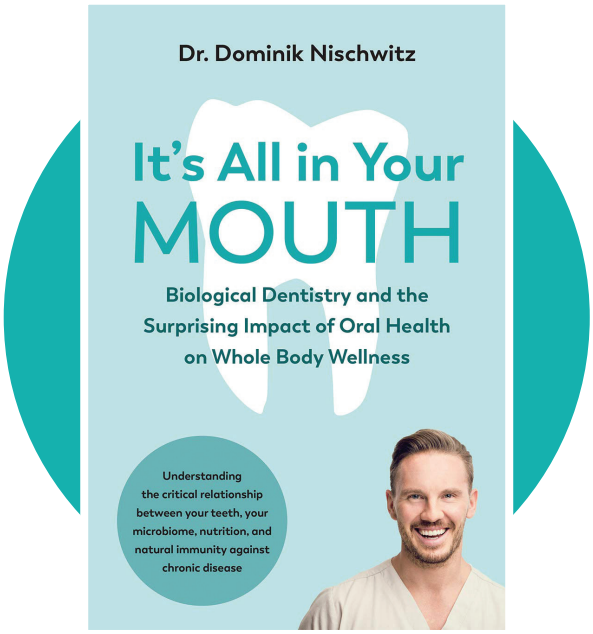
Change in leadership at

SDS Swiss Dental Solutions

In late 2019, the dental implant manufacturing company SDS Swiss Dental Solutions was merged with the SWISS BIOHEALTH CLINIC to form the SWISS BIOHEALTH GROUP. Against this backdrop, Dr Karl Ulrich Volz handed over his management duties to Joachim Amann, who had previously been active as Regional Sales Manager for Straumann, and who will now serve as CEO of SDS Swiss Dental Solutions, starting at the beginning of 2020. According to Dr Volz, Joachim Amann will "[…] use his professional skills to bring the crucial areas of marketing and sales to peak performance." In addition, this change in leadership will allow Volz to

focus more strongly on his personal strengths, which include up to twenty immediate implant surgeries each day, lecturing activities around the globe, considerable research efforts, and publishing endeavours. Amann commented in an interview with the German language news outlet *ZWP online*: "[…] we are looking to expand the reach of our SDS zirconia implants and our SWISS BIOHEALTH CONCEPT on both a national and an international level." For more information, go to www.swissdentalsolutions.com.

Source: SDS Swiss Dental Solutions



The key to a healthier life

Starts in your mouth

American health professionals are beginning to discover what their European counterparts have long understood: Many common chronic conditions—obesity, stroke, diabetes, Alzheimer's, heart disease, cancer, among others—often have their origins in the mouth. In a groundbreaking new work, German dentist Dr Dominik Nischwitz presents the principles of biological dentistry along with emerging scientific research on the mouth's vital role in the body's microbiome—a key to whole body wellness. Challenging conventional dental wisdom that teeth are separate from the rest of the body, and conventional dental practices that often cause more harm than good, *It's All in Your Mouth* delivers the latest research about the microbiome and the mouth, critical information on the dangers of root canals and amalgam filling, the important role of nutrition in oral health and hygiene, and a clarion call for a new approach to dentistry. Sensible, holistic, and humane, *It's All in Your Mouth* presents a necessary new approach to natural immunity to chronic disease and integrating dental hygiene with whole body wellness. The book was published in the US on 18 March 2020.

Source: Chelsea Green Publishing

Zeramex Expert Days 2020

An event "Made in Switzerland"

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FDA investigates into

Metals used in medical devices

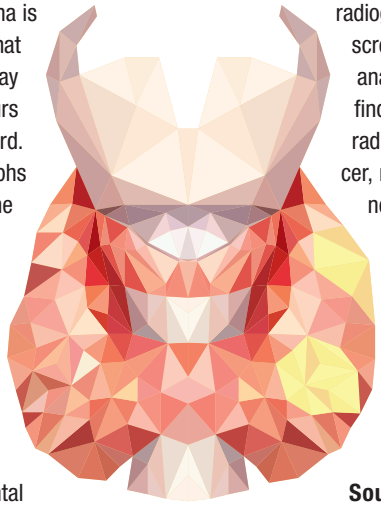
Metals and metal alloys are commonly used in implanted medical devices and in inserts like amalgam dental fillings, and these materials are sometimes in contact with parts of the body for extended periods of time. Part of the FDA's evaluation to determine whether a medical device is safe and effective involves reviewing information about metals and other materials used in the device. The FDA have received adverse event reports that note biological responses to certain metals used in medical devices. Based on their evaluation, they believe the current evidence, although limited, suggests some individuals may be predisposed to develop a local or systemic immune or inflammatory reaction when exposed to certain metals contained in select implantable devices. Reported systemic symptoms include fatigue, rash, joint and muscle pain, and weakness. To better understand how patient respond to materials used in medical device implants and harness that information to improve the safety of devices in patients, the FDA is working to engage the public—in particular, scientists, patients, and health care providers—and industry stakeholders to determine the current state of the science, critical gaps in the existing science, and what approaches the FDA should consider.

Source: Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

Dental radiographs might pose

Potential hazard to human health

The incidence of thyroid cancer and meningioma is increasing globally. New research has found that repeated exposure to dental radiographs may increase the risk of thyroid cancer and tumours in the tissue covering the brain and spinal cord. The researchers concluded that dental radiographs should, therefore, be prescribed only when the patient has a specific clinical need and not as a standard part of routine dental evaluation. Prof. Anjum Memon, Chair in Epidemiology and Public Health Medicine at Brighton and Sussex Medical School, believes that some of the factors that contribute to the increase in thyroid cancers are increased surveillance and dental screening, and over-diagnosis. Dental professionals should thus maintain dental radiographic records in order to avoid unnecessary screenings. In the systematic review and meta-analysis, Memon and his team summarised the findings of previously published studies on dental radiographic exposure and the risk of thyroid cancer, meningioma and other cancers of the head and neck. According to Memon, current UK, European and USA guidelines have already stressed the need for thyroid shielding during dental radiography. The study, titled "Dental X-rays and the risk of thyroid cancer and meningioma: A systematic review and meta-analysis of current epidemiological evidence", was published online on 14 October 2019 in *Thyroid*.



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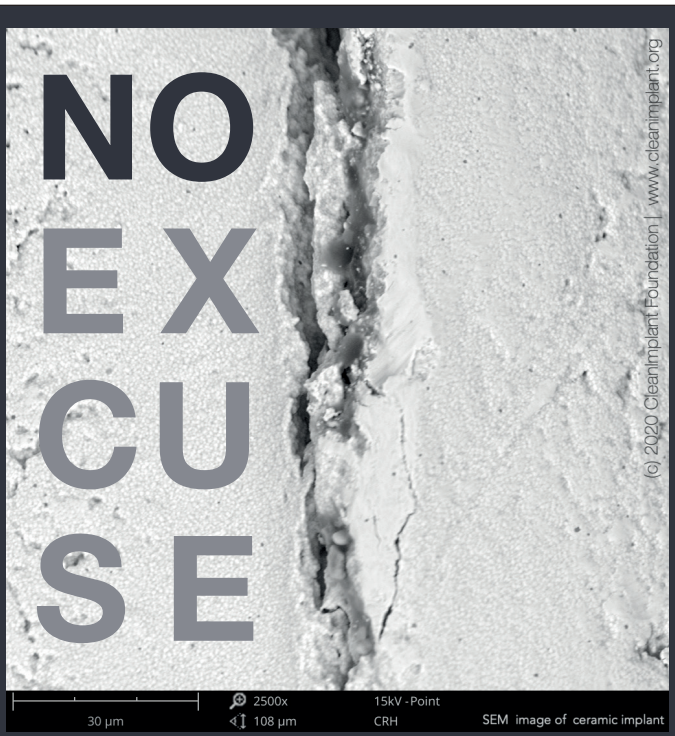

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