



## I can see clearly now...



... not only clearly but even clinically relevant observations I never have noticed or seen before. This is thanks to the operating microscope, which provides access to a new dimension in endodontics. Whoever has had the opportunity to perform a root canal treatment under the microscope certainly will confirm this assessment. That's why I would like to concentrate your attention on the interesting and well-illustrated paper by Arnold, which clarifies the usefulness of the operating microscope in daily endodontic treatment and in problem solving.

Besides this article we are delighted to once again present you a varied mixture of relevant articles in this issue of *ENDO-Endodontic Practice Today*. Several topical reviews can be found in this issue, out of which the one by Simon et al pays attention to some basics in endodontics: pulp biology. By reading this text one will gain a sense of the thrilling future in endodontics. Stem cells in the dental pulp might be the key to new concepts in pulp wound

healing or direct pulp capping. The mesmerising potential of these post-natal stem cells might revolutionize the old fashioned concepts in vital pulp therapy! Let's wait and see, we will keep you informed.

Additional topics in this issue include the controversy between single- and multiple-visit root canal treatment, the role of adhesives in endodontics, and a comparison of two common obturation techniques—cold lateral condensation and the Thermafil technique—when performed by undergraduate students.

Hopefully, you will find some useful information for your daily challenges in endodontics.

Enjoy your *ENDO*!

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