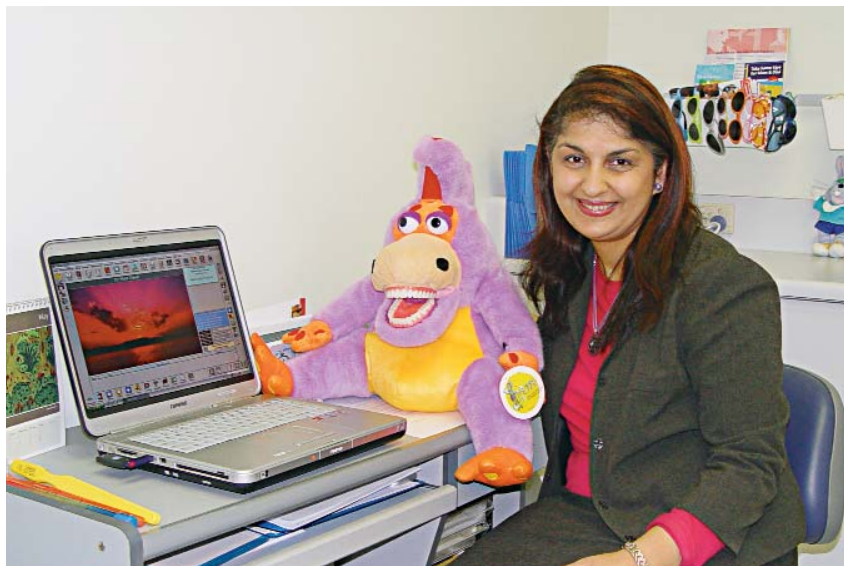


Oasis release new module for paediatric dentists

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Oasis Software has developed a new module for its popular practice management software system aimed at the specific needs of paediatric dentists. The company worked with Dr Mala Desai, Dr Barbara Lerpiniere and Dr Karen Kan to develop the new module.

"I started using the standard version of Oasis in my practice," said Dr Desai, a specialist paediatric dentist, "and then we started talking with Noel and Anne at Oasis about our specialist needs. We gave them a wish list of what we wanted and progressed the concept with them from there."



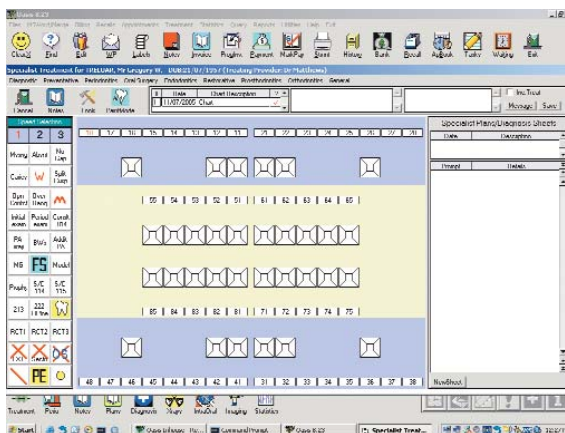
High on Dr Desai's list was mixed dentition charting with the ability to show developmental anomalies, enamel hypoplasia, supernumerary, impacted and ectopic teeth and trauma.

"You can quickly and easily chart the early mixed dentition with the system. We also developed a set of icon buttons specifically related to paediatrics at our practice and Oasis have included these with the module.

"Oasis allows you to have up to 99 icon buttons on the charting screen and you click the button relating to the characteristic of the tooth you are charting to make it quicker and easier to chart. The buttons typically reflect the most commonly seen conditions."

Dr Desai said that paediatric dentistry is very treatment planning-oriented and the module allows her to develop several options to present to the patients and their parents, as well as an accompanying cost estimate.

"The paediatric module also includes specialised diagnostic records and worksheets with the ability to include medical, dental, family, social and behavioural his-



stories. The software essentially caters to every aspect of our specialist practice in terms of managing patient information."

Dr Desai completed her Masters degree in 1997 and has recently commenced a new practice in the Melbourne suburb of Balwyn. The practice is ideally located in the same house as an orthodontist (who uses Oasis' orthodontic module as well). Both the treatment rooms at her practice are networked with Oasis.

"Apart from the clinical record keeping aspects of Oasis, it is an excellent tool for managing the practice. We use its appointment book to manage our schedule and you can also do mail merge letters directly from the appointment book, which saves us a lot of time. We have also found the electronic link with Oasis and the health funds via the HICAPS/EFTPOS terminal

to be extremely beneficial to us and our patients."

More than half the paediatric dentists in Melbourne now use the Oasis Paediatric Module and similar add-ons are available for orthodontists, periodontists and prosthodontists. Dr Desai is now investigating new technologies like digital x-ray, and digital and intraoral cameras with the images from these being

linked to the patient's record in Oasis.

Since starting with Oasis, Dr Desai has taken on several new staff to cope with her growing practice. As they were new to using the Oasis system they have been attending the training sessions and have found them to be efficiently run and very useful and practical.

"I'm very happy with the result we came up with and it's very easy to use," Dr Desai said. "The support from Oasis has also been first class. We haven't had to use it much but it's been there when we've needed it. We now have a tool that is perfect for a paediatric practice and it has made managing our information and our business so much simpler."

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