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On NONFLOSS INTERDENTAL CLEANERS

While dental floss may be helpful in reducing the risk of interproximal caries and gingivitis, it may not always be the most effective tool for removing interproximal biofilm. With the introduction of nonfloss interdental products, oral health professionals have myriad products to recommend to patients. Effective floss alternatives comprise interdental

brushes, wooden picks, interproximal brushes, rubber tip stimulators, and more. These tools are especially beneficial to patients with poor manual dexterity; physical disabilities (such as arthritis, hand tremors, limited ability to extend the arms or close the hand, and limited mouth opening); large hands; or a strong gag reflex. This table provides helpful details about available nonfloss interdental cleaners and is designed to assist oral health professionals in providing customized recommendations to their patients.

Editor's note: While every attempt was made to be as comprehensive as possible, there may be inadvertent product omissions.

TYPE	MANUFACTURER	PRODUCT NAME	DETAILS	End Tuft Brushes
• Flat Trimmed Bristles	Curaprox	CS 1006 Solo Brush	1006 soft Curen® filaments and rounded tuft head are designed so the filaments perfectly match the gumline; recommended for patients with braces and implants	
	Henry Schein	End-Tufted Tapered Brush	Four-tuft (tapered trim); small-head brush has angled handles for difficult-to-reach areas; perfect for orthodontic bands and implants; 0.007" natural filament	
	Oral-B 	End-Tufted	Designed with a unique contra-angle for effective, site-specific gingival cleaning around crowns and bridges, crowded teeth, difficult-to-reach areas, and gingival surfaces	
	Plak Smacker	End-Tuft Toothbrush	Designed for accessing difficult-to-reach areas of the teeth and gums; small, round brush head has seven tufts of tightly packed nylon bristles that are ideal for cleaning sensitive gums and orthodontic appliances; rubber comolded grip provides excellent tactile grip and ergonomic control; available in an assortment of red and blue colors; packaged in 144-count box	
	POH Oral Health Products Inc	#6 Super Soft Sulcus Brush	Soft bristles effectively clean interproximally and along the gingival margin; addresses the special needs of periodontal patients and patients with compromised tissue	
	TePe Oral Health Care Inc	TePe Compact Tuft	Angled brush with a compact, dome-shaped tuft; bristles are short, extra soft, and flexible for optimum control; excellent for difficult-to-reach areas, orthodontics, and implants; unique contra-angle brush provide easy access to the lingual and palatal surfaces of implant abutments; designed to facilitate cleaning in difficult-to-reach areas	
		TePe Implant Care	Unique contra-angle brush provides easy access to the lingual and palatal surfaces of implant abutments; designed to facilitate cleaning in difficult-to-reach areas	
• Pointed Bristles	DenMat	RotaPoints®	Made of high-strength polypropylene; excellent for removing both dental plaque and debris from interproximal spaces; can be personalized with dental practice information	
	Denticator®	Denticator Handle with Tapered Brush	Effective self-care method for fighting gingivitis and preventing periodontal diseases	
	Plak Smacker	Flexible Cone-Shaped Interproximal Brush	Flexible rubber handle allows access to difficult-to-reach areas; clear cover converts into a handle	
	Sulcabrush Inc	Sulcabrush	Gumline massager with angles	
	Sunstar Americas Inc 	End-Tuft Brush	Soft, tapered trim and small brush head address special maintenance concerns, including orthodontic bands, furcations, implants, distal of last molar, and other difficult-to-reach areas	
		GUM® Proxabrush® Snap-Ons Dual-Ended Sulcus Brush	Soft bristles gently and effectively clean along gumline; double-ended handle for patients who require the use of different size refills; ergonomically shaped handle for easy maneuverability and better control	
	TePe Oral Health Care Inc	TePe Interspace	Angled brush with pointed tip improves access to difficult-to-reach areas, such as furcations and the distal surface of the last tooth; ideal for cleaning bridges, crowns, and around implants and orthodontics; two angels for optimal access; tips come in extra-soft, soft, and medium textures	

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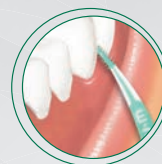
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Flat Interdental Cleaners

TYPE	MANUFACTURER	PRODUCT NAME	DETAILS
	Denbur Oral Hygiene	EZ-Pik for Normal Spaces	Knife-shaped tip ideal for pinpoint particle removal; indented back portion is friendly to gumline; tip can be bent to any suitable angle to access hard-to-reach areas; available in convenient EZ-Shake Dispenser
	DenMat	Rotapoints®	Made of high-strength polypropylene; excellent for removing both dental plaque and debris from interproximal spaces; available in white dispensers; can be personalized with dental practice information
	Toothguard Dental Instruments	Bryton®Pick	Reusable and convenient; designed for on-the-go flossing; great for patients with braces; 100% made in the USA
	Ultradent	Opalpix	Thin tip provides perfect balance of flexibility and rigidity; massages interproximal tissue while removing debris and plaque; will not splinter or break

Interproximal Brushes

• Cylinder-Shaped Brush Refill	Curaprox	CPS Prime Interdental	Space-filling, effective, and gentle; effectively cleans critical interdental spaces; enables access to the smallest interdental spaces without risk of injury thanks to CURAL®, an ultra-thin and strong surgical wire that makes a single cleaning movement sufficient
		CPS Soft Implant Interdental	Fine, long bristles are designed for the gentle cleaning of large spaces after periodontal treatment and for implants; plastic-coated center protects titanium implant surfaces
	Dr. Collins	Dr. Collins Interdental Cleaners	Extra-soft cylindrical bristles remove plaque and debris; bendable plastic-coated wire with flexible rubber handle; ideal for implants and other dental work; ventilated cap and storage case; available in a variety pack featuring four color-coded sizes
	E-Z Floss	E-Z Interdental Brush - Small Cylinder	Extra-soft bristles for gentle cleaning; available with regular or coated wire; made in USA
	Oral-B 	Interdental Extra-Fine Tapered Refills	Extra-fine and tapered to effectively clean around bridges, braces, and wide interdental spaces; patented snap-lock brush replacement with volcano-shaped tip makes brush replacement easy
	Plak Smacker	Flexible Cone-Shaped Interproximal Brush	For patients on-the-go; flexible rubber handle makes it easy to reach difficult areas; clear cover conveniently converts into a handle; brushes are packaged in an assortment of pink, purple, green, and blue; packaged in a 144-count box
		Soft Spiral Brush	Makes cleaning between braces a snap; brush features flexible handle that easily maneuvers between teeth and brackets; convenient cap enables easy stow, whether at work, school, or the office; offered in blue; packaged in a 144-count box
	StaiNo LLC	Minis, Ultrafine Cylindrical, Cylindrical	Unique range of cylindrical refill brushes; contain StaiNo aluminum oxide whitening technology designed to remove coffee and tobacco stains from tooth surfaces
	Sunstar Americas Inc 	GUM Proxabrush Refills	Patented, triangular-shaped bristles are designed to penetrate and remove plaque; bristles contain a proprietary antibacterial agent; for added comfort, a light nylon coating is applied to each brush to help prevent scratching and galvanic shock
	Toothzone International	FlexiProx	Long, tilted handle with pivoting head; three brush diameter sizes
	Vista Dental Products Inc	Vista Interproximal Brushes	Individually wrapped, high-quality interproximal brushes at an affordable price; available in three sizes, from 0.7mm to 1.2mm
• Pointed Brush Refill	DéPlaque	Premium Interproximal Brushes	Soft, durable DuPont nylon bristles with stainless-steel stem wire; plastic-coated option available to prevent scratching for dental implants/sensitive teeth; tapered and graduated in multiple sizes to ensure correct size is prescribed for each patient
	E-Z Floss	E-Z Interdental Brush Tapered	Extra-soft bristles for gentle cleaning; available with regular or coated wire; made in USA
	StaiNo LLC	Ultrafine Tapered and Jumbo Tapered	Unique range of tapered refill brushes; contain StaiNo aluminum oxide whitening technology designed to remove coffee and tobacco stains from tooth surfaces
	Sunstar Americas Inc 	GUM Proxabrush Refills	Patented, triangular-shaped bristles are designed to penetrate and remove plaque; bristles contain a proprietary antibacterial agent; for added comfort, a light nylon coating is applied to each brush to help prevent scratching and galvanic shock
	Tess Oral Health	Proxi-Tip Travel Handle	Easily fits in pocket or purse; extra tips fit inside handle; no metal; safe for implants
• Full-Size Handle	Curaprox	CPS Prime Interdental	Space-filling, effective, and gentle; effectively cleans critical interdental spaces; enables access to the smallest interdental spaces without risk of injury thanks to CURAL, ultra-thin and extra strong surgical wire that makes a single cleaning movement sufficient
		CPS Soft Implant Interdental	Fine, long bristles are designed for the gentle cleaning of large spaces after periodontal treatment and for implants; plastic-coated center protects titanium implant surfaces
	Denbur Oral Hygiene	EZ-Pik Plus for Extra Narrow Spaces	Flexible design helps remove the smallest food particles and plaque in difficult-to-reach spaces; wire-free and fiber-coated design gently cleans between teeth, orthodontics, implants, crowns, and bridgework; available in convenient EZ-Shake Dispenser
	DenMat	Rotadent ProCare™	Designed to remove 92% of plaque in the first minute of brushing; 4,577 proprietary MicroFilaments™ and 360° rotary action mechanically sweep away plaque and biofilm from difficult-to-reach areas; QuadTimer; easy-grip handle; sold only via dental professionals
	Denticator	Denticator Handle with Spirex® Tapered Brush	Effective self-care method for fighting gingivitis and preventing periodontal diseases
	DéPlaque	Precision Interproximal Brush Handle	Adjustable stainless-steel tip, knurled collar, and anodized aluminum alloy handle designed for durability and longevity; easily secures and accommodates DéPlaque Interproximal Brushes
	Oral-B 	Interdentals	Angled neck makes maneuvering tight spaces easy and allows access to the back of the mouth for exceptional interdental cleaning; secure, precise, and easy brush replacement with patented snap-lock and volcano-shaped tip
	Oraline	Proxy-Brite Interproximal Brushes	Choose from six different wire sizes and brush profiles, including: ORA20051 60 mm, ORA20052 55 mm, ORA20053 50 mm, ORA20054 50 mm cone, ORA20055 50 mm cylinder, and ORA20056 45 mm; features color-coded sizes and a two-piece ergonomic handle for easy manipulation; made with coated wire for comfortable interdental cleaning

Interproximal Brushes

TYPE	MANUFACTURER	PRODUCT NAME	DETAILS
• Full-Size Handle (continued)	Plak Smacker	Dual-Head 4 Row Toothbrush	Perfect for any orthodontic office, these dynamic dual-head, v-trimmed toothbrushes feature 43 tufts of soft bristles and a durable interproximal brush at the end of the handle; nylon bristles are polished and end-rounded for a comfortable brush; textured thumb grip improves control; bristles are firmly anchored with copper wire; bracket-straddling toothbrushes make it easy to keep teeth and braces clean; packaged in a 144-count box
		Dual-Head Rubble Handle Toothbrush	For use in both dental and orthodontic offices; brush head features 40 tufts of nylon bristles with a durable interproximal brush at the end of the handle; available in red, green, blue, and purple; packaged in a 144-count box
	Quantum Labs Inc	PlaquePRO Interdental Brushes	Economical at 19¢ each; convenient single-wrap packaging for patient giveaways; available in cylinder/narrow or pointed/wide
	StaiNo LLC	Minis and Jumbo Twins	Easy-grip twins are ideal for difficult-to-reach anterior spaces, and give users maximum control; all brushes contain StaiNo aluminum oxide whitening technology designed to remove coffee and tobacco stains from tooth surfaces
	Sunstar Americas Inc SUNSTAR CITIZEN BRUSHES GARDOL	GUM Proxabrush	Classic handle and refill system; soft thumb grips for maneuverability and control; available in single-ended and dual-ended; patented, triangular-shaped bristles are designed to penetrate and remove plaque
		GUM Proxabrush Snap-Ons	Simple to use; easy to load and remove from handle; available in single-ended and dual-ended; patented, triangular-shaped bristles are designed to penetrate and remove plaque
	TePe Oral Health Care Inc	TePe Interdental Brush Angle	Slender, angled brush head facilitates use between the back teeth and from the lingual side; long, flat handle offers users ergonomic grip and complete control; six color-coded sizes include plastic-coated wire for safe use
	Tess Oral Health	Proxi-Tip Standard Handle	Includes periodontal brush tip and proxi-tip; long handle facilitates access
• Travel Size	Allpro	Allpro Interdental Travel Brushes	Great for cleaning in smaller spaces; comes in five brush shapes and sizes; nylon bristles are constructed with a plastic-coated stainless steel wire and comes with a protective translucent cover that doubles as a handle; individually wrapped
	Curaprox	CPS Pocket Set	For use at home or when travelling; contains one ergonomically shaped plastic holder, UHS 450 mini click, and four CPS prime (06, 07, 09, 011) brushes; brushes can be individually replaced
	Dentek	Easy Brush Standard	Brushes difficult-to-reach spaces between teeth and dental work; includes advanced fluoride coating; soft-grip, flexible handle, tapered brush, bendable wire, and antimicrobial cap that keeps the brush sanitary and doubles as a handle extension to improve ease of cleaning
		Easy Brush Extra Tight	Brushes tight spaces between teeth and dental work; includes advanced fluoride coating; soft-grip, flexible handle, tapered brush, bendable wire, and antimicrobial cap that keeps the brush sanitary and doubles as an extension to improve ease of cleaning
		Easy Brush Wide	Cleans around wide spaces, caps, crowns, and bridges; includes advanced fluoride coating; antimicrobial cap keeps the brush sanitary and doubles as a handle extension; flexible handle holds shape when bent for easy access to trouble spots; tapered bristles easily slide



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Interproximal Brushes (continued)

TYPE	MANUFACTURER	PRODUCT NAME	DETAILS
• Travel Size (continued)	Denticator	Travel Spirex Brush	Available in tapered or narrow; travel version of interproximal brush
	Dr. Collins	Dr. Collins Interdental Cleaners	Extra-soft cylindrical bristles remove plaque and debris; bendable, plastic-coated wire with flexible rubber handle; ideal for implants and other dental work; ventilated cap and storage case; available in a variety pack featuring four color-coded sizes
	E-Z Floss	E-Z Tote Handle	Reusable travel handle with protective, ventilated cap; cap can also be used as handle extension; easy to carry in pocket or purse; made in the USA
	Oral-B 	Compact Interdental Brush	Discreet size for patients on the go; unique handle for control and flexibility; oval shape and thumb grip provide better roll and easy 360° manipulation; facilitates access to all interproximal spaces for patients with bridges and/or braces
	Pac-Dent International	iPik Multi-Function Toothpicks	Plastic, perfectly flexible toothpicks that can be used for flossing and interproximal cleaning
	Plak Smacker	Travel Interproximal Brushes	Perfect for patients on the go; clear cover conveniently converts into a handle; brushes are packaged in an assortment of colors, including black, blue, red, purple, green, and yellow; packaged in a 144-count box
	StaiNo LLC	Minis, Ultrafine Cylindrical, Ultrafine Tapered, Cylindrical, and Jumbos	Patented dual-ended handle with stackable aerated caps deliver improved control and reach; all brushes contain StaiNo aluminum oxide whitening technology designed to remove coffee and tobacco stains from tooth surfaces
	Sunstar Americas Inc 	GUM Proxabrush Go-Between® Cleaners	Patented, triangular-shaped bristles are designed to penetrate and remove plaque; bristles contain a proprietary antibacterial agent; for added comfort, a light nylon coating is applied to help prevent scratching and galvanic shock; available in original and wider spaces; available in ultra tight, tight, moderate, and wide
		GUM Proxabrush Trav-Ler®, Cylindrical or Tapered	For patients with interproximal spaces, furcations, bridges, extractions, and patients with orthodontics, implants, or galvanic sensitivity; antibacterial bristle protection
		GUM Soft-Picks	Soft, flexible bristles with a tapered design to fit better in interproximal spaces; removes plaque and reduces gingival bleeding as effectively as string floss; available in original and wide spaces; available in original, wider spaces, and advanced
	TePe Oral Health Care Inc	TePe Interdental Brush Original	Nine color-coded sizes and textures to fit wide and narrow interdental spaces; core wire is plastic-coated and safe to use on implants and orthodontic appliances; handle provides a comfortable and firm grip for ease of use
		TePe Interdental Brush Extra Soft/Gentle Care	Extra-soft bristles for gentle cleaning; recommended for post-surgery, delicate oral tissue, or inflammation; six color-coded sizes fit narrow and wide interdental spaces; core wire is plastic-coated and safe for use on implants and orthodontic appliances; ergonomic, firm-grip handle delivers comfort and ease of use
	Tess Oral Health	Proxi-Tip Travel Handle	Easily fits in pocket or purse; extra tips fit inside handle; no metal; safe for implant patients
	Toothguard Dental Instruments	BrytonPick	Easily gets rid of food stuck between teeth; on-the-go carry-pouch included; works well with braces


Rubber Tip Stimulators

	Denticator	Tip-A-Dent® Denticator Handle with Gum Massager	Travel size interproximal stimulator with interproximal brush on one side and gum stimulator on the other; snap-off end tips are replaceable; comes with protective plastic cover
	E-Z Floss	E-Z Plaque Buster	Rubber tip gum stimulator and pic; safe and gentle; latex-free and bisphenol A-free; ideal for periodontics and orthodontics; made in the USA
	Sunstar Americas Inc 	GUM Stimulator Handle and Tips	Designed to promote healthy, firm gums; for gingival massage and interproximal cleaning; latex-free rubber tip; slender, angled neck for easy maneuverability around arches; durable metal handle
	TePe Oral Health Care Inc	Easy Pick XS/S Orange	The core is both flexible and durable, and the silicone coating cleans efficiently between the teeth and feels comfortable on the gums; nonslip grip ensures a steady cleaning; XS/S is designed for narrow and very narrow spaces
		EasyPick M/L Blue	The core is both flexible and durable, and the silicone coating cleans efficiently between the teeth and feels comfortable on the gums; nonslip grip ensures a steady cleaning; M/L for medium to large spaces
	Tess Oral Health	Proxi-Tip Standard or Travel Handle	Both handles have a rubber tip stimulator with ridges

Toothpick Holding Device

	Denbur Oral Hygiene	Single-Take Dispenser	Aseptic table top dispenser holds a pod of EZ-Pik Plus or EZ-Pik; no knobs to turn or buttons to push; modern, professional design
	Marquis Dental Manufacturing Co 	Perio-Aid®	Reusable plastic handle holds a toothpick securely at the proper angle and length; effectively removes plaque from along the gumline and cleans difficult interproximal spaces; double end #2 and single end #3
	Quantum Labs Inc	PlaquePRO All-in-One	Full size, removable interproximal brush stores in handle of toothbrush

Wedge Stimulators

• Plastic	Denticator	Pick-A-Dent®	Double-sided, flexible, reusable toothpick; unbreakable; comes with protective plastic cover
	Dr. Collins	Dr. Collins Cleanpics	Perfect balance between flexibility and rigidity; thin textured surface provides effective cleaning while massaging gums; will not splinter or break; great for patients with braces or bridges; convenient on-the-go oral care
	Plak Smacker	Dental Pick	Convenient for school, work, or travel; ideal for teens and adults; each pick is individually packed in its own sleeve; 36 picks per pack; minimum order of one pack
	Sunstar Americas Inc 	GUM Soft-Picks	Soft, flexible bristles with a tapered design to fit better in interproximal spaces; effectively remove plaque and reduce gingival bleeding; available in original, wider spaces, and advanced
	TePe Oral Health Care Inc	TePe Plastic Stick	Slim, soft, flexible design makes cleaning easy, especially between narrow spaces and back teeth; slightly textured surface cleans effectively; comfortable grip improves efficacy and efficiency; includes travel case
	Tess Oral Health	Proxi-Stix	Soft and flexible toothpick that allows easy access to difficult-to-reach areas
	Ultradent Products Inc	Opalpix	Designed with the flexibility and rigidity needed to move through interproximal spaces without splintering, breaking, or gouging the gums; flattened, tapered shape allows for gentle loosening of debris or plaque; good for orthodontics, bridgework, or other areas where flossing is difficult
• Wooden	TePe Oral Health Care Inc	TePe Slim, Birch Wood	Slim and triangular shape; designed for moderate interdental spaces
		TePe Medium, Linden Wood	Wide and triangular shape; designed for wide interdental spaces