Products Rated Highly by Evaluators in CR Clinical Trials

**Comfort Contra Prophy Angles**

*Prophy Magic*

* $60/100 angles
  *(60¢ per prophy angle)*

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**High-Quality, Disposable Prophy Angle with Reasonable Price and Two Cup Design Options**

Disposable prophy angle designed with a contra-angle to provide better access in hard-to-reach areas. Comfort soft cups offer good flair for interproximal and subgingival access. Mystic cups have diamond-shaped ridges for more active cleaning surfaces. Both have recessed, counter-clockwise ribs/webs inside the cup to reduce splatter. Note: Hard cup designs are also available, but not evaluated by CR.

**Advantages:**
- Angles run smoothly and have ergonomic design
- Comfort soft cups have excellent flare and flexibility for interproximal and subgingival access
- Outside texture on Mystic cups increased active cleaning surfaces
- Price

**Limitation:**
- Outside texture on Mystic cups decreased interproximal and subgingival access

**CR CONCLUSIONS:** 91% of 23 CR Evaluators stated they would incorporate Comfort Contra Prophy Angles 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.

WHO FUNDS CR?
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HOW DOES CR FUNCTION?
Each year, CR tests in excess of 750 different product brands, performing about 20,000 field evaluations. CR tests all types of dental products, including materials, devices, and equipment, plus techniques. Worldwide, products are purchased from distributors, secured from companies, and sent to CR by clinicians, inventors, and patients. There is no charge to companies for product evaluations. Testing combines the efforts of 450 clinicians in 19 countries who volunteer their time and expertise, and 40 on-site scientists, engineers, and support staff. Products are subjected to at least two levels of CR’s unique three-tiered evaluation process that consists of:

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.

Clinical Success is the Final Test

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