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Valley dentist waves his Wand When treating his patients

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ANSONIA — Dentists like Dr. Jay Dworkin are using a most unusual dental device — the Wand injection system — that looks like a pen, not a syringe, and makes Novocain shots nearly painless.

This is good news for parents who dread taking their children to the dentist.

Often, the scariest part of a dental visit for kids is giving them a shot of Novocain, said Dworkin, who practices on 497 Main St.

“When I heard about this new painless injection technology, I was instantly interested. The kids basically don’t see, or feel the shot, because there’s no syringe. A small device that looks like a pen delivers the Novocain,” he said recently.

Dworkin is using the computer-controlled CompuDent Wand injection system for the painless delivery of local anesthesia.

“If patients, and particularly children, can have a painless dental experience, it removes the anxiety and fear of visiting the dentist,” said Dworkin.

For over 150 years, dentists have depended on the syringe — a cold, intimidating device — to deliver Novocain to patients.

While the rest of medical science has undergone tremendous change and transformation, most dentists still depend on the dated syringe to administer an anes-

etc. The traditional syringe is large and clumsy and the site of the device, particularly to young children creates fear.

This new way to deliver Novocain was the dream of Leonard Osser, Chairman of Milestone Scientific of Livingston, NJ. Osser witnessed acupuncture procedures while visiting in China and thought there had to be a better way to lessen the pain, and trauma, of dental and medical visits. Eight years later, Osser has brought this new device into the dental marketplace.

The Wand is most commonly used in a single-tooth injection, which Osser says can prevent additional parts of the mouth and tongue from going numb. Future epidural use could also mean no more general anesthesia for certain types of surgery.

Dr. Jan Linhart, a midtown Manhattan restorative dentist.

“It looks less threatening, especially to children, and it’s easier to handle than a conventional syringe,” he said.

In the Valley, Dworkin and Dr. John Crocamo of 61 Elizabeth St., Derby, use the new technology. Crocamo was unavailable for comment. There are also many other dentists in the state who use the device. To find a dentist near you who uses the new device, visit

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