### Before starting with Patterson Waterline Maintenance tablets,

shock waterlines to remove any biofilm and residue, and repeat every 60 days:

# How do I "shock" treat the water bottles and lines with 5.25% Sodium Hypochlorite (household bleach)?

- 1. Fill each water bottle to the top with a 1:10 sodium hypochlorite solution (1 part household bleach to 10 parts water.) Re-attach each bottle to the unit.
- 2. Run the A/W syringe for about 5 seconds until you smell the bleach at the syringe.
- 3. Remove the high speed hand piece from the end of the line, place the handpiece connection into the sink and step on the pedal for a few seconds, running the water until you can smell the bleach at the handpiece connection. This bleach smell verifies that the 1:10 dilution of bleach is in the lines.
- 4. Repeat this procedure at each operatory, leaving the bleach in the lines and bottles for 10 minutes.

Prolonged exposure to bleach can cause damage to equipment. As a precaution, we suggest placing a sign which states "SYSTEM IS BEING DISINFECTED WITH A STRONG DISINFECTANT. DO NOT USE."

5. Disconnect the water bottles and dump the remaining solution in water bottles into a sink. Refill water bottles with warm water and flush the bleach from all lines in every operatory for 1- 3 minutes/each or until the sodium hypochlorite odor disappears. If you prefer not to use sodium hypochlorite, order Sterilex Ultra by contacting your Patterson Representative, local branch or call 800.873.7683

Sterilex should be left in the lines overnight according to their instructions. If you have questions contact your Patterson Representative, local branch or call 800.873.7683

#### Important facts about "shock" treating your dental unit waterlines:

- DO NOT flush bleach into any vacuum or drain system that contains an amalgam separator.
- DO NOT leave bleach or sodium hypochlorite in you water lines for more than 10 minutes.
- Why do I need to shock my waterlines? All continuously present waterline
  maintenance products have a low level antimicrobial agent that is designed to be
  safe as a dental irrigant. A low level antimicrobial will inhibit bacterial growth but
  will not eliminate it. Periodically, you need to clean or shock your lines with a
  more powerful chemical agent. Please read the instructions of your waterline
  maintenance product carefully.

### Important!

# **Quick Start Guide**

- 1. Shock First
- Repeat every 60 days
- 2. Maintain

  Daily with tablets
- 3. Test

To ensure quality