Products Rated Highly by Evaluators in CR Clinical Trials

**PRO-SYS VarioSonic Power Toothbrush**

**Benco Dental**

$40/Automated Toothbrush
$9/3 Replacement Heads

**Power Toothbrush with Five Speeds and Five Soft Brush Head Options**

Sonic power toothbrush with the following soft brush heads included: Feather Soft, Ultra Soft, Hybrid Soft, Extra Soft, and Normal Soft. Designed to clean well while being gentle to soft tissues. Brush has five speeds. Combination of soft brush head and variable speed allow even periodontal patients to have comfort while cleaning effectively. Intended to be purchased by dentist and sold by dentist to patient as a potential profit source.

**Advantages:**

- Multiple brush types and replacement brush heads are affordable
- Variable speeds and two-minute timer
- Price decreases with the purchase of 10 or more
- Ergonomic, lightweight handle

**Limitation:**

- A few Evaluators desired additional brush shapes

**CR CONCLUSIONS:** 78% of 23 CR Evaluators stated they would incorporate PRO-SYS VarioSonic Power Toothbrush into their practice. 96% rated them excellent or good and worthy of trial by colleagues.
WHAT IS CR?

WHY CR?
CR was founded in 1976 by clinicians who believed practitioners could confirm efficacy and clinical usefulness of new products and avoid both the experimentation on patients and failures in the closet. With this purpose in mind, CR was organized as a unique volunteer purpose of testing all types of dental products and disseminating results to colleagues throughout the world.

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1. Clinical field trials where new products are incorporated into routine use in a variety of dental practices and compared by clinicians to products and methods they use routinely.
2. Controlled clinical tests where new products are used and compared under rigorously controlled conditions, and patients are paid for their time as study participants.
3. Laboratory tests where physical and chemical properties of new products are compared to standard products.

THE PROBLEM WITH NEW DENTAL PRODUCTS.
New dental products have always presented a challenge to clinicians because, with little more than promotional information to guide them, they must judge between those that are new and better, and those that are just new. Because of the industry’s keen competition and rush to be first on the market, clinicians and their patients often become test data for new products.

Every clinician has, at one time or another, become a victim of this system. All own new products that did not meet expectations, but are stored in hope of some unknown future use, or thrown away at a considerable loss. To help clinicians make educated product purchases, CR tests new dental products and reports the results to the profession.