

**HOLDING THE INSTRUMENT**

Barely hold the instrument using a light, "exploratory scaling" touch.

Shave through calculus using a few light strokes; do not fracture off calculus.

**BENEFITS**

- + A lighter touch aids in ergonomic hand protection and minimizes the risk of wrist/hand problems
- + A lighter touch increases instrument longevity
- + Less likely to burnish calculus with sharp blade
- + Saves time
- + Enhances patient comfort
- + Decreases scaling noise for auditory comfort
- + Less lateral pressure for scaling efficacy

**GUIDELINES:**

- + XP curettes and scalers are designed for scaling and root planing. Avoid using them on margins and overhangs.
- + Use less force, a lighter grip and a "shaving" or "exploratory" stroke.
- + Due to a thinner blade design, we do not recommend that you re-sharpen your XP instruments.
- + With proper use and maintenance, you can expect your XP instruments to last as long as your stainless steel instruments, **without needing to re-sharpen.**



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