

MI Paste/MI Paste Plus VS GC Dry Mouth Gel

Why you would use one over the other for dry mouth symptoms?



When a patient suffers from xerostomia the oral cavity is at risk. The soft tissue may become inflamed because the oral mucosal (gingiva/gums) is designed to be kept moist. Without the presence of saliva caries/cavities set in very fast. **MI Paste/MI Paste Plus** offers therapeutic benefits from RECALDENT (CPP-ACP) bringing calcium and phosphate to the dental tubules.

Many patients who experience dry mouth symptoms may be older in age. Seniors may have more cementum exposure/root surface exposure making the teeth more vulnerable to caries in a dry mouth. **GC Dry Mouth Gel (DMG)** does not have any therapeutic ingredient however it does contain glycerin bringing moisture to the mouth. **DMG** is for comfort, bringing moisture to the oral cavity so the patient can talk and eat in comfort.

I know that GC Dry Mouth Gel does not contain RECALDENT™ (CPP-ACP), but I just wanted to see why and in what scenarios I would recommend one over the other in dry mouth cases.

- **MI Paste/MI Paste Plus** = therapeutic benefits due to RECALDENT™ (calcium/phosphate to the dentinal tubules) for high risk caries patients.
- **GC Dry Mouth Gel** = moisture to the oral cavity for comfort (moisture to the oral mucosal) for patient suffering from dry mouth issues.

Also, is it safe to use MI Paste or MI Paste Plus if a patient is already using Biotene? I know Biotene has more of an acidic pH level and MI Paste is neutral.

Yes, you can use **MI Paste** with Biotene. Biotene is more acidic all the more reason to use with **MI Paste** to help neutralize the acid levels. Biotene is used for dry mouth but does not have the calcium and phosphate. If the patient rinses with Biotene and applies **MI Paste** they would be getting moisture and the benefits of calcium and phosphate to help neutralize the acid levels from Biotene. .

Is it better to use MI Paste Plus for dry mouth symptoms since it has the fluoride or does fluoride not play a factor in relieving dry mouth symptoms?

Fluoride is related to caries levels. Low saliva flow contributes to a high caries rate. It cannot hurt to include fluoride into the equation. For therapeutic benefits (caries) apply **MI Paste Plus**, not only the teeth but the tissue will benefit. In between **MI Paste Plus** application, apply **GC DMG** for comfort making it easier to swallow, talk and eat.

