



The Nomad is now available.

PORTABILITY

Nomad portable hand-designed specifically as a providing the user with true ver 1000 exposures on a large, is now available in New Zealand.

are expanding practices, any equipment, needing diagnostic radiographic work outside their rooms the units.

first used in the tsunami international teams of dentists to identify nearly 2000

victims. Mike Harman of Inline Systems noted: "We are now able to offer this technology to the mainstream dental industry in Australia and New Zealand. Aside from its physical capabilities, Nomad also has an economical impact for dental practices. The portability of the unit allows dentists to use just one x-ray in their practice rather than installing multiple x-ray heads, or moving patients from room to room."

This technology is especially applicable for work with children, handicapped, nursing homes, intensive care patients or even in remotely located communities. □

Filling the gap

Members of the Australian Dental Association (ADA) have been volunteering their services in Aboriginal dental care in remote Queensland. It started after a casual conversation between Sydney health-education consultant Gael Kennedy and her community advocate colleague, Uri Windt. Kennedy had worked with the Wuchopperen community-based health service last year to help introduce Aboriginal youngsters to health careers and saw the dire need for more people on the ground. Kennedy and Windt pulled together a steering committee for the project of senior lecturer Dr Lisa Jackson Pulver from the Muru Marri Indigenous Health Unit, University of NSW, and retired Sydney dentist Dr David Rosenwax. With a \$10,000 donation from an anonymous donor and word-of-mouth promotion, Filling the Gap got off the ground late last year and the first dentists flew to Cairns in January. Since there are multiple medical conditions in the community, such as diabetes and rheumatic fever, decay is high, so pulling teeth is a large part of the work. But preventive treatment is also critical.



Greeks are bearing gifts for British dental patients.

Going abroad for treatment

Due to major delays for dental treatment in the UK, the National Health Service (NHS) must fund treatment for patients said the European Court of Justice last month. Paying for private dentistry in the UK is already forcing patients to seek treatment abroad for implants, crowns, bridges and cosmetic dentistry.

A website, treatmentabroad.net has been launched to support patients, with a dedicated page devoted to dentistry.

It includes information devoted to dental treatment, including participating dental practises in countries such as Croatia,

Cyprus, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Philippines, Poland and Turkey.

Keith Pollard, managing director of Treatment Abroad, says that the growth of medical tourism should be seen as an attractive option for the NHS and patients.

The surgeries are designed exclusively to serve British patients and guarantees saving more than 50 per cent on the treatment compared to the UK.

However, the British Dental Health Foundation is urging patients to stop and think before travelling, asking them, 'what will you do if something goes wrong'? □