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To whom it may concern:

I believe hand hygiene is not only an exceptionally important aspect of performing dental procedures, but is essential for protecting our own health. However, I find it very inconvenient to wash my hands before and after wearing protective gloves. I must wait for my hands to be dry enough to slip into the gloves and this frequent washing makes my hands dry out, especially around my fingernails. Sometimes my skin cracks and even bleeds making me more susceptible to infections.

When I learned that the California Dental Board would allow the use of an alcohol based hand sanitizer as an alternative to such frequent hand washing, I was pleased. I tried the bottled anti-microbial gels and they were OK but somehow it seemed that my hands still "dried out" too much.

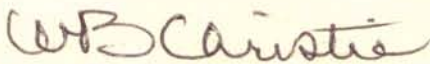
I was intrigued by the "Discover Medical" hands-free waterless hand sanitizer dispenser at the CDA dental convention and liked the people demonstrating the system so I ordered these dispensers for my office.

I have been so pleased with their lotion waterless anti-bacterial hand cleaner that I decided to bring it along on a recent dental missionary trip to serve tsunami orphans in India. I love that it gives a 2-4 hour barrier without washing my hands so frequently. Because the water available at the orphanage where we set up the clinic was not suitable for drinking, we relied upon bottled water. I decided that water with too many organisms to drink was not going to leave my hands clean enough for my peace of mind, so I regularly used the disinfectant lotion after washing and drying my hands.

The gravely impoverished people we treated in India have nearly every illness known to man-leprosy, tuberculosis, AIDS, malaria, skin infections, gastrointestinal problems, etc. We felt that in treating this needy population, we needed to do everything possible to protect ourselves from these diseases and the "Discover Medical" disinfectant hand lotion/sanitizer filled that essential need wonderfully. I wouldn't even floss my teeth until I had used this product.

Bottom line-I love this product and recommend it and the hands free dispensers highly!

Sincerely,



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