

COLORVUE® GOLDSTEIN PROBE

| Q & A with Dr. Goldstein

PERIODONTAL

RESTORATIVE



Q. What is the main advantage of the Colorvue Goldstein Probe?

A. The brightly colored markings make it easier to both accurately and quickly identify probing depths compared with harder to see metal probe markings

Q. If the periodontal chart probing just counts millimeters what advantage does the Colorvue Goldstein Probe have?

A. The main advantage in having the 1/2 mm measurement is to be able to alert your patient that he or she may be on the 'cusp' of a more troublesome measurement.

Q. I have been using the Colorvue Goldstein Probe and find my patients seem to like it much better than the metal probes, why is that?

A. The slightly flexible tips of the Colorvue Goldstein Probe are more rounded and provide a softer touch to the base of the pocket and patients appreciate the difference.

Q. Undiagnosed periodontal disease continues to be a serious problem in dentistry. Could this be related to patients not wanting to get probed due to previous discomfort?

A. No doubt many patients will put off having a complete probing & charting done because of prior experiences with discomfort. In fact, the discomfort of patients is one of the biggest concerns for the clinicians, who do not want to subject their patients to it at every visit. Fortunately, the Colorvue Goldstein Probe helps alleviate this discomfort greatly, due to the tip being rounded & easy to insert in and around the sulcus.

Q. Infrabony pockets not always easily seen on the X-ray and can also be difficult to find with the metal probe so does the Colorvue Goldstein Probe make it easier?

A. Yes, the optimally designed probe combines flexibility & the right thickness that render it more efficient to actually find an infrabony defect and with less discomfort for the patient.

Q. If I am a restorative dentist, is there a special benefit that the Colorvue Goldstein offers me?

A. Yes, there are several. First and foremost, the .5 mm colored markings make it easy to see exactly how much subgingival margin depth you have for crown or veneer preparations. Second, it allows you to predict the thickness of both crown and veneer ceramic when using a vacuform matrix made from your proposed wax-up by cutting out tiny holes as per the instructions.

Q. If I use a caliper to measure spaces in a crowded tooth case do I still need this probe?

A. Although the caliper is good for most measurements, the Colorvue Goldstein Probe is an easier and much quicker way to help you proportion spaces.

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