

## Dentsply Sirona supports dental school programs in Germany

Following the spread of COVID-19, many universities all over the world were forced to reduce or drastically restructure their educational programs.

Dentsply Sirona is delighted to support dental schools in their challenge of providing education to our future dentists in a safe environment. The International Special Clinic Solutions team successfully organized the order process, delivery, installation and training of phantom heads at the German universities of Mainz, Gießen, Heidelberg, Regensburg and Frankfurt.

In May, no less than 80 phantom heads were handed over and installed at the Goethe University of Frankfurt, allowing students to continue practicing clinical treatments in a “near real patient environment”. The phantom heads are mounted on a double articulating headrest which is adjustable to upper and lower jaw settings. Seminars and curricula can now continue to take place in a safe environment in the departments of prosthetics, restorative dentistry, periodontics, dental surgery and orthodontics at the University in Frankfurt, and will be used by more than 150 students.

Prof. Dr. Eickholz highly appreciates this elegant and practical solution allowing him and his colleagues to continue teaching in the most effective way possible: “Due to the SARS-CoV-2-pandemic and the following social distancing guidelines we had to stop our regular classroom training and could no longer offer courses and practical seminars on clinical treatment. We as professors were looking for suitable alternatives to simulate these important parts of our curricula and chose the phantom heads provided by Dentsply Sirona . Even though we cannot fully replace the communication of a real-life patient treatment, it is very important for everyone involved at the Goethe University in Frankfurt that we were able to offer our students a viable alternative so that the seminars resumed and the cancellation of the entire semester could be avoided.”

