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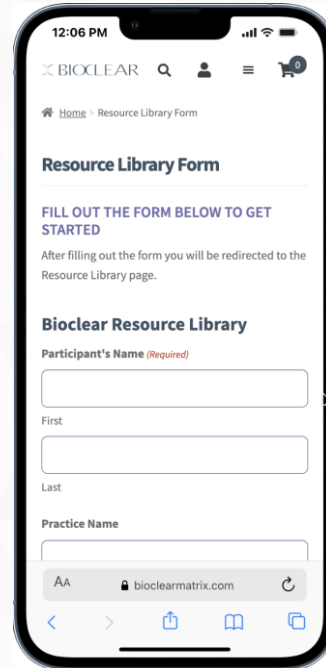


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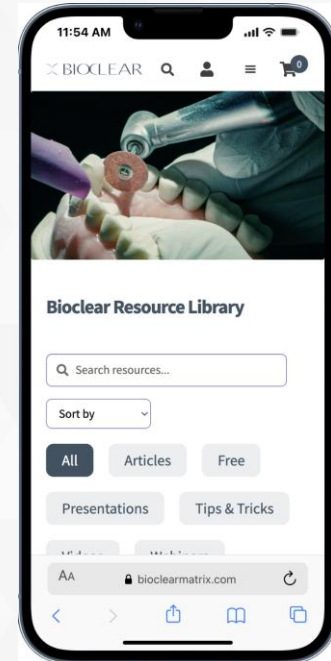


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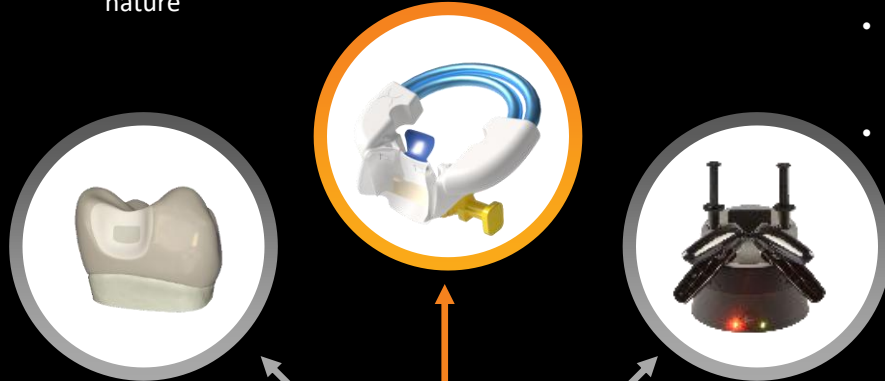
Bioclear Method for Composite Restorations

Anatomic Bioclear HD Clear Matrices

- Anterior & Posterior Matrices designed to mimic nature

Preparation Design

- Designed for composite
- Minimizes stress concentration
- Maximizes enamel involvement



Bioclear Blaster or Equivalent for Biofilm Removal

- Uses aluminum trihydroxide w/ water
- Allows bonding to uncut enamel
- Allows infinity edge margins

Injection Mold Composite

- Injection mold warmed **Kuraray Majesty anterior composites** and **3M bulk fill** in Class I and Class II restorations
- Like the inverse of my mullet haircut: Party in the front Business in the back

Rock Star Polish

- Coarse discs for reduction
- “Rock Star” polish with Bioclear Magic Mix and disposable cup
- Bioclear RS Diamond Polisher

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Bioclear Black Triangle Restoration

with Kuraray Majesty ES Flow



1st Pillar of Modern Composite

Disclosing of Biofilm, then
Blasting to remove Biofilm plus
remove Protein Pellicle

Part 1 | Biofilm Removal

If you were going to paint a wall that looked like this....



...you'd prepare the surface to receive the paint and have it stay long-term.

We need to do the same with teeth...



Clean teeth surfaces allow for

- Better adhesion
- Difference between “Flash” and an infinity edge at the Tooth Restoration Interface

Does 37% phosphoric acid
(gel etchant)
remove biofilm?

Composite
Heating: Trend
or the future of
placing the
material?

 **HEAT
SYNC**
by BIOCLEAR

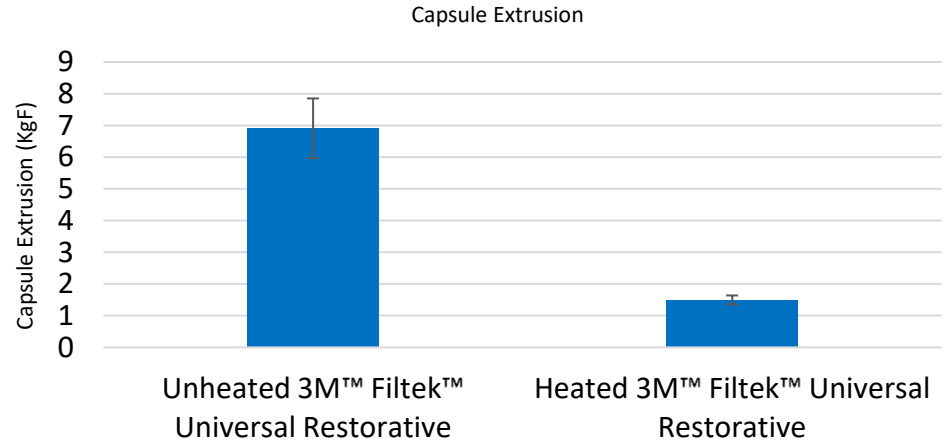


**Bioclear HeatSync
Composite Warmer
pre-set to **155° F****

Composite warming

Why warm?

- Handling preference
- Lowers capsule extrusion force by 75-80%



3M internal data

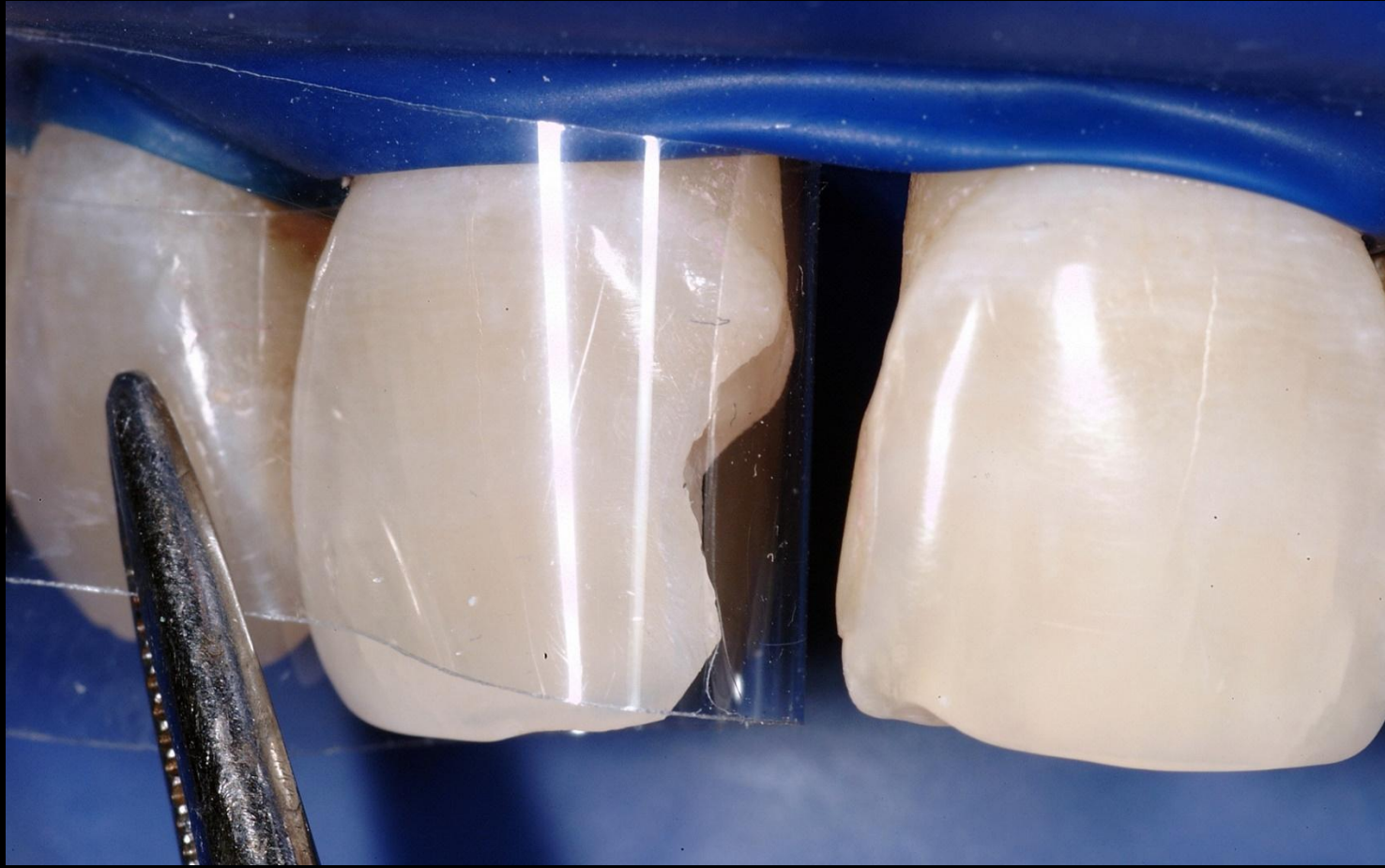
14% of dentists survey stated they use some type of device to warm their composite prior to placement.

3M Market Research, January, 2018 N=304 Dentists (US, Russia, UK, Brazil, Germany)

Traditional composite technique



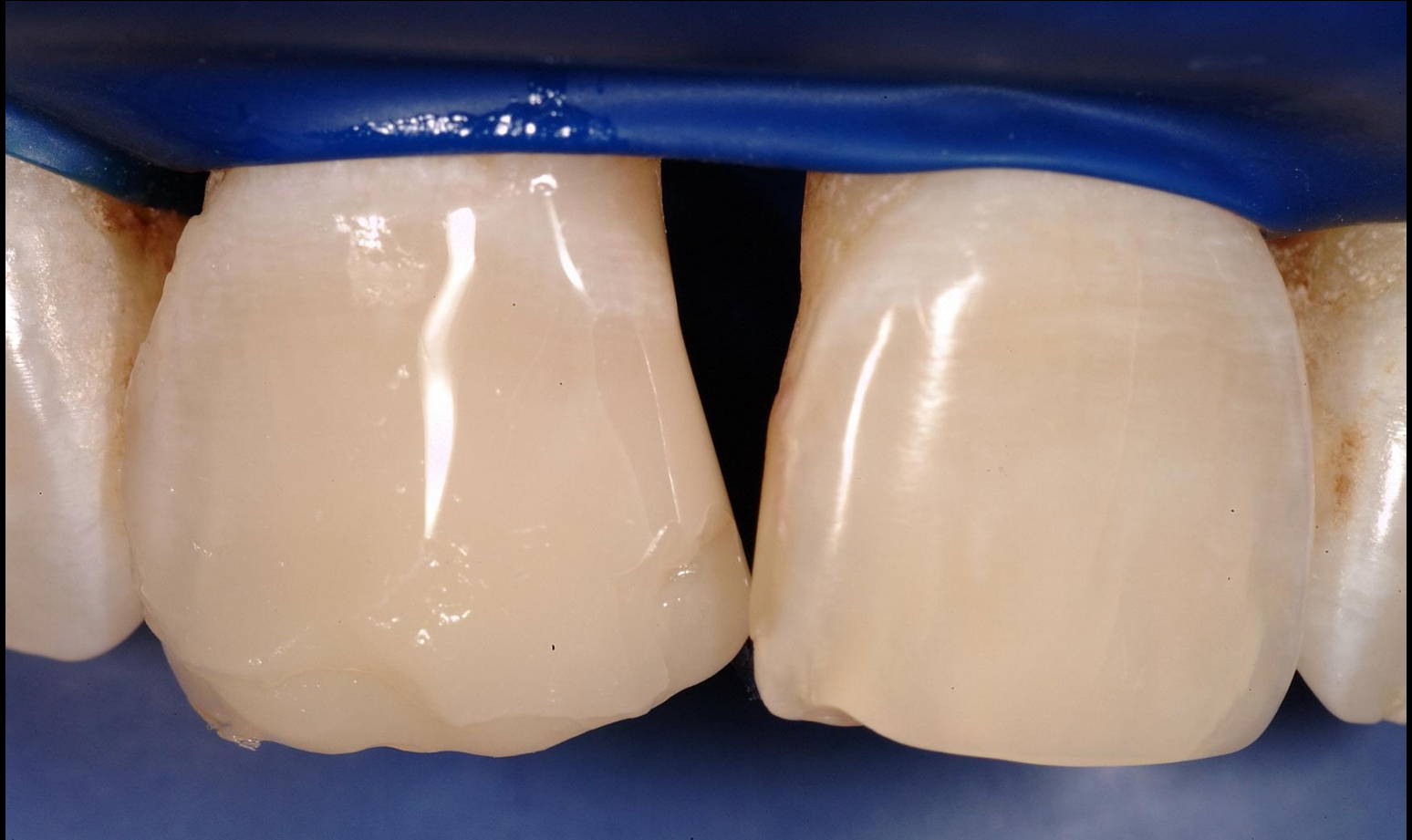
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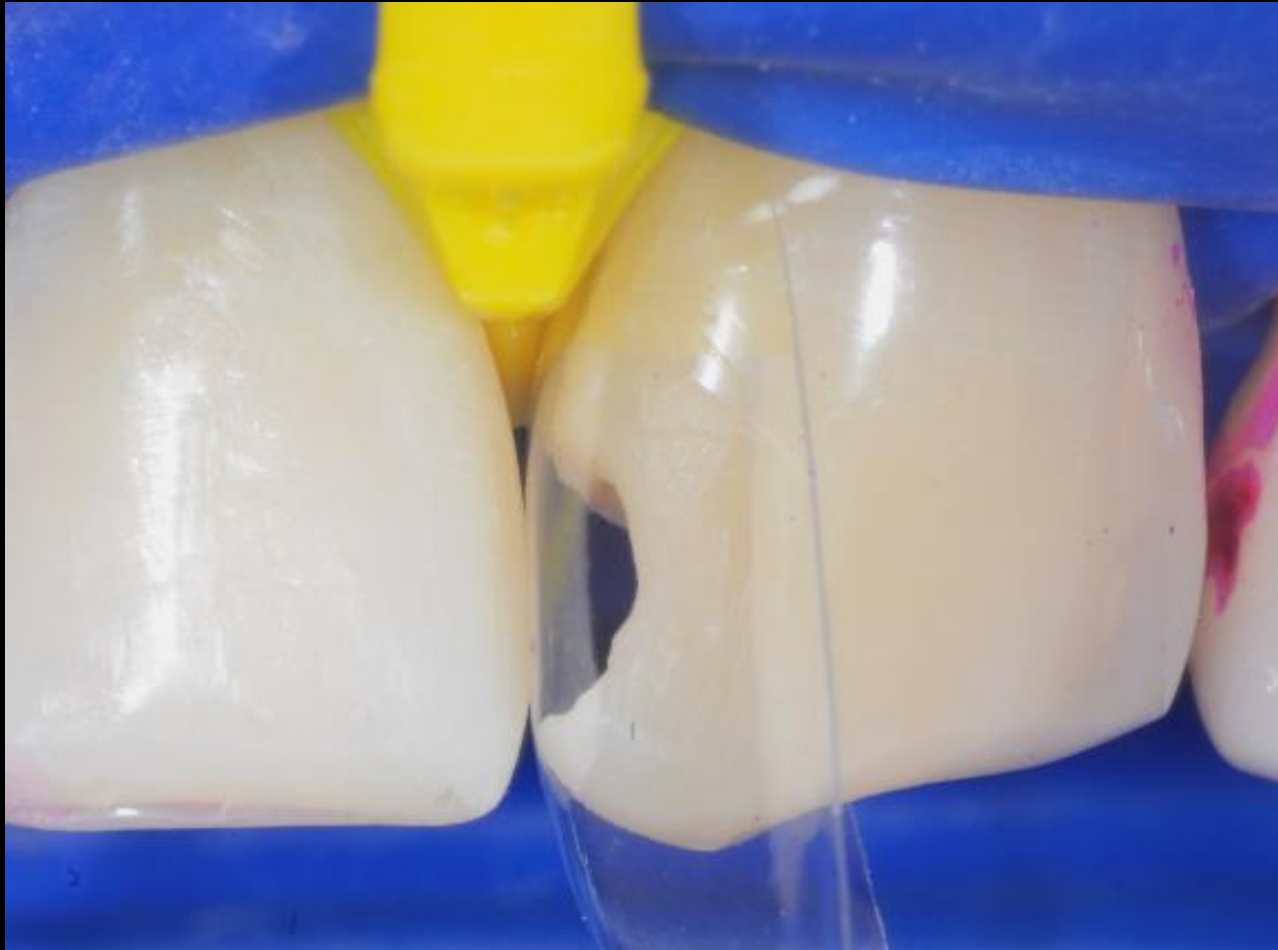
flat matrix + flat wedge = flat tooth

It is 2026. Why are we
still using flat Mylar and
flat wedges?

Teeth are not flat

Teeth are not flat!

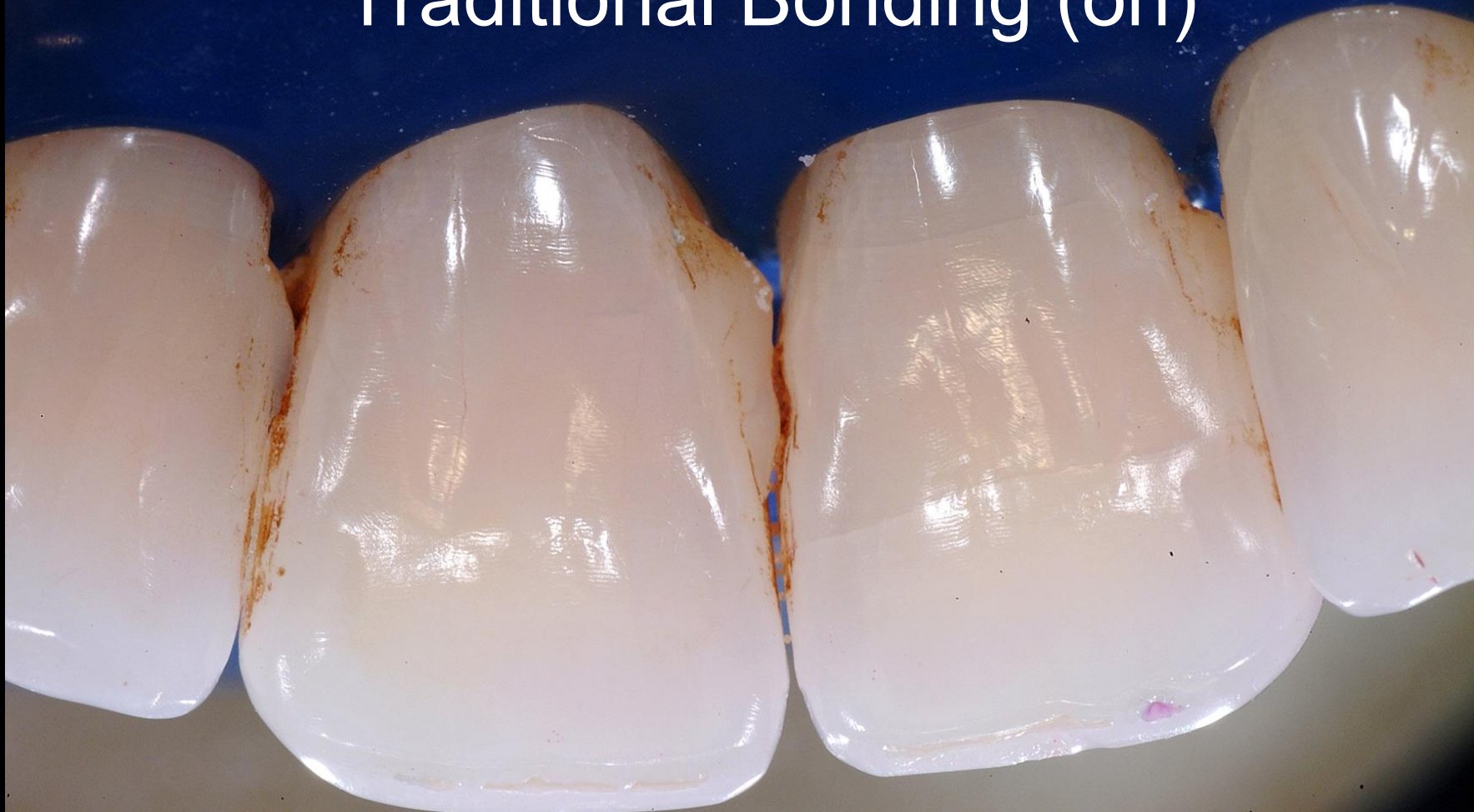




Anatomic
Bioclear Anterior
Matrix plus
Bioclear
Diamond Wedge
(yellow-large)

“On” versus “Around”

Traditional Bonding (on)



Bioclear Method (around)



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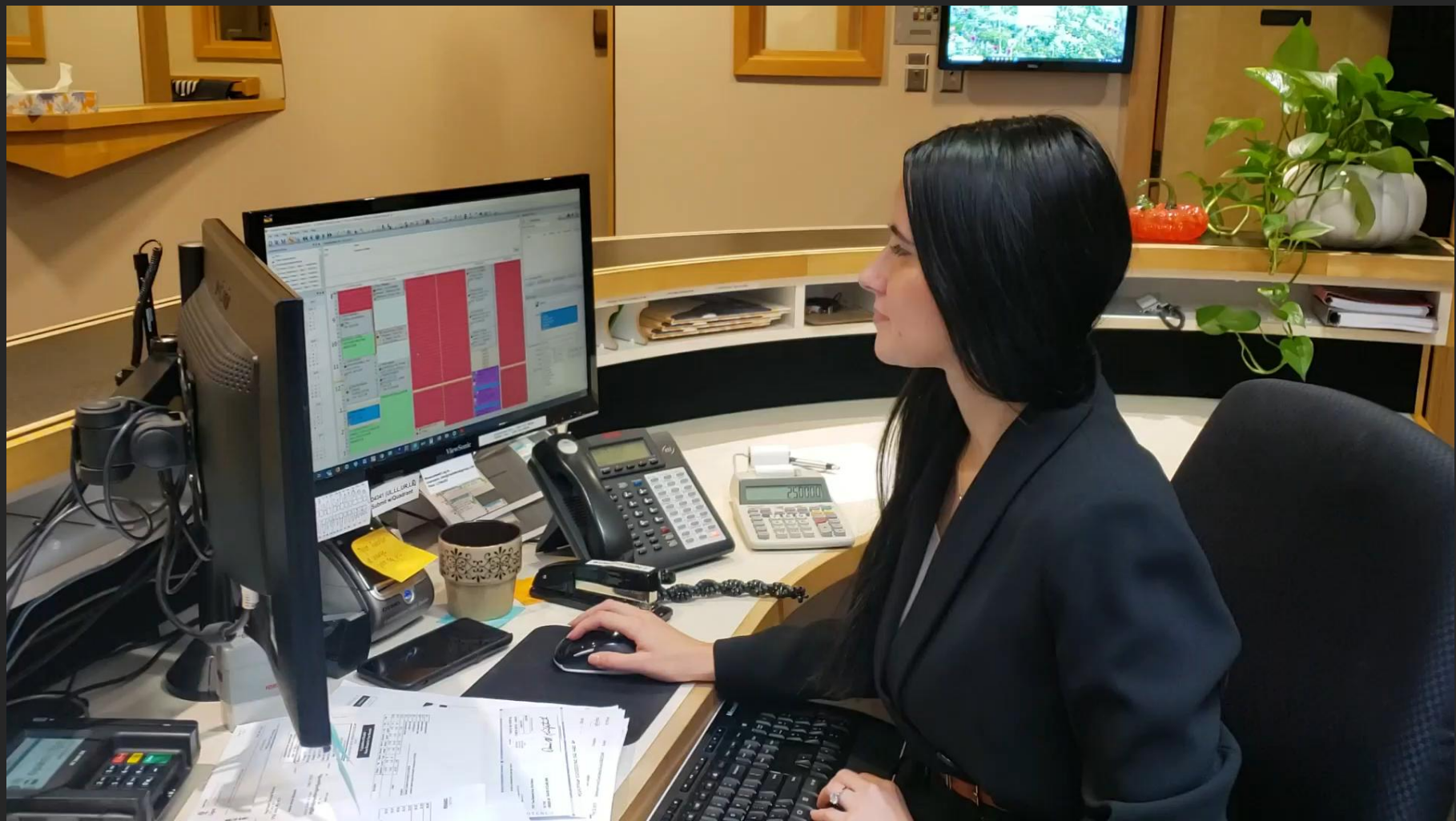
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What is Liana's biggest fear?

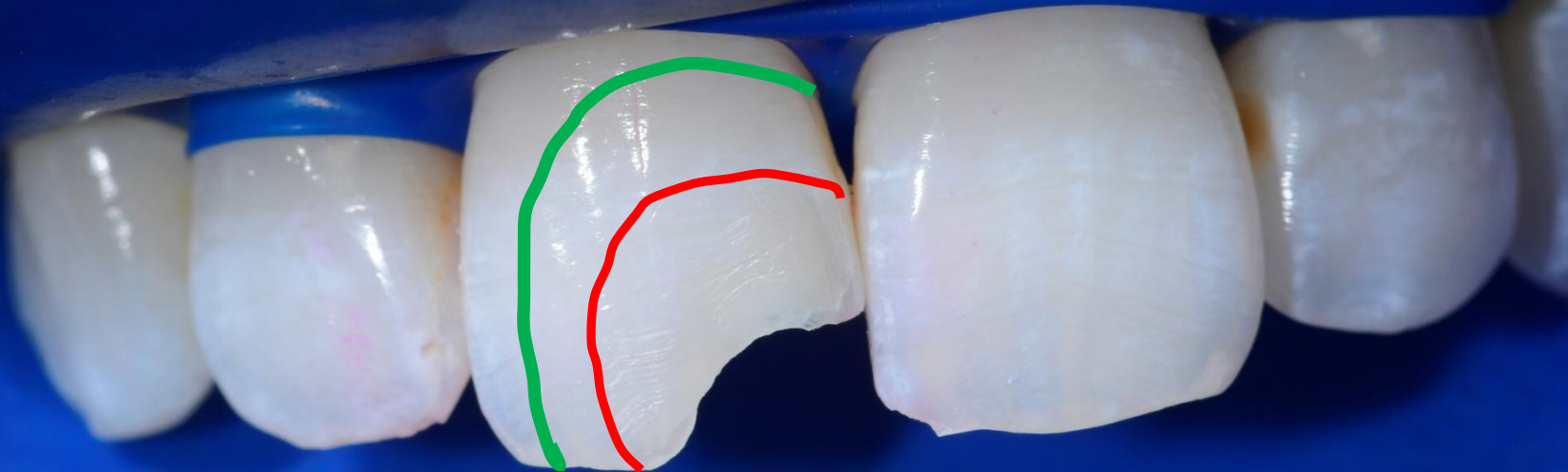


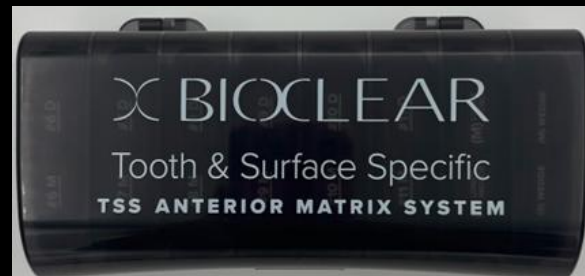


What is Liana's biggest fear?



Radius Bevel
Tooth-Restoration-Interface





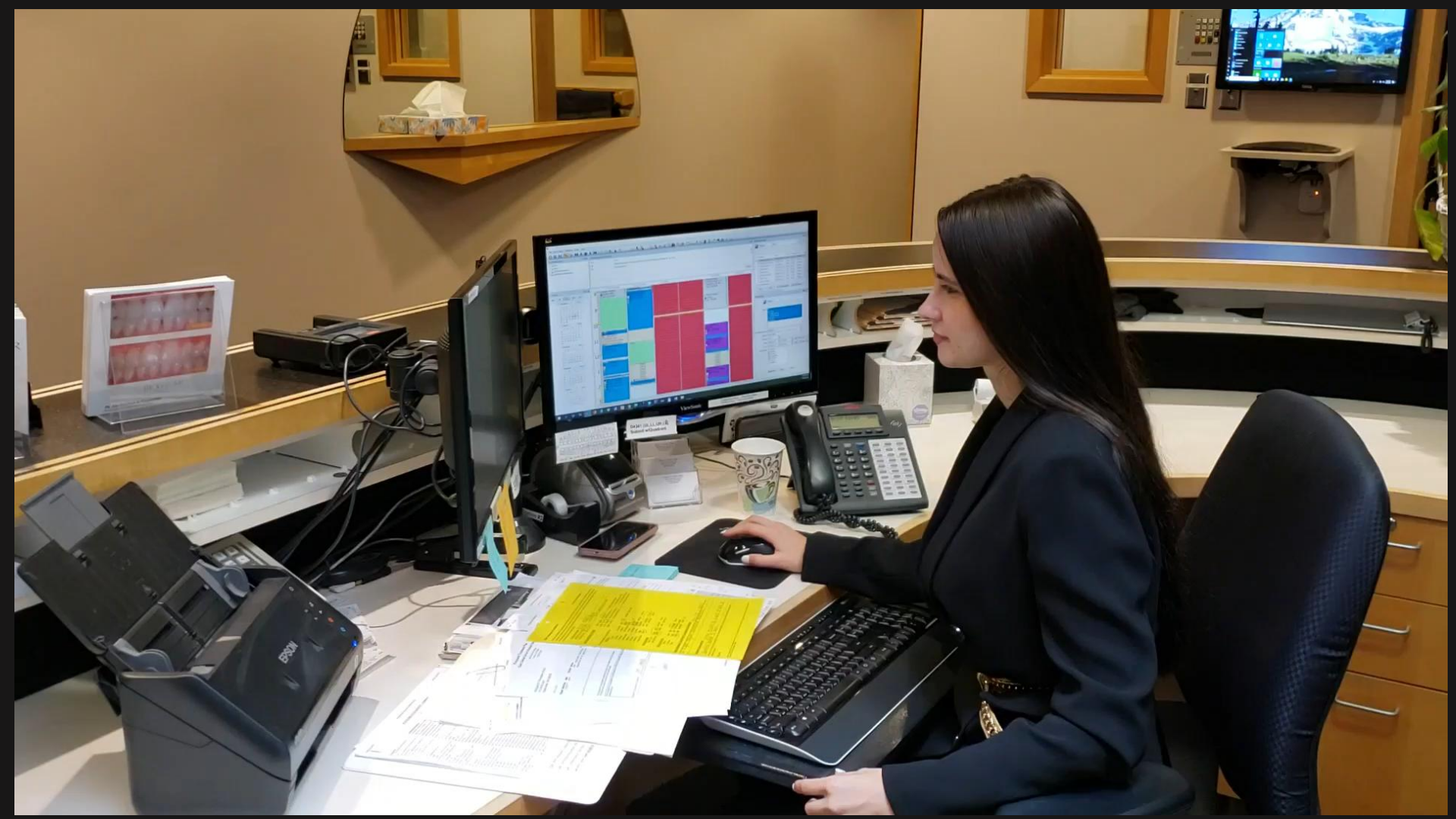








The Bioclear
Restoration
creates adequate
non-layered poly-
chromaticity with
Majesty ES **Body**
shade (Classic)

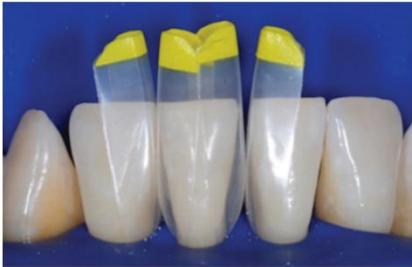




Getting paid to be conservative

BIOCLEAR VS. CROWNS AND VENEERS

Bioclear is an alternative to traditional dental methods for enhancing a smile. Rather than grinding down a tooth to prepare for a crown or veneer, the Bioclear Method of encasing the natural tooth structure retains the natural tooth enamel and tooth durability.



BIOCLEAR PREPARATION

Bioclear allows dentists to **conserve** healthy tooth structure



CROWN PREPARATION

Crowns require dentists to **remove an average of 76%** of the tooth structure prior to the procedure

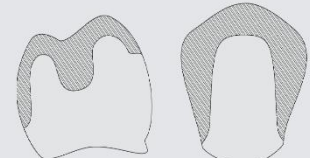


VENEER PREPARATION

Veneers require dentists to **remove an average of 47%** of the tooth structure prior to the procedure

AN HONEST LOOK AT CROWN PREPARATIONS

As illustrated below, crowns, veneers, and onlays require the removal of a significant amount of healthy tooth structure. Bioclear dentists can leave most or all of the tooth structure. Bioclear is a very attractive option to patients.

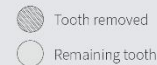


~3/4 Crown

47% of tooth removed

Full Crown

76% of tooth removed



Rejuvenate your smile with the better-looking, longer-lasting, less-invasive approach to dental restorations

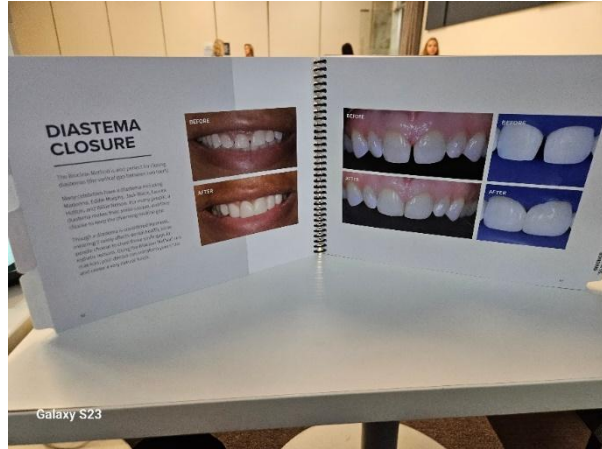
The Bioclear Method is an approach to cosmetic and restorative dentistry that is used in lieu of traditional fillings, bonding, or veneers. Bioclear lasts longer than traditional composites, porcelain, or amalgams. It looks better too, with a more natural and consistent finish.

Brigette

Full Bioclear rejuvenation including black triangle elimination, instant ortho correction, replaced biting edge with a smooth flowing arc. Same day results pictured.



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The Matrix and Method Matter



Bioclear Method



Counterfeit Bioclear

Bioclear Method versus “Bonding”





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Class V and to significantly increase overjet or correct anterior open bite.



TSS Kit

Anterior Teeth:

Class III, Class IV, Class V
Fractured Incisors
Severe Wear
Composite Veneer
Full Composite Crown



BT (Black Triangle) Kit

Anterior Teeth:

Black Triangles
Peg Laterals
Diastema Closure
Instant Ortho
Class V

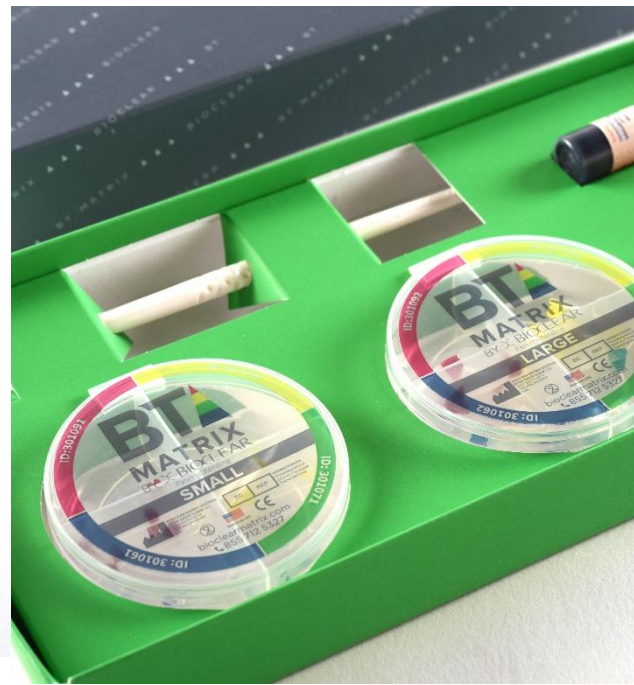


Evolve Matrix Kit

Posterior Teeth:

Class I, Class II, Class V

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What are Erica's chief complaints?

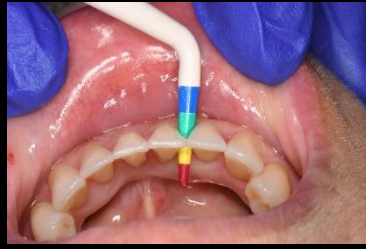


➤ Injection Overmolding can fix almost everything if you follow the method



- Take photos from a lateral view. The patient doesn't see this (but everyone else in the room does)





➤ Gauge the triangle space **before** the rubber dam









- “Aquarium” matrices and “Shield” matrices









Acid etch like
an Invisalign
button

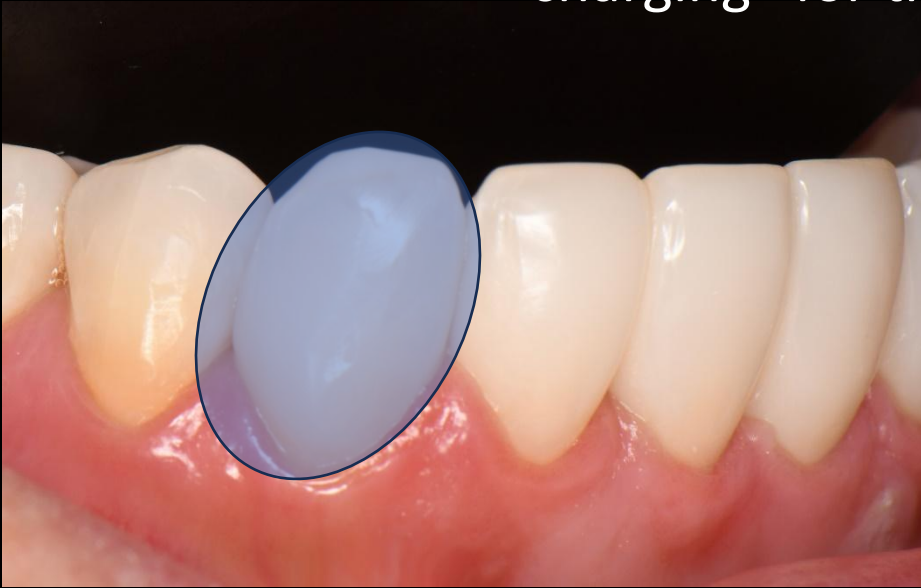


The temporary
“flowable
clamp”

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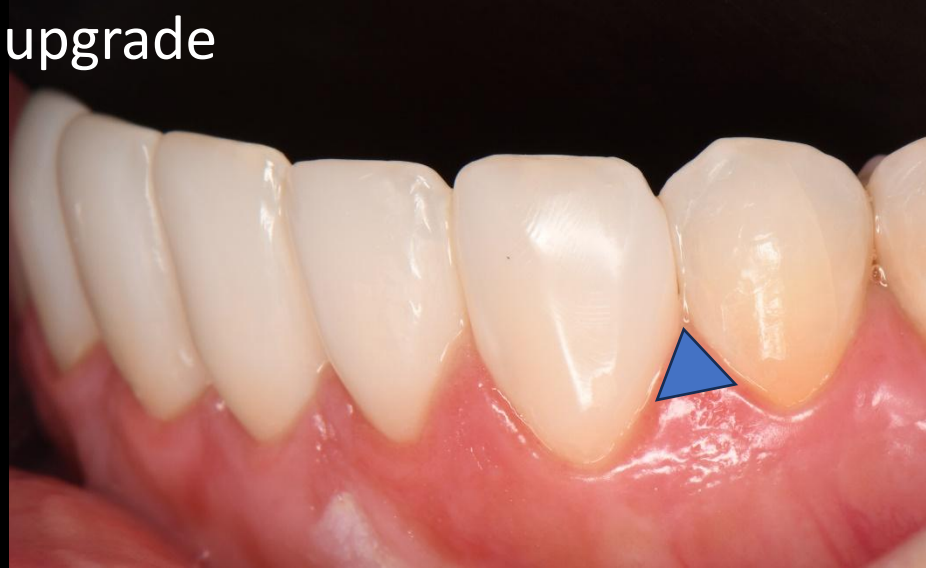
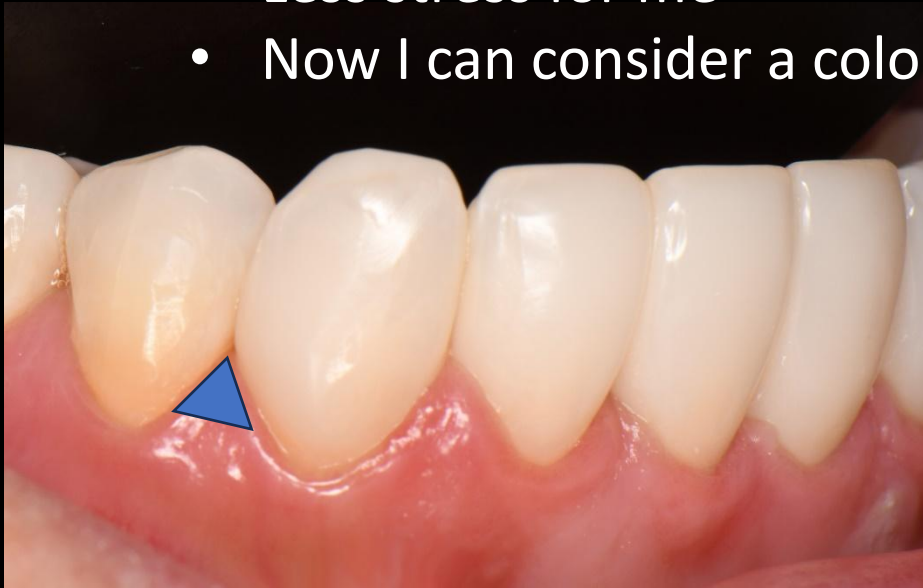


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Why cover the WST (Whole Stinking Tooth)

- Easier than marginating
- Less stress for me
- Now I can consider a color upgrade



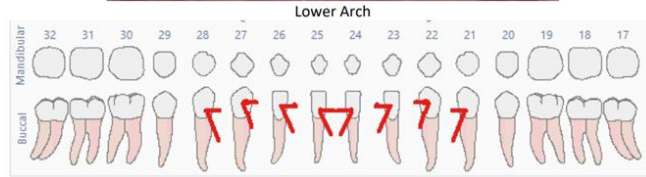


CLINIC

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O: 253-474-7635 E: Patient@BioclearClinic.com

Date: 03-08-2021


Patient Name: Erica
Consultation Date: 03-08-2021
Treating Doctor: David Clark



Appointment time required to complete treatment One Day: 7am to 4pm with 10 day follow appointment.

- **Lunch and Breaks:** We provide a protein liquid drink for lunch. Be sure to eat breakfast prior to appointment. You will receive breaks to rest your jaw and use restroom.
- **Night Guard:** To protect your Bioclear restorations. Requirement for 5 yr. warranty of restoration. REFERRED: Night guard to be fabricated by your local dental provider.
- **Whitening Tray Options:** 1 Kit: (Kit include: custom upper and lower trays and bleach) Following Bioclear restoration placement for take home maintenance. Cost: \$250

Tooth #	Description	Fee
Comprehensive Evaluation: complete oral evaluation, color, size determination, photos.		
•	Bioclear Comprehensive Evaluation	\$289

Bioclear Black Triangle:  To close negative space between teeth and rejuvenate tooth to youthful appearance.
Tooth # 21/22, 22/23, 23/24, 24/25, 25/26, 26/27 Bioclear Black Triangle Closure Multiple \$1,200 per Bioclear Black Triangle Closure.

Erica, you have the option to complete 5 or 7 Black Triangle Closures.

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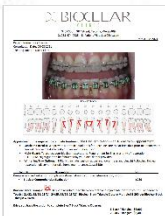
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5 Black Triangles @ \$1,450 each = \$7,250
7 Black Triangles @ \$1,450 each = \$10,150





Pre-Operative



1-Year Post-Operative



Pre-Operative



1-Year Post-Operative



Pre-Operative



1-Year Post-Operative



Key Takeaways from Erica's case:

- Use a shield matrix or shield matrices when possible
- What's a shield matrix?
- What are aquarium matrices?
- Doing the whole tooth is easier than half a tooth
- The "flowable clamp" for anterior rubber dams
- Use very small hole punch on your rubber dam



Pre-Operative



1-Year Post-Operative



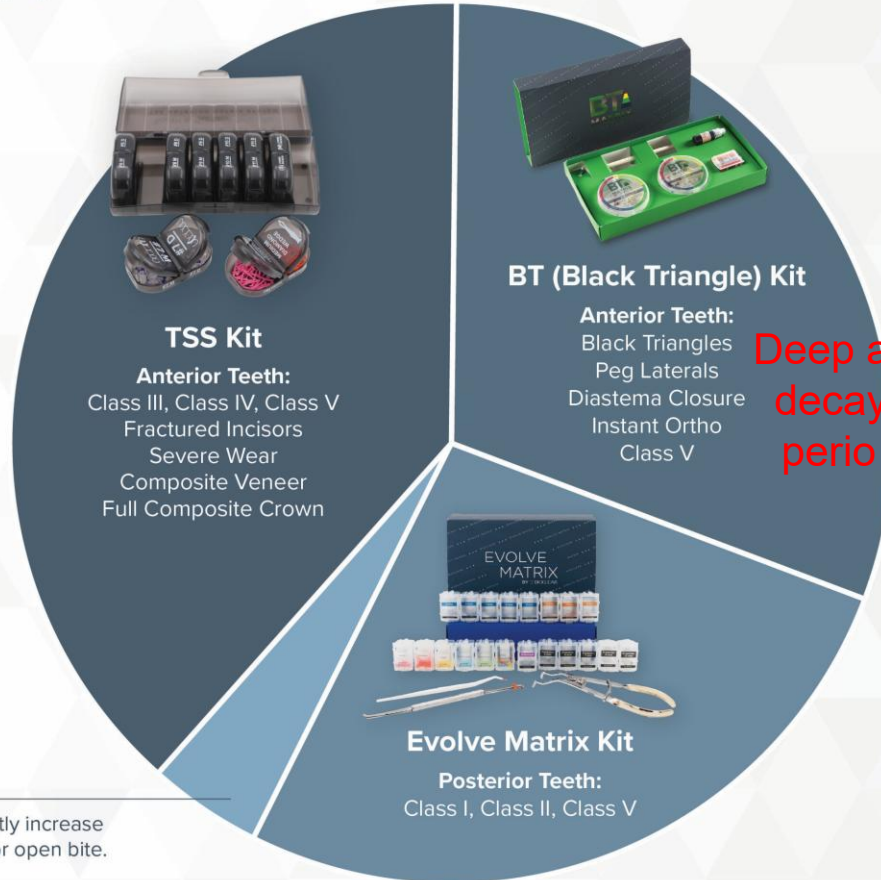
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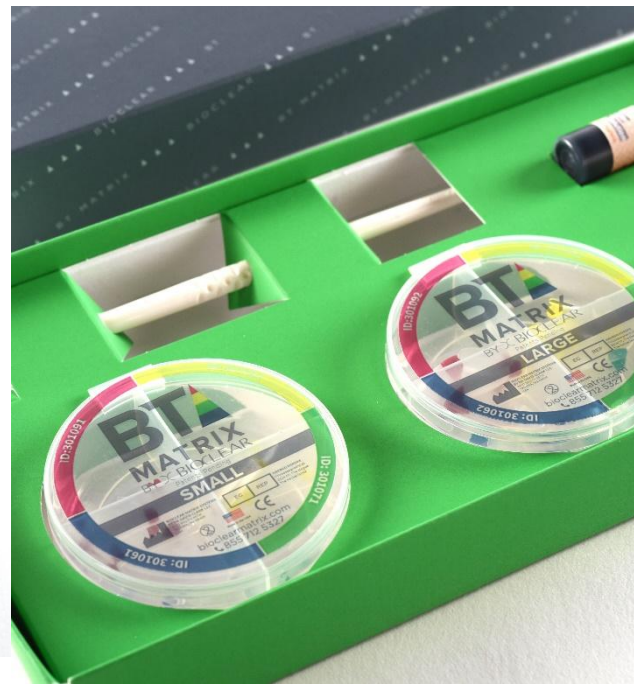
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Deep anterior decay, long perio teeth

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UPDATE!!

Filtek Supreme Ultra (their anterior composite) turns yellow.

Stop using it today!

Stop using Filtek Supreme Ultra

If you use A-1, B-1, W, or XW it matters... a lot

If you are using A-2 or darker, you don't see the
change

Immediate post-op with Filtek B-1



2-year post-op, there is noticeable yellowing



Filtek 9-year post-op, there is catastrophic yellowing



Filtek™ B1
Body 2016

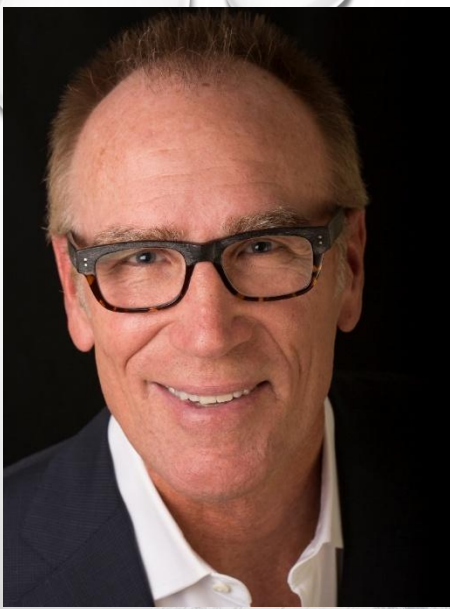


Filtek™ B-1
Body 2018



Filtek™ B-1
Body 2025





Dr. Richard
Young

Bioclear Cases 4 Year
Post-ops
Untouched-NO refresh
on either case
Majesty ES Flow ONLY



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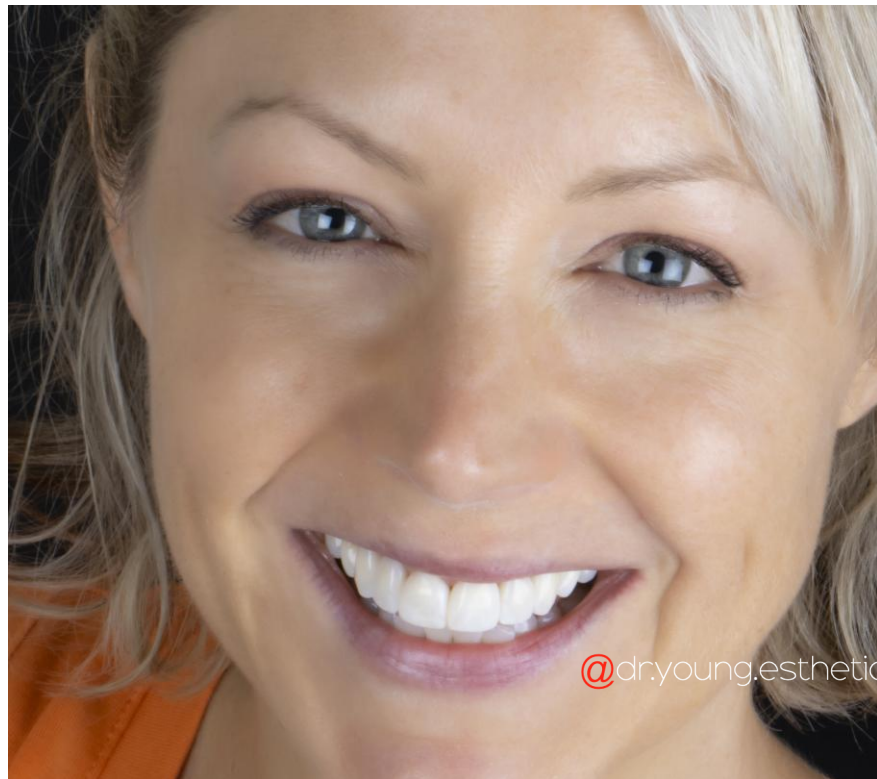


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4 Years Post-Op

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DENTAL LIGHT-CURED RESTORATIVE COMPOSITE
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DENTAL LIGHT-CURED RESTORATIVE COMPOSITE
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Classic
(Body Shades)

Color stability and surface roughness of novel single-shade universal composite resins exposed to staining solutions: an in vitro study

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Abstract
 This study investigated the color stability and surface roughness of three novel single-shade universal composites after exposure to common staining solutions. A total of 120 specimens (n = 40 per composite) were fabricated from Transcend Universal Composite (TRA), Essie One (ECO), and Clearfil Majesty ES-2 Universal (CLA). Specimens were stored at 37 °C in four different staining solutions (artificial saliva, coffee, red wine, matcha tea). Color changes (ΔE_{45}) were assessed at five time points using the e-LAB system, and surface roughness (Sa, Sr) was analyzed via 3D laser scanning microscopy. Statistical analysis was performed using a linear mixed model and post-hoc test (Tukey) ($p < 0.05$). Composite type, staining solution, and exposure duration significantly affected discoloration ($p < 0.001$). Red wine induced the most pronounced color change ($\text{ECO } \Delta E_{45} = 38.9 \pm 1.56$), while coffee and matcha tea caused similar discoloration ($p = 0.164$). TRA showed the greatest surface roughness increase; no correlation with color change was observed. The color stability of single-shade composites is influenced by resin matrix composition and staining agent exposure. Tri-modal or multi-hybrid composites showed greater color stability than the micro by hybrid composite. Surface roughness did not impact discoloration susceptibility.

Keywords Single-shade universal composites · Color stability · e-LAB system · Staining solutions · Surface roughness

1 Introduction

The long-term color stability of restorative materials is a critical factor in esthetic reconstructive dentistry, as it significantly impacts both the durability and visual longevity of restorations (Parvina et al. 2015). Among the various restorative materials, resin-based composites must withstand continuous exposure to chromogenic substances found in foods, beverages, and saliva, which can compromise their optical and mechanical integrity over time (Cicchetti et al. 2024; Catalan et al. 2011; Kuchman et al. 2020). Multi-shade composites traditionally achieve esthetic outcomes through stratified layering and customized pigmentation techniques (Chen et al. 2024; Enobé et al. 2022). While effective, these procedures are time-consuming, technique-sensitive, and require a wide inventory of materials. Single-shade universal composites have been developed to overcome these limitations, offering simplified color selection while maintaining essential aesthetic and functional properties such as strength, durability, and adaptability (Lei et al. 2024). The primary advantage of these materials lies in their dynamic color adjustment. The chameleon effect enables a harmonious integration with the tooth structure by scattering and

Effects of different curing methods on the color stability of composite resins

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ABSTRACT

Objective: The aim of this study was to compare the effects of different polymerization strategies and the effectiveness of finishing and polishing procedures of composite resins on color stability.

Materials and Methods: The samples were divided into 4 main groups according to the polymerization strategy, and all groups except the control group received surface treatment. Each group was subsequently divided into 3 subgroups respectively: Kuraray Clearfil Majesty ES-2 Classic, Premium and Universal. Approximately 24 hours after preparation of the samples, they were immersed for 7 days in a coffee solution. A first color measurement was performed after the preparation of the samples, the second measurement was performed after 7 days in the coffee solution. All measurements were carried out using a dental spectrophotometer to assess the CIE L*, a*, b* color parameters.

Results: There was a statistically significant difference between ΔE values for different procedures ($p = 0.003$); in particular, the differences were found only between the groups that received surface treatment and the control group. In addition, a statistically significant difference was observed between the values of ΔE for different composites in the different procedure groups.

Conclusions: Spectrophotometric analysis showed that the additional photopolymerization and oxygen inhibition procedures did not yield better results in relation to color stability. In addition, finishing and polishing provided better color stability compared to not performing these procedures.

Keywords: Coffee, Color stability, Curing methods, Polishing, Surface treatment

Discoloration of flowable and universal resin composites immersed in black tea for 30 days

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Abstract
Purpose: This study evaluated the discoloration of current flowable and universal resin composites by immersing in black tea over 30 days.

Materials and Methods: Three flowable resin composites and three universal resin composites were evaluated. The composites were inserted into a disk-shaped stainless steel mold and properly cured. The surfaces of the composite disk were wet-ground and ultrasonically cleaned. Colors – L*, a*, and b* were measured at the center of disks on a gray background using a spectrophotometer. The disks were immersed in black tea at 37 °C for 30 days, and the colors were repeatedly measured at 1, 3, 5, and 30 days of immersion. Color differences ΔE_{45}^{*} were calculated from the L*, a*, and b* values. Water sorption and solubility of the composites were also measured as per ISO 4049. The results were statistically analyzed, and regression analyses were done between ΔE_{45}^{*} and ΔE_{45}^{*} , ΔE_{45}^{*} , or sorption/solubility.

Results: All the composites showed observable increases of ΔE_{45}^{*} within the first 5 days of immersion. Values of ΔE_{45}^{*} ranged from 0.6 to 4.97, and three composites exhibited values above the clinically acceptable value, 3.3. L* and ΔE_{45}^{*} revealed strong correlations with ΔE_{45}^{*} . Both water sorption and solubility had positive correlations with ΔE_{45}^{*} at 30 days.

Conclusion: Tea immersion induced discoloration of the current resin composites. This discoloration was affected most by the change in brightness and difference in its blue-yellow chromaticity, and the level of discoloration was material-dependent.

(Asian Pac J Dent 2020; 20: 9-15)

Key Words: discoloration, flowable composite, solubility, tea, universal composite, water sorption

Introduction

Adhesive restoration is a conventional technique for the reconstruction of tooth structure lost to dental caries fracture. Among the adhesive restorative materials, resin composites have wide ranges of clinical applications including direct restorations, core build-ups, and lining of indirect restoratives. Light-cured resin composites, in particular, are essential for direct restorations for their adhesiveness, mechanical and esthetic properties [1]. Resin composites first began to be supplied in the form of pastes (hereinafter referred to as universal resin composite). Subsequent compositional alterations have produced less viscous resin composites, known as flowable resin composites since 1996 [2]. Flowable composites are dispersed by a syringe through a needle tip, achieving easy handling for filling relatively small cavities or cavities with large undercuts [3,4].

Initially, flowable composites contained hybrid-type fillers that were considerably larger than the current fillers [2]. The filler content was low with approximately 25 wt% to attain sufficient flowability of the composites, making them mechanical properties inferior to those of universal resin composites. Hence, flowable composites were mainly used for small cavities or as cavity liners [2-5]. Subsequent developments in filler technology, i.e., surface treatments and the dispersion techniques produced much smaller fillers [6], which improved the mechanical properties of composites. In addition, viscosity of composites became controllable due to filler/nanomer technology. The flowable composite became applicable in occlusal load bearing areas and allowed for contouring the anatomical forms under the direct syringe application. With such improvements, clinical usage of flowable composites has increased in present day [7].

As described earlier, low viscosity is an advantage of the flowable composites. Flowability is controlled by the comonomer – resin. The major comonomer is bisphenol A-glycidyl methacrylate (Bis-GMA) for current composite resins. Bis-GMA is used to allow in composite in terms of manipulation and curing. Bis-GMA is a bisphenol A-glycidyl methacrylate (Bis-GMA) and certain

The Effects of Fresh Detox Juices on Color Stability and Roughness of Resin-Based Composites

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Keywords

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Abstract

Purpose: To evaluate the effects of three fresh detox juices, including an orange juice, and red beverage, on the color stability and surface roughness of three aesthetic resin-based composites (RBCs).

Materials and Methods: Disk-shaped specimens were prepared with three different color RBCs (Amaris, G-aerial Aesthetic, Clearfil Majesty ES-2) according to the manufacturers' instructions. Forty specimens were prepared for each RBC, and all specimens were stored in artificial saliva at 37°C for 24 hours. The initial color values and surface roughness measurements of the specimens were taken using a spectrophotometer and a profilometer. The specimens were then divided into 4 subgroups (n = 10). All specimens except the control specimens were immersed in their designated fresh detox juices (green, red, or orange) for 10 minutes twice a day. Color and surface roughness measurements were taken on day 15 and day 30, and the results were analyzed by one-way ANOVA and Tukey HSD test. The association between color change and surface roughness was evaluated by Spearman's Rank Correlation analysis.

Results: Color changes and surface roughness increased upon exposure to fresh detox juices for 15 and 30 days for all of the RBCs. All of the G-aerial and Amaris groups displayed color changes above the threshold of acceptability, whereas Clearfil Majesty ES-2 displayed a color change above the threshold of acceptability only after exposure to the red beverage for 30 days (L* = 3.7). With regard to surface roughness, Clearfil Majesty ES-2 outperformed the other RBCs ($p < 0.001$). According to Spearman's Rank Correlation analysis, there was no correlation between color change and surface roughness ($p > 0.001$).

Conclusions: Exposure to the fresh detox juices used in this study led to similar color changes in the RBCs used in this study.

Resin-based composites (RBC) are highly popular in restorative dentistry, but, as for the use of any restorative material, clinical failures are unavoidable. It has been reported that the reasons for replacing composite restorations include secondary/recurrent caries, marginal discoloration, bulk discoloration, marginal/abfraction of the restorations, fracture of tooth and pain or sensitivity. Unacceptable color change is the primary reason for replacing RBC restorations in anterior teeth.^{1,2} Color change certainly occurs in restorative materials, but it is the degree of the color change that is important. Because small color changes in restorative materials are largely undetectable by the human eye, restoration replacement is not required for materials that display small color changes, but it is important for composites that display large color changes, such as anterior teeth, when the color harmony between the restoration

and the dental tissues deteriorates, replacement of the restorations is inevitable. Different factors affect discoloration of RBCs by three basic mechanisms: intrinsic discoloration, surface/subsurface degradation, and extrinsic discoloration. Intrinsic discoloration is defined as the discoloration of materials independent of external factors. The chemical structure of the material, including the type of monomer, the filler size, and the distribution, as well as the degree of conversion and the physicochemical reactions of the material in the body affect intrinsic discoloration.³ Surface/subsurface degradation occurs when staining agents react with superficial composite layers. A rough restoration surface, such as bad hygienic and oral care, may cause staining of colored foods and beverage may cause extrinsic discoloration.^{4,5}

4 CLEARFIL MAJESTY ES Composites Tested in 4 Papers



Color Stability Results for Flowables:

ΔE_{ab} (Value & Chroma Changes)

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Original article
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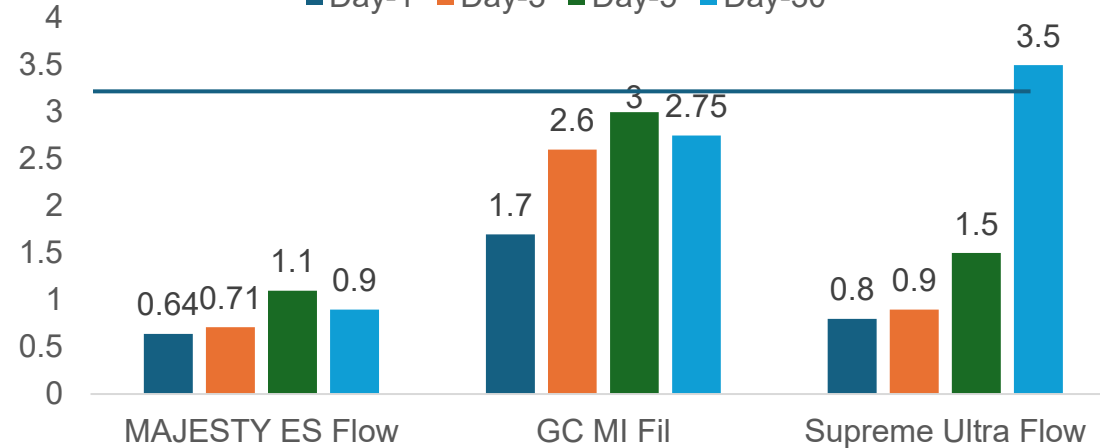
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Initially, flowable composites contained hybrid-type fillers that were considerably larger than the current fillers [2]. The filler content was low with approximately 25 wt% to attain sufficient flowability of the composites, making their mechanical properties inferior to those of universal resin composites. Hence, flowable composites were mainly used for small cavities or as cavity liners [2,5]. Subsequent developments in filler technology, i.e., surface treatments and the dispersion techniques produced much smaller fillers [6], which improved the mechanical properties of composites. In addition, viscosity of composites became controllable due to filler/nanofiller technology. The flowable composites became applicable in occlusal load bearing areas and allowed for contouring the anatomical forms under the direct syringe application. With such improvements, clinical usage of flowable composites have increased in present day [7].

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3.3 & Below Acceptable

■ Day-1 ■ Day-3 ■ Day-5 ■ Day-30



Re: Discoloration: **“CLEARFIL MAJESTY ES Flow showed the lowest means at every interval of measurement”**

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ΔE ab (Value & Chroma Changes)

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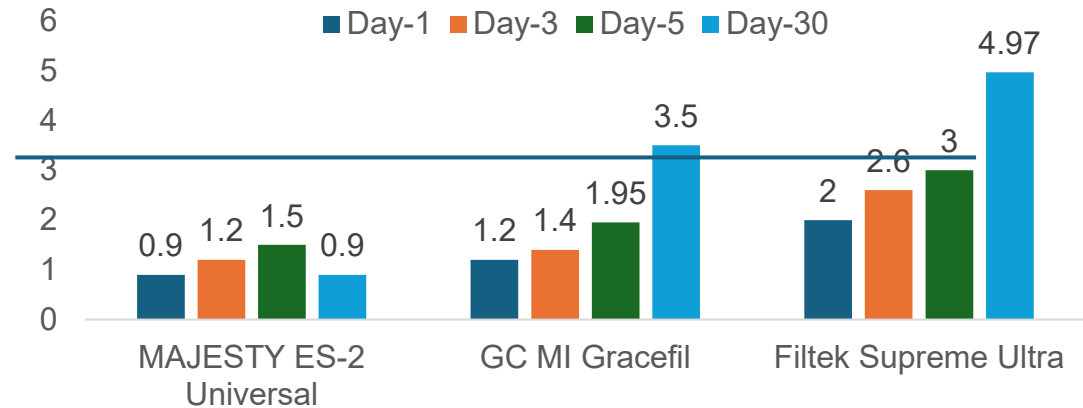
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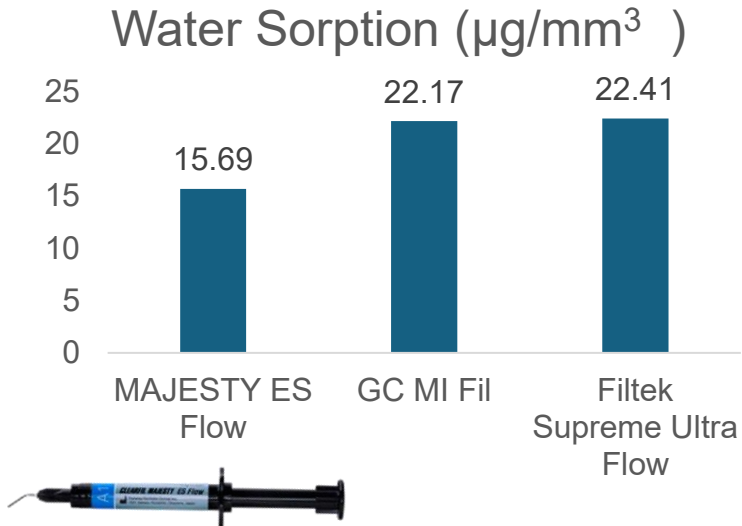
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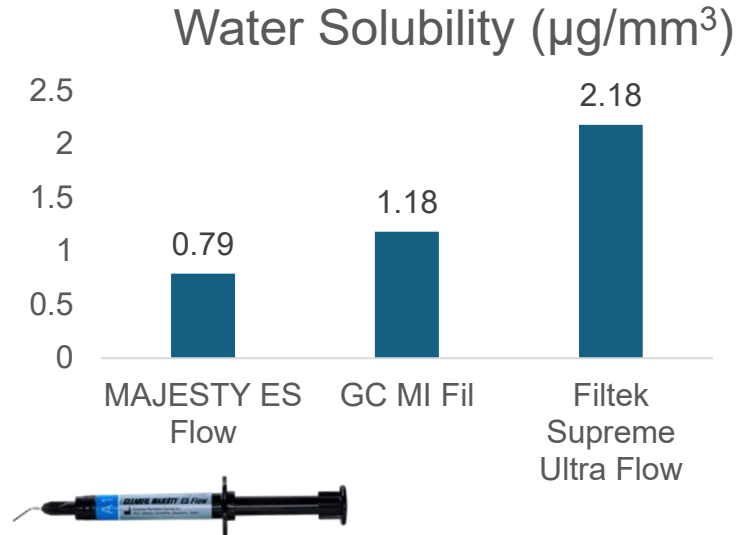


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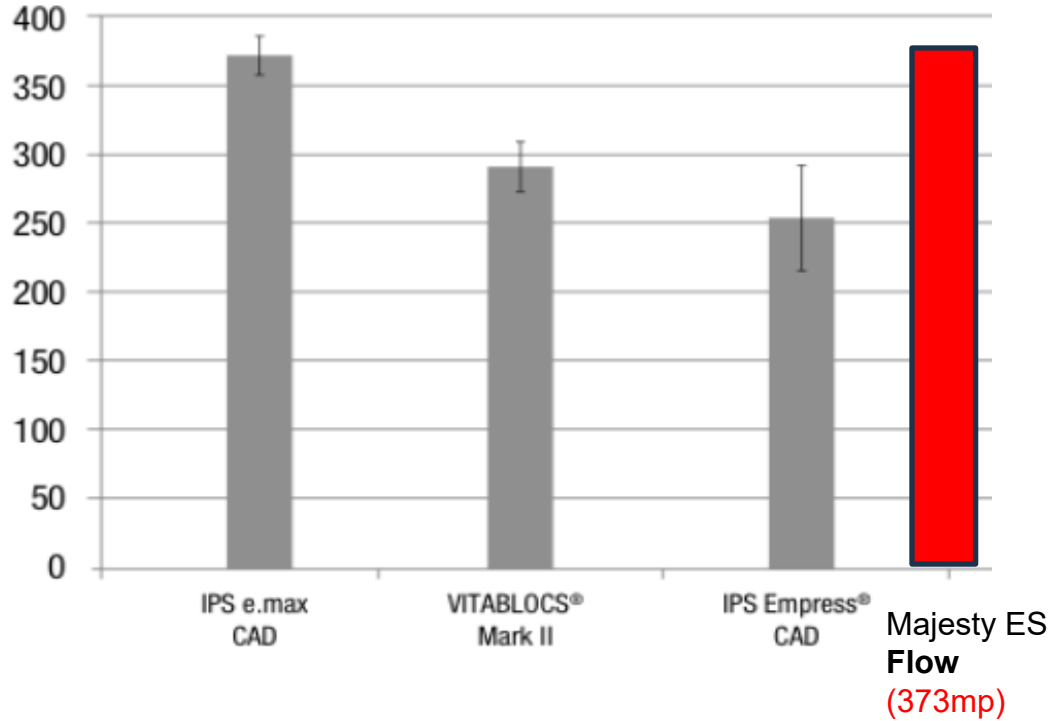
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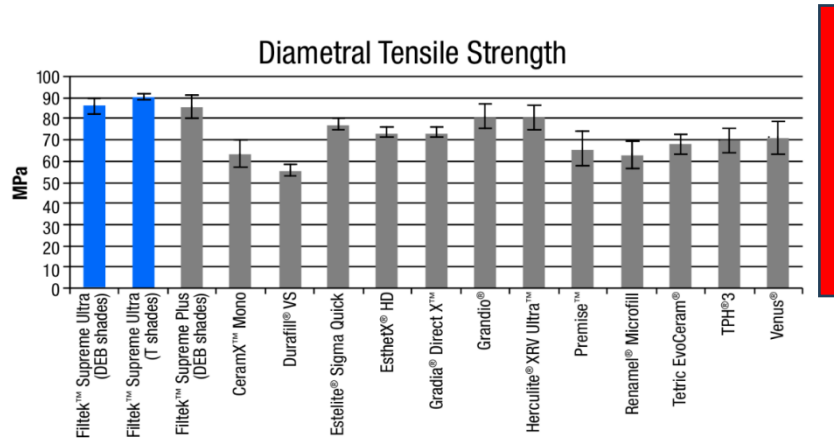
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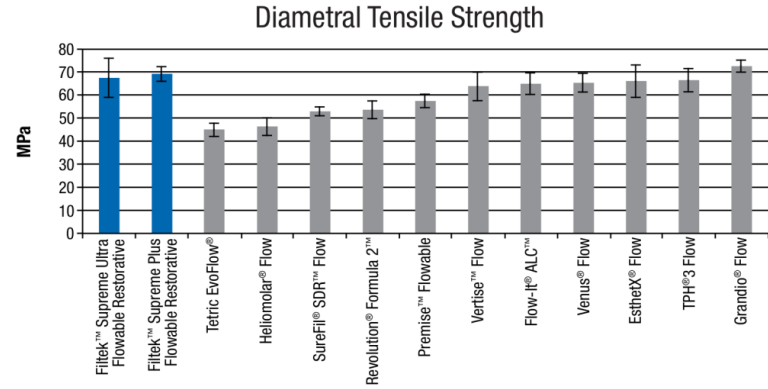


Composites



Majesty
ES Flow
(148mp)

Flowables



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from composite (color and polish
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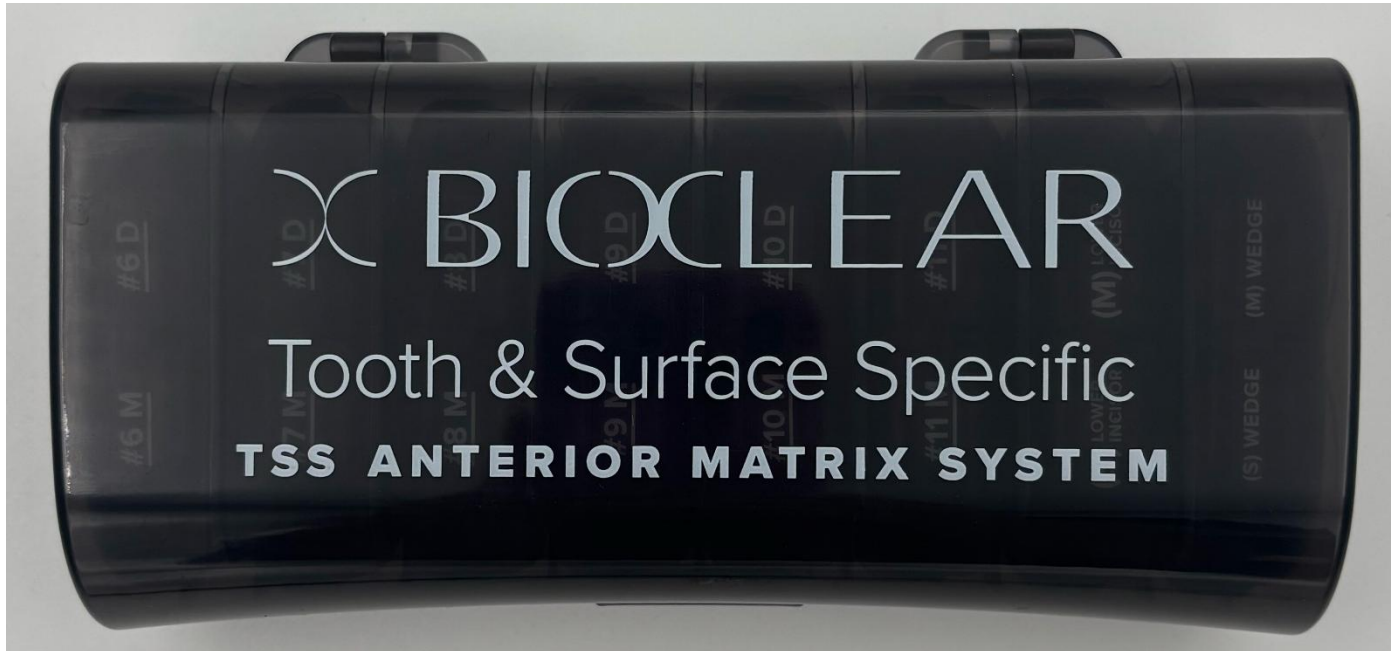


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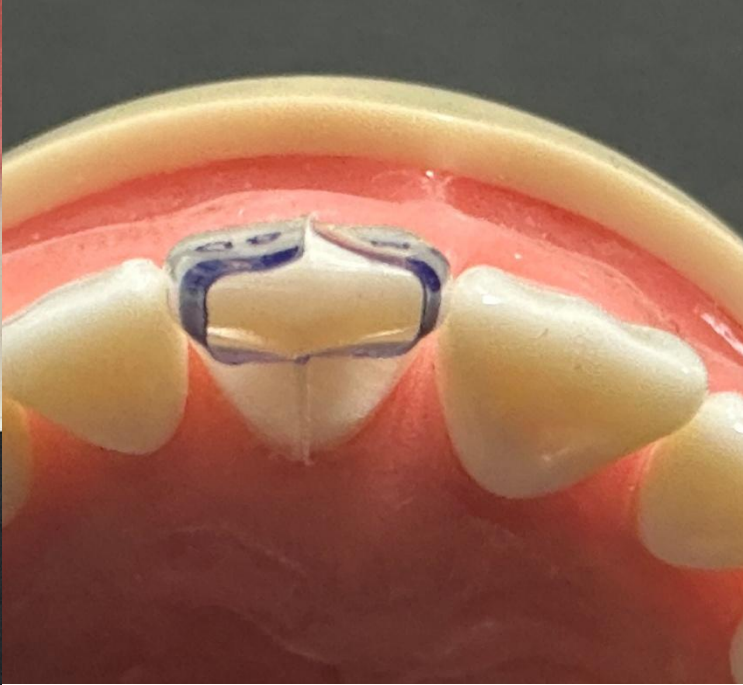
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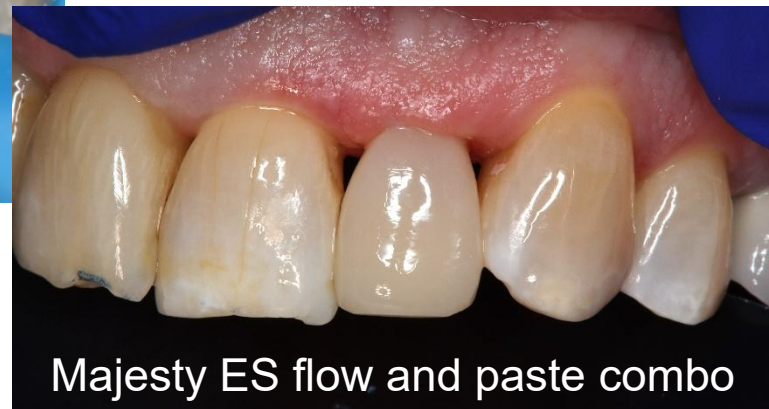








Courtesy of Dr.
Dan
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Majesty ES flow and paste combo





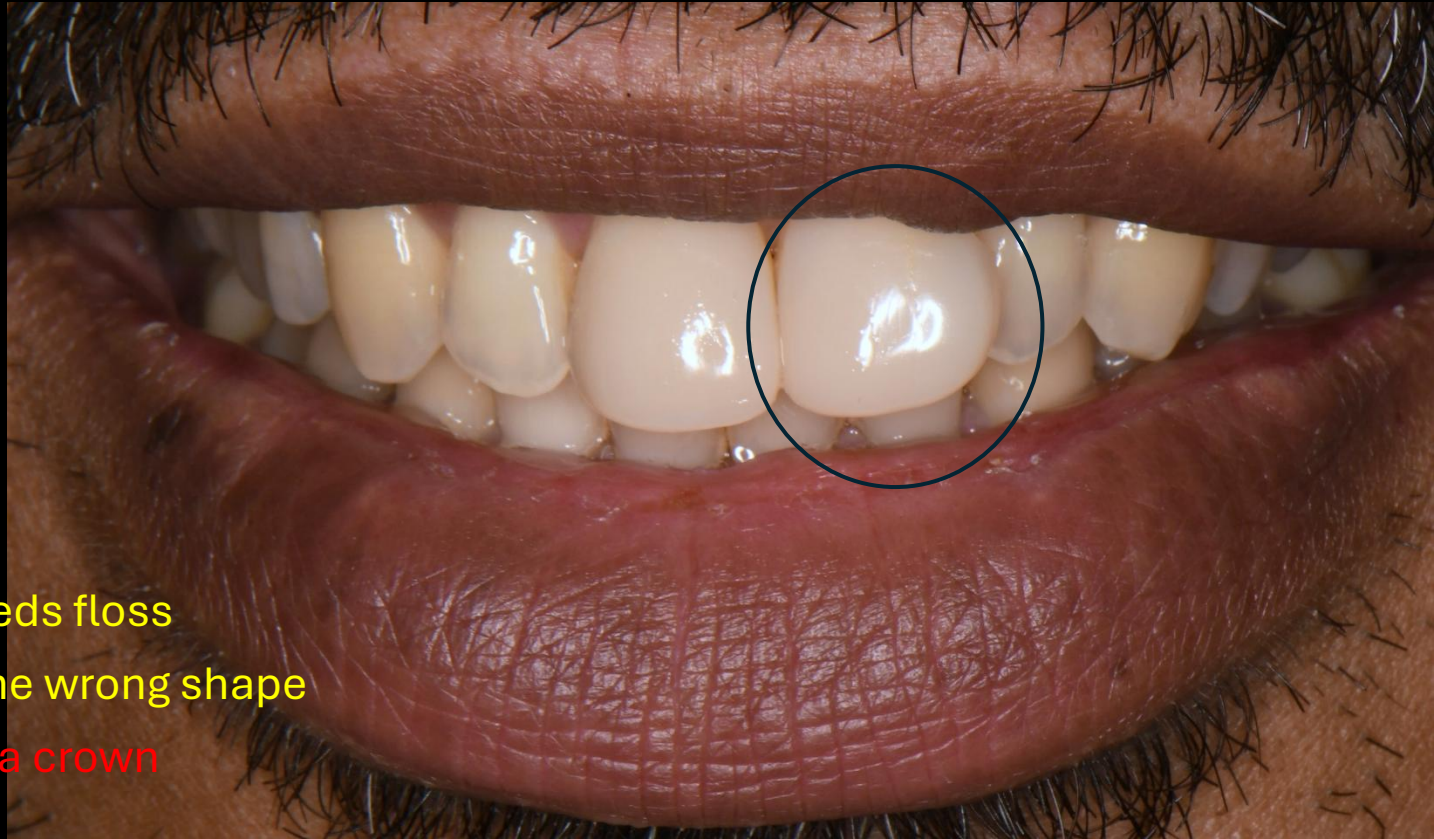
Khairul's regular dentist restored the tooth, but the patient was unhappy with the outcome. Khairul had two major complaints and one major concern:

- The restoration shreds floss
- The restoration is the wrong shape
- He does NOT want a crown



Pre-Operative View





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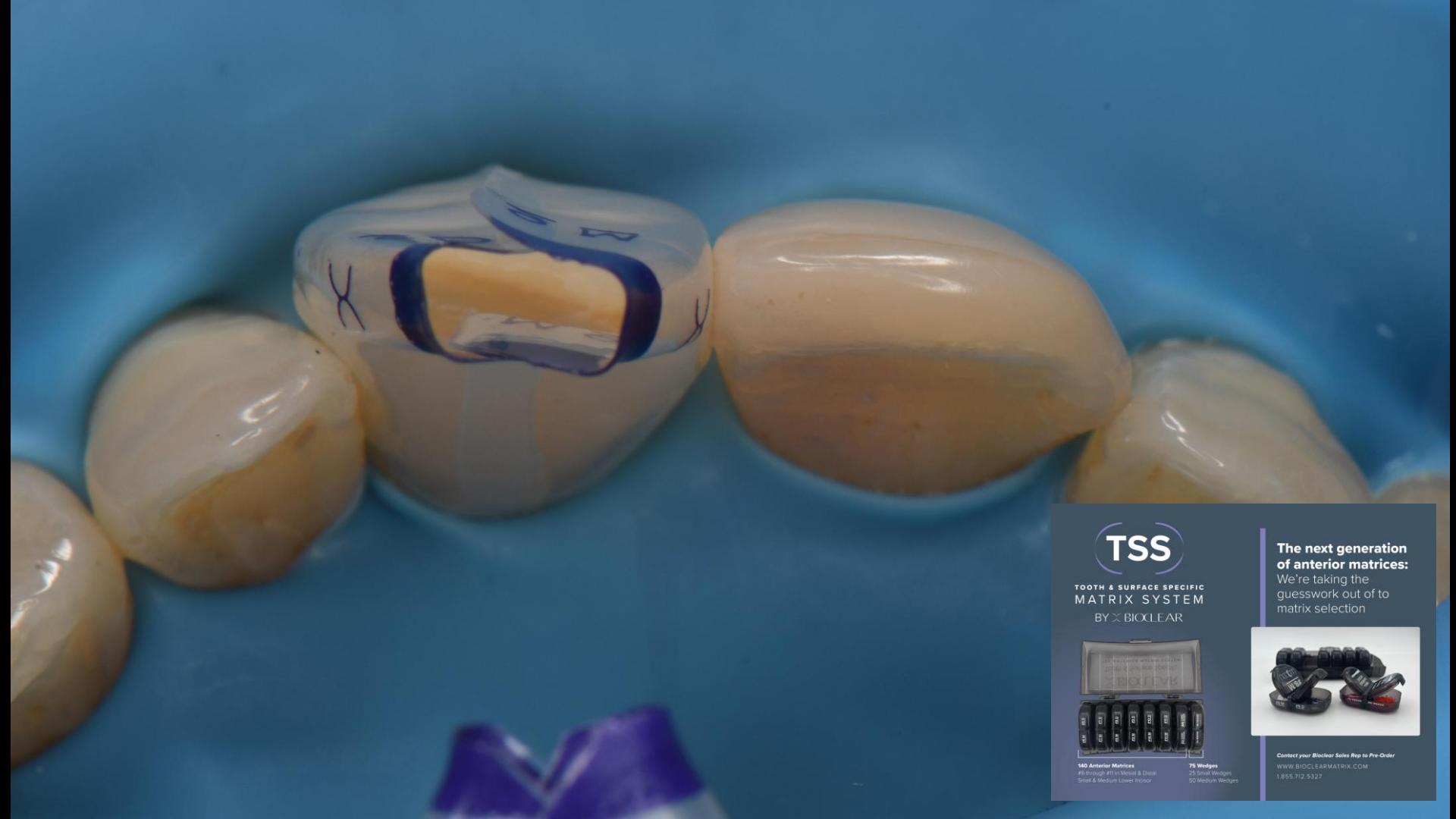
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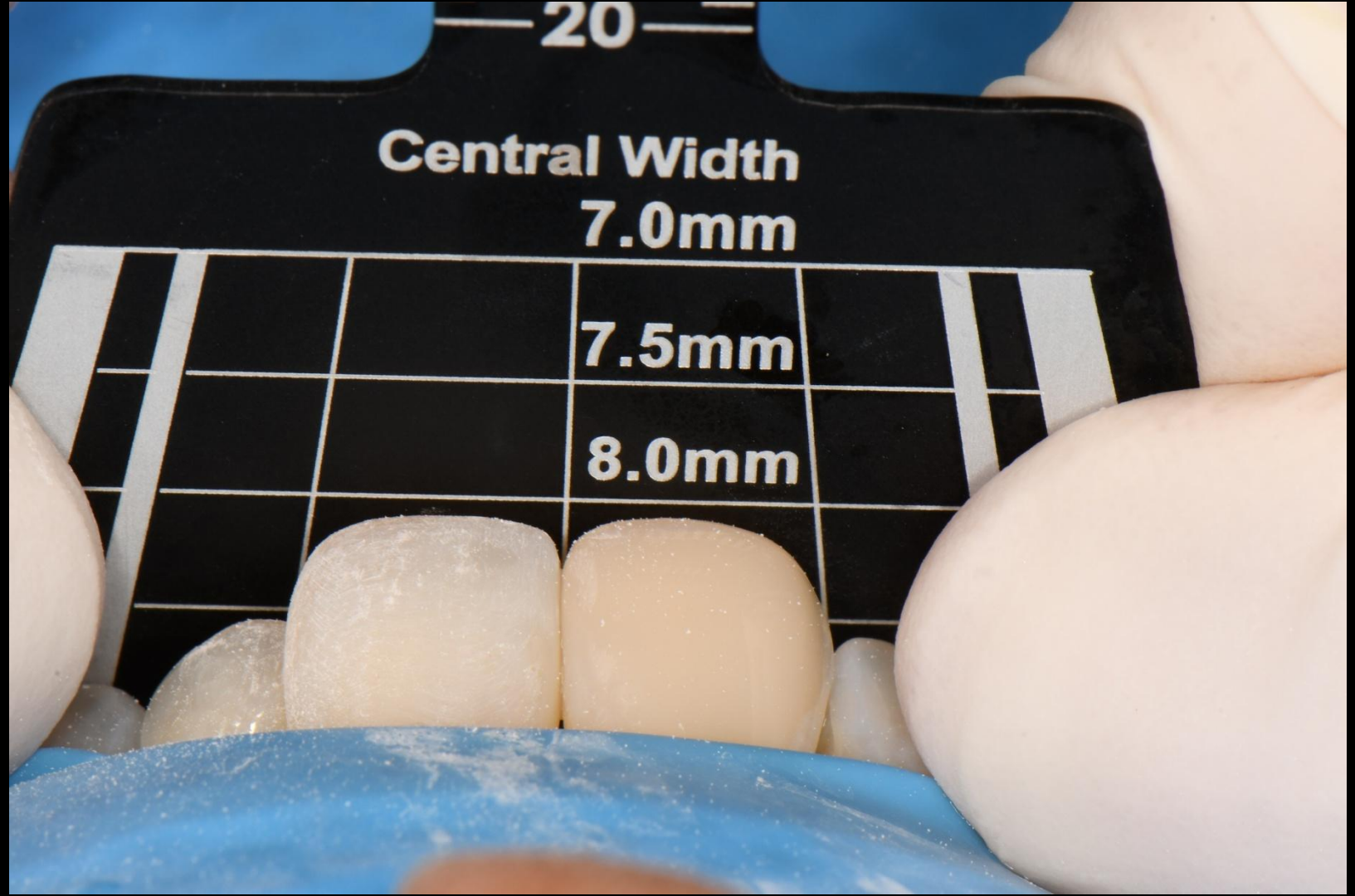


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**Central Width
7.0mm**

7.5mm

8.0mm



- Before we started the procedure, I let Khairul know that the composite on the 11 had turned a bit yellow.
- I also let him know that it is impossible to get a perfect match to neighboring aged composite or natural teeth.
- I always ask the patient, “Do you want me to err on the light side or the dark side with shade? We can always bleach the natural teeth later and replace older yellowing composite on other teeth with a more color stable composite”.
- He chose to err on the light side in terms of shade selection.



Pre-Operative View



Immediate post-op. He asked for floss. It flossed perfectly. The patient loved it, hugged me and later posted marvelous reviews on Google



Kuraray Majesty ES: B1 flowable and paste



Is monolithic injection molded composite a viable alternative to full ceramic crowns in some cases?

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The patient is a 35-year-old male. His original chief complaint was a discolored filling on the distal of tooth #8. The patient was given two treatment plans, one to simply replace a few defective restorations and remove caries with traditional fillings or in patient terms we said, “We can patch the holes, or I can rejuvenate your smile. The patchwork plan will be healthy but will not make a significant esthetic change. In addition, the severe wear and acid erosion present on the palatal surfaces could eventually lead to catastrophic problems later i.e. root canals, infection, and tooth loss.” The patient opted for Bioclear rejuvenation versus simple fillings because he wanted a beautiful smile. He chose Bioclear in lieu of crowns because he understood that Bioclear is a more conservative and healthier approach to achieving his goals than traditional crowns.

Phase one of the treatment plan was to restore the anterior six teeth, simultaneously opening the vertical dimension to reduce the need for aggressive tooth reduction for material thickness. In addition, because the patient needed to have the teeth lengthened by 2 mm, opening the vertical dimension by 2 mm allowed the overbite to be more ideal. Because the patient could only commit to the cost of the six Bioclear restorations (\$11,600) we placed transitional occlusal flowable composites (thick sealants) on the four maxillary premolar teeth, and we will allow the molars to settle into occlusion utilizing the well-researched Dahl Technique.

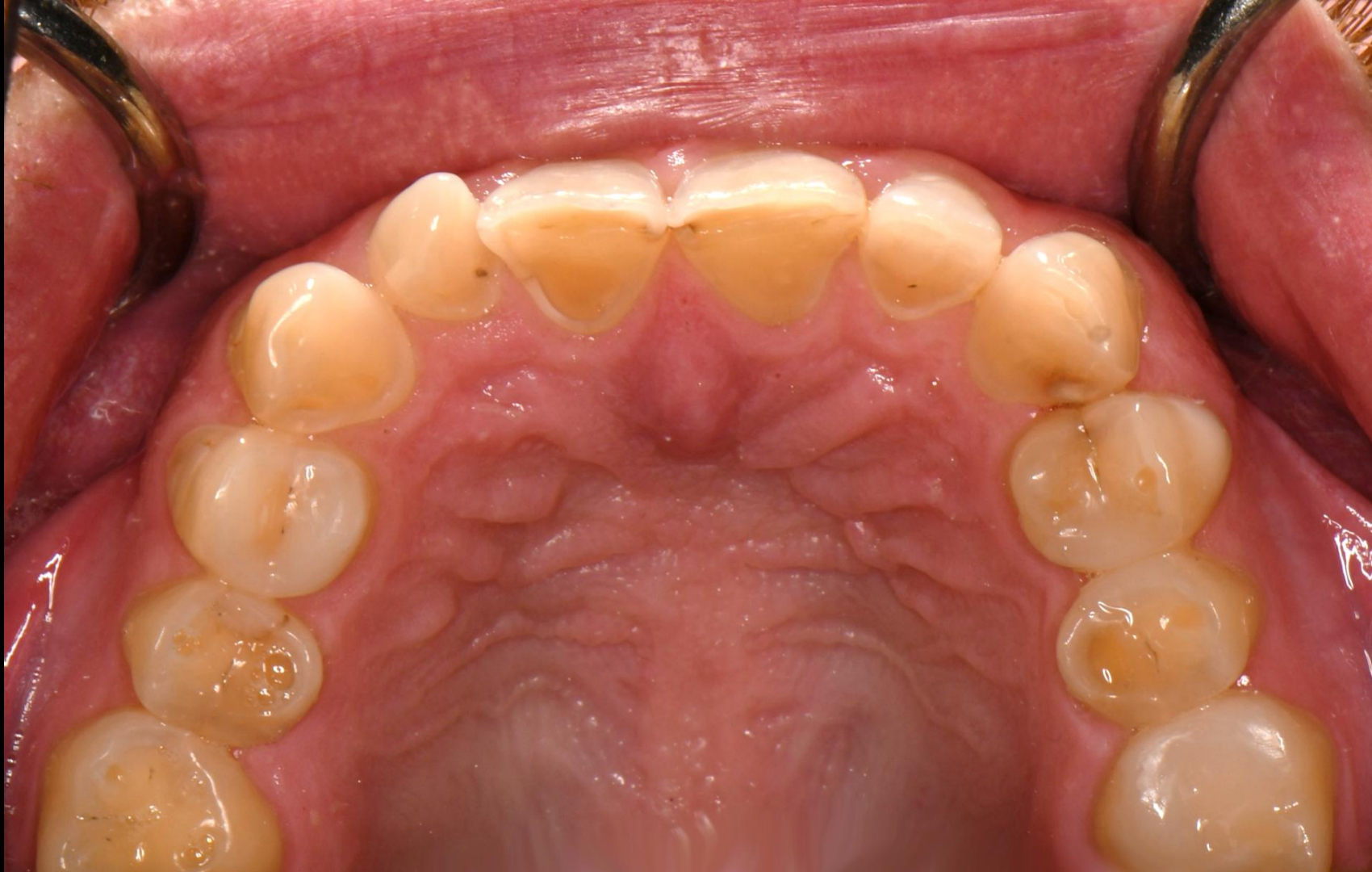
Phase two will be to restore the remaining teeth with Bioclear when the patient has his finances ready.

Treatment Summary Short Version:

Treatment was finished in a single 4-hour session. (Less experienced clinicians should plan to give one hour per tooth). Bioclear TSS Matrices were utilized on all the teeth except tooth #10. #10 required the Bioclear BT matrix system to create “instant ortho” and because a diastema was present there. Bioclear Diamond wedges were used as needed in areas where the contact was lost during caries removal or removal of old composites. Bioclear RSP X-course discs (Black) were used to shape the incisal edges and smooth the small seams present where the matrices meet on the facial and palatal. Final polish was achieved with Bioclear Magic Mix and then Rock Star Polish cups and cones.

One-week postoperative visit revealed healthy teeth and gingiva. The patient was ecstatic about his new smile, had zero post-operative pain or sensitivity, and expressed that his new bite with the increase in VDO felt more comfortable than before.





What percentage of the tooth is removed for a conservative crown prep?



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Wouldn't it be nice to preserve nearly all the healthy tooth structure and at the same time completely rejuvenate this guy's smile?

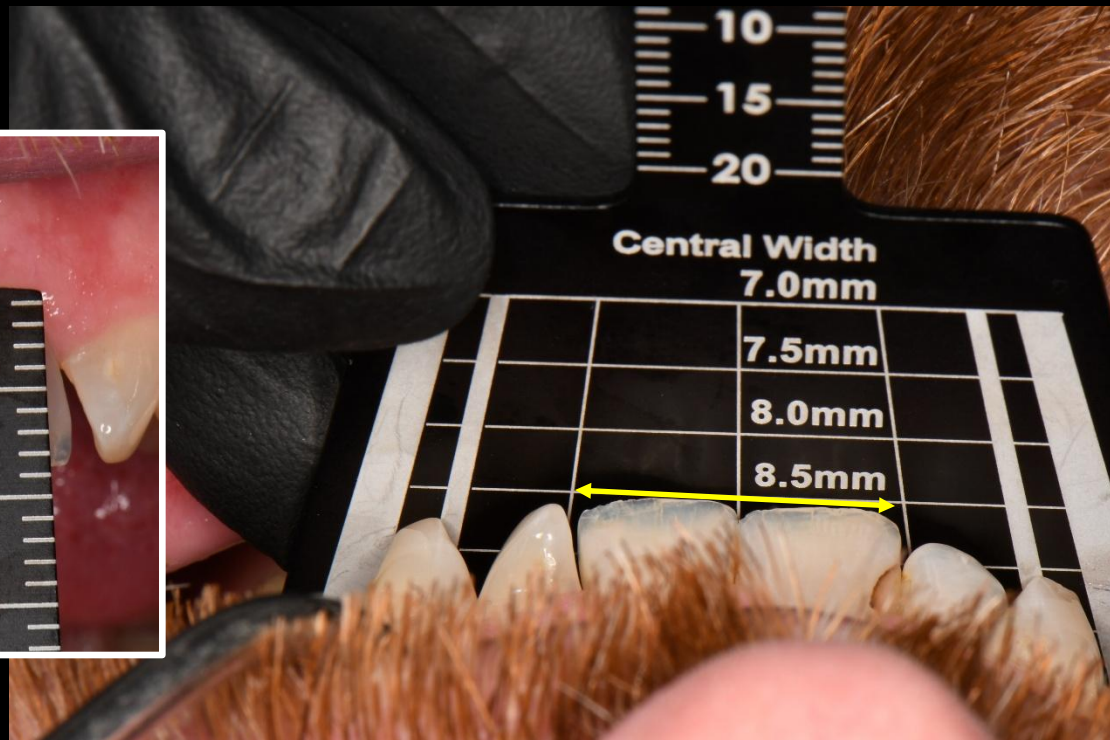


Simplified Smile Design!

How long are his
centrals currently? 8.5 mm



How wide are his centrals? 8.5 mm



5
10
15
20

Central Width
7.0mm

7.5mm

8.0mm

8.5mm

9.0mm

9.5mm

10mm

 **Panadent**
Esthetic Proportion
Gauge

Central Width | Central Height

8.0mm | 10.0mm

8.5mm | 10.6mm

9.0mm | 11.2mm

9.5mm | 11.8mm

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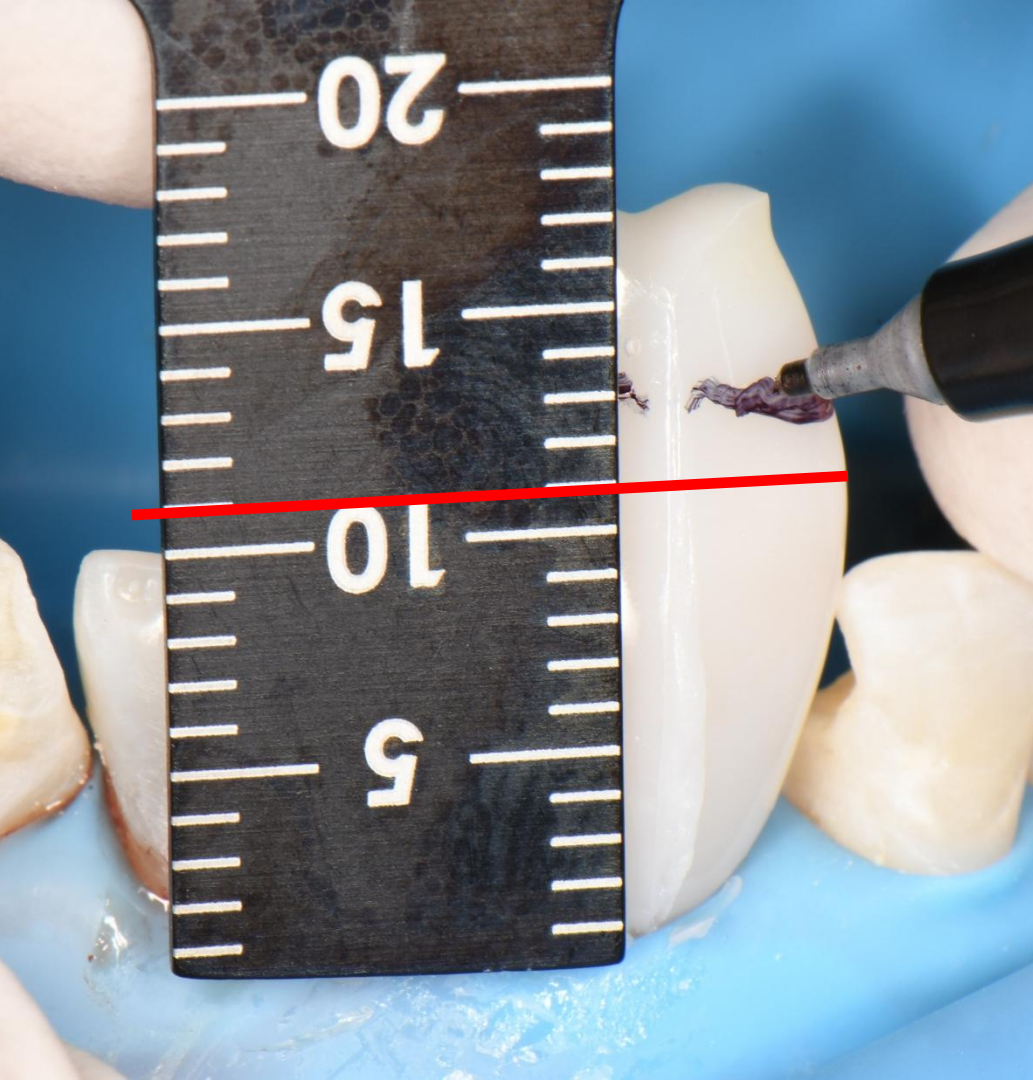


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Pre-operative



Immediate Post-Operative



One Week Post-Operative







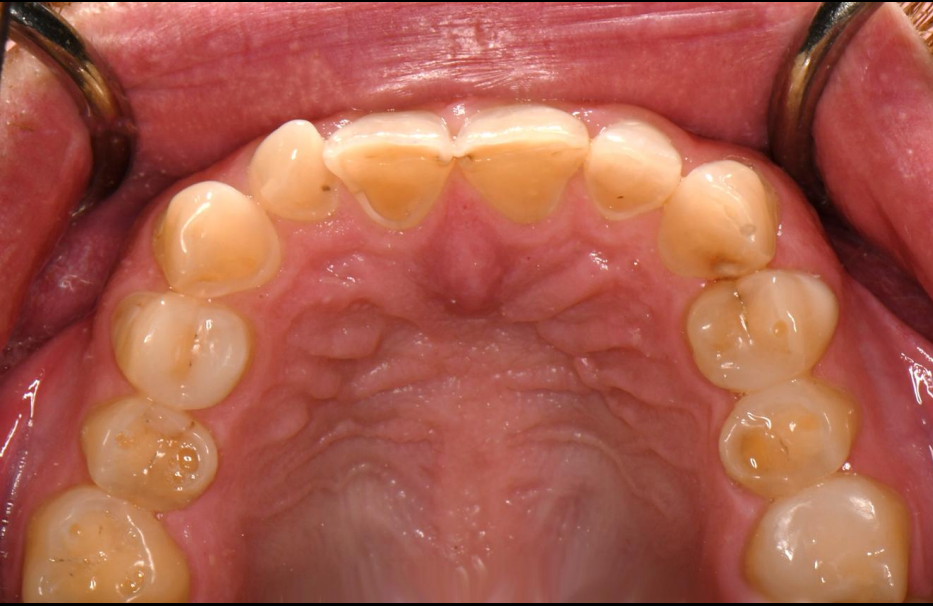




Monolithic Kuraray Majesty
ES Paste & Flow: Shade
EW (extra white) with
Bioclear TSS Matrix









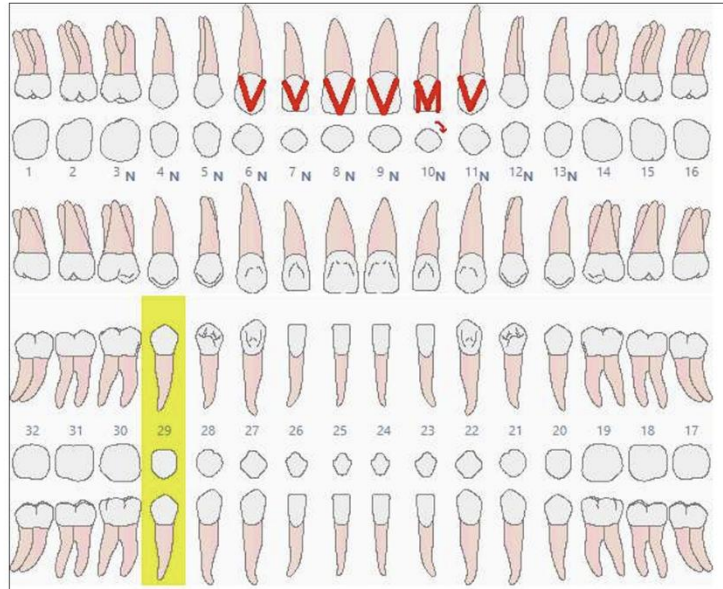
Day of treatment:
About 4 hours



1-week
post-op

Patient Chart

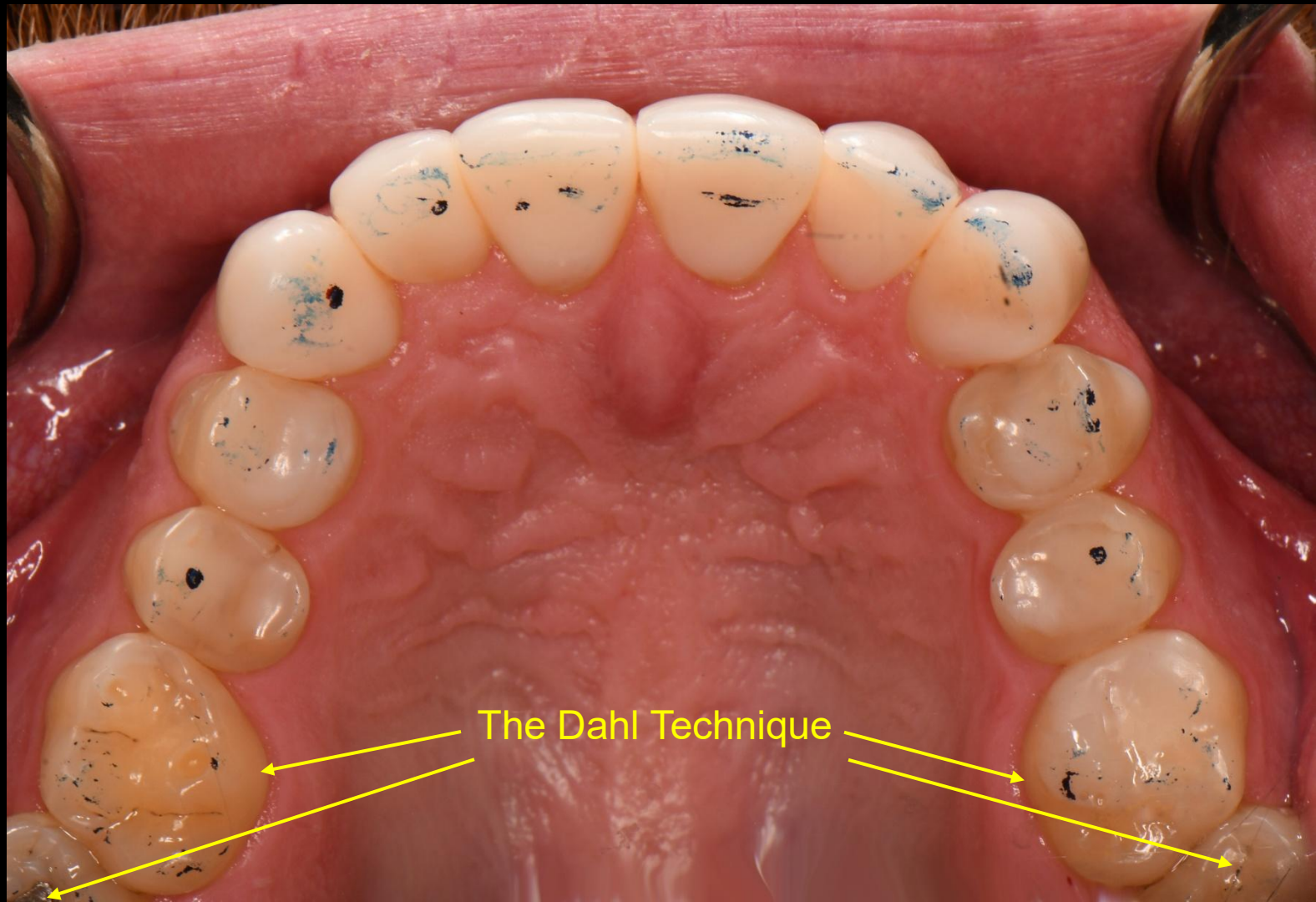
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Total Bioclear Case Fee?

\$11,631

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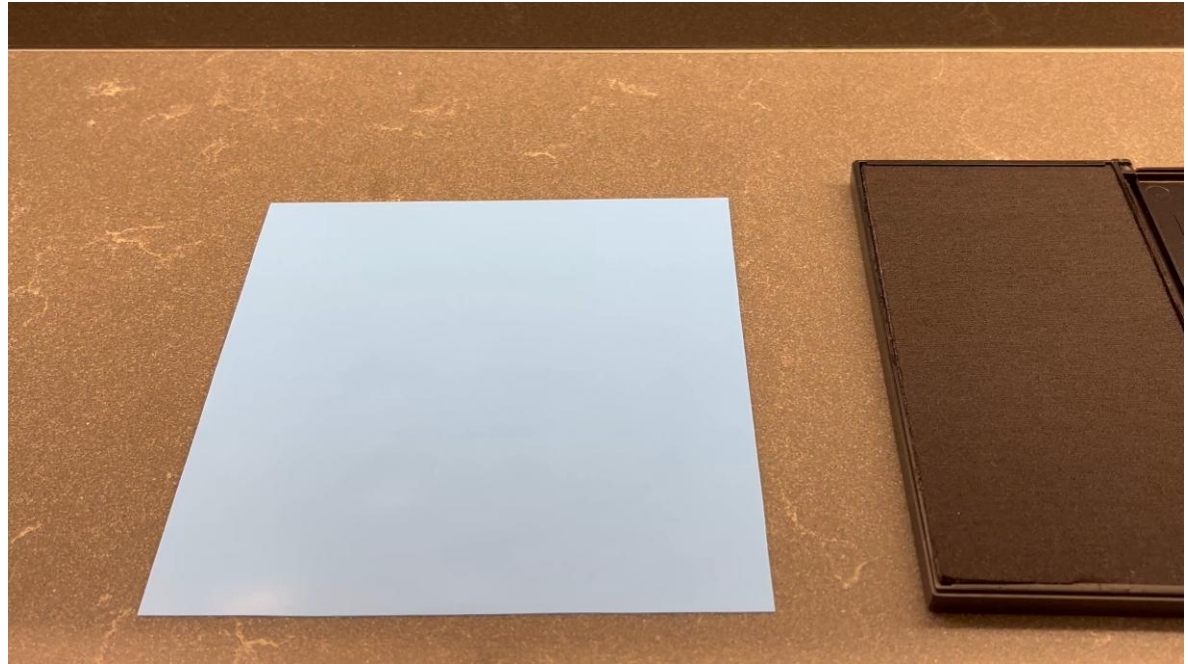


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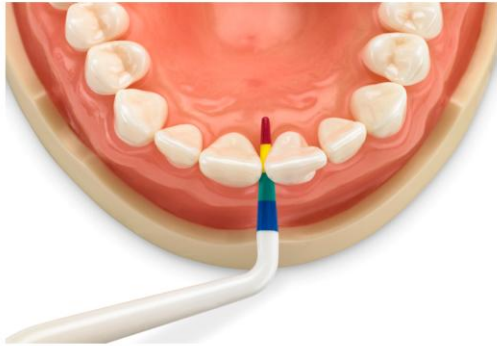
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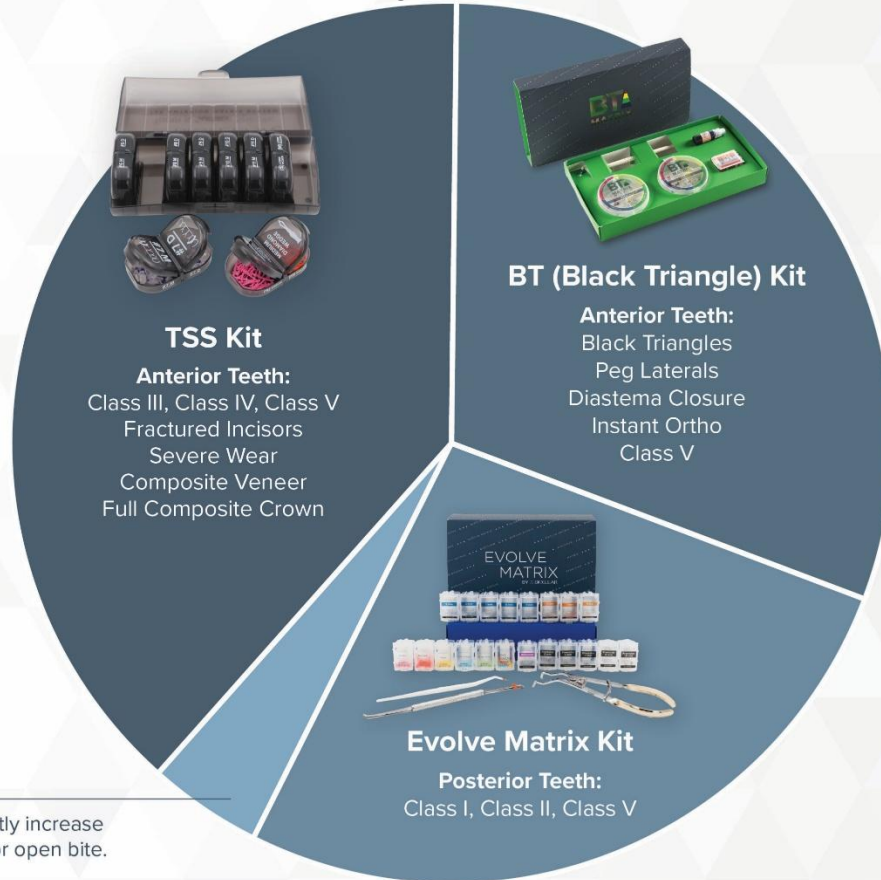
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Bioclear Protocol for Final Finish & Polish



1
SS White Coarse
Flame Diamond Bur

2
3M™ Sof-Lex XT Disc

3
Bioclear Magic Mix +
Prophy Cup

4
Bioclear RS Polisher

COARSE

Gross
contouring
and shaping



2382C - 1/2" Coarse Disc



2381C - 3/8" Coarse Disc



Apply with light pressure with
the tooth dry



Instructions:

- Apply light pressure dry
followed by heavy pressure
wet

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SS White Coarse Flame Diamond Bur

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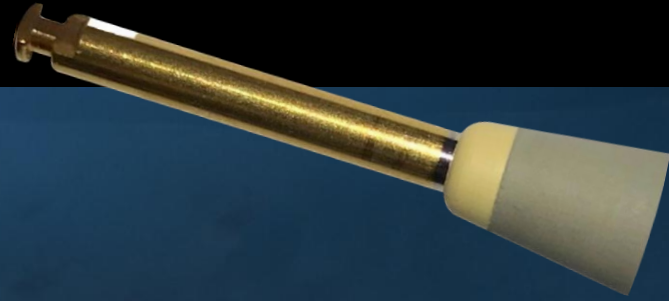


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Bioclear RS Polisher

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Creating Contacts for Diastemas, Peg Laterals, and Bioclear 360° Veneers

- Abbreviated Version -





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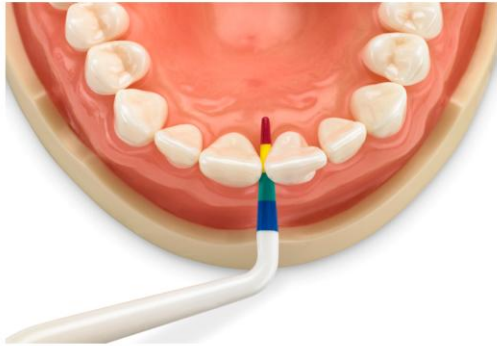
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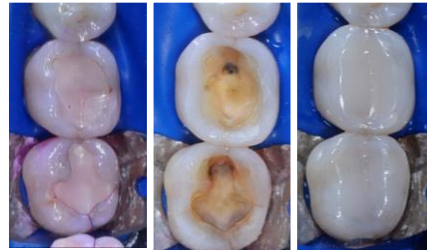
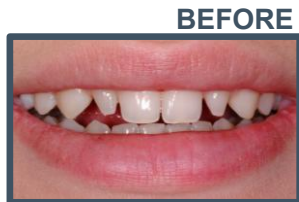
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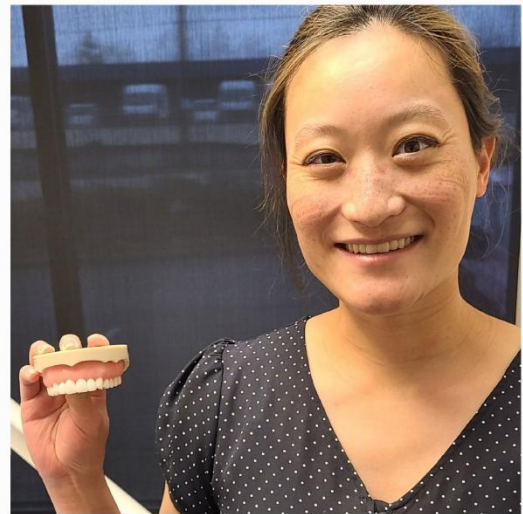
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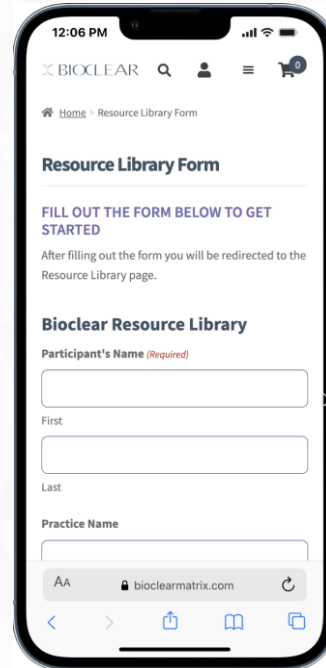
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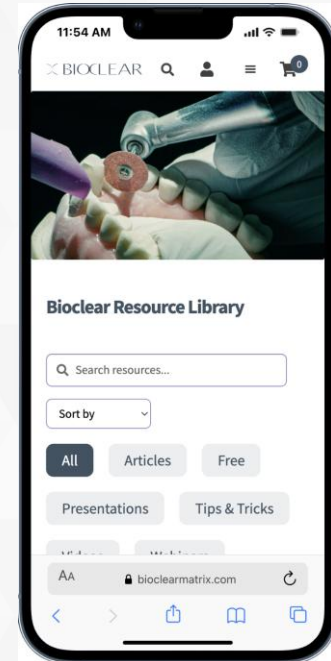
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Bioclear Matrices

- Anterior & Posterior Matrices designed to mimic nature



Injection Mold Composite

- Injection mold warmed **Kuraray restorative materials focusing on Majesty Super-Flowable**
- Industry leading polish, esthetics, color stability, strength, & wear resistance

Preparation Design

- Designed for composite
- Minimizes stress concentration
- Maximizes enamel involvement

Biofilm Removal

- Remove biofilm before bonding
- Allows bonding to uncut enamel
- Allows infinity edge margins



Systematic restorative protocol for esthetic long-term clinical outcomes



Final Polish

- Bioclear x-coarse discs for reduction
- "Rock Star" polish with Bioclear Magic Mix & RS Polisher

Let's quickly review several types of anterior cases
and best matrix system for the case:

TSS (Tooth and Surface Specific) *or* **BT** (Black Triangle/Diastema Closure)



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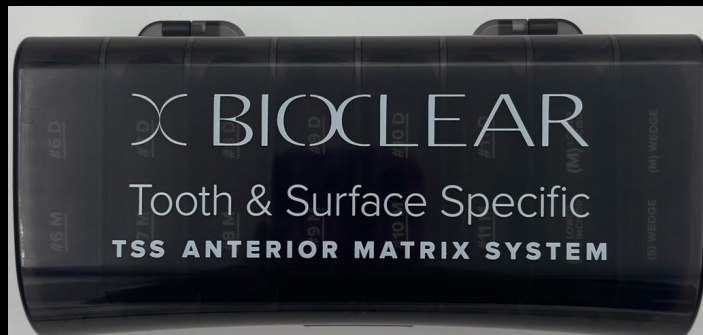
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The monolithic restoration can create adequate non-layered polychromaticity with **Body** shade



17 year old male. Had emotional issues and had ortho brackets on for many years without returning to complete orthodontic care. Left with rampant decay. Injection molded A2 **BODY** composite

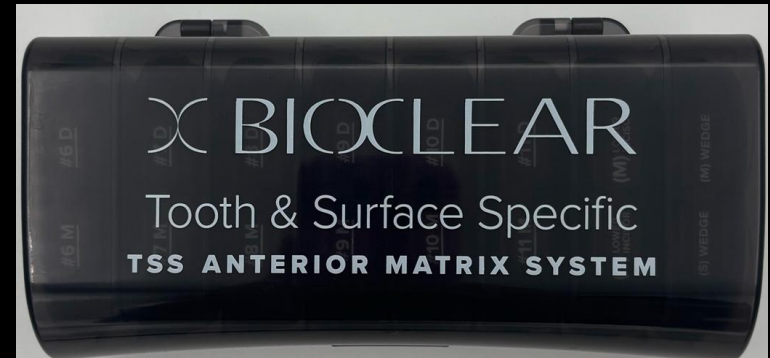


Which Matrix Type?





Which Bioclear kit?





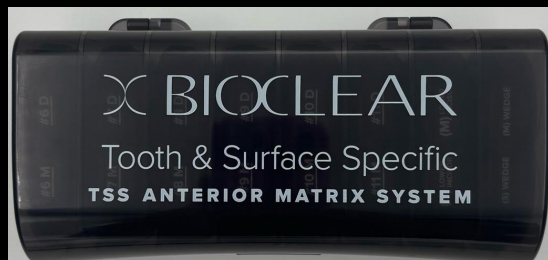
- If you think you will lose your contacts, you need to prep and then take each to 80% shape before you move to the next tooth.
- Bioclear method benefits from leverage and landmarks
- Creation of 3 facial planes is key
- Monolithic composite in the body shade is generally beautiful to the patient. Why?



Case by recent
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Which Bioclear Kit?



Which Bioclear Kit?





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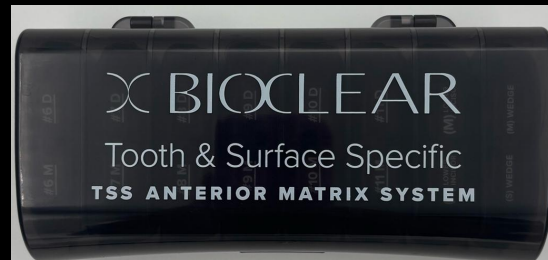


Which Bioclear kit or kits?





Both



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- Contradiction
- Controversy
- Confusion

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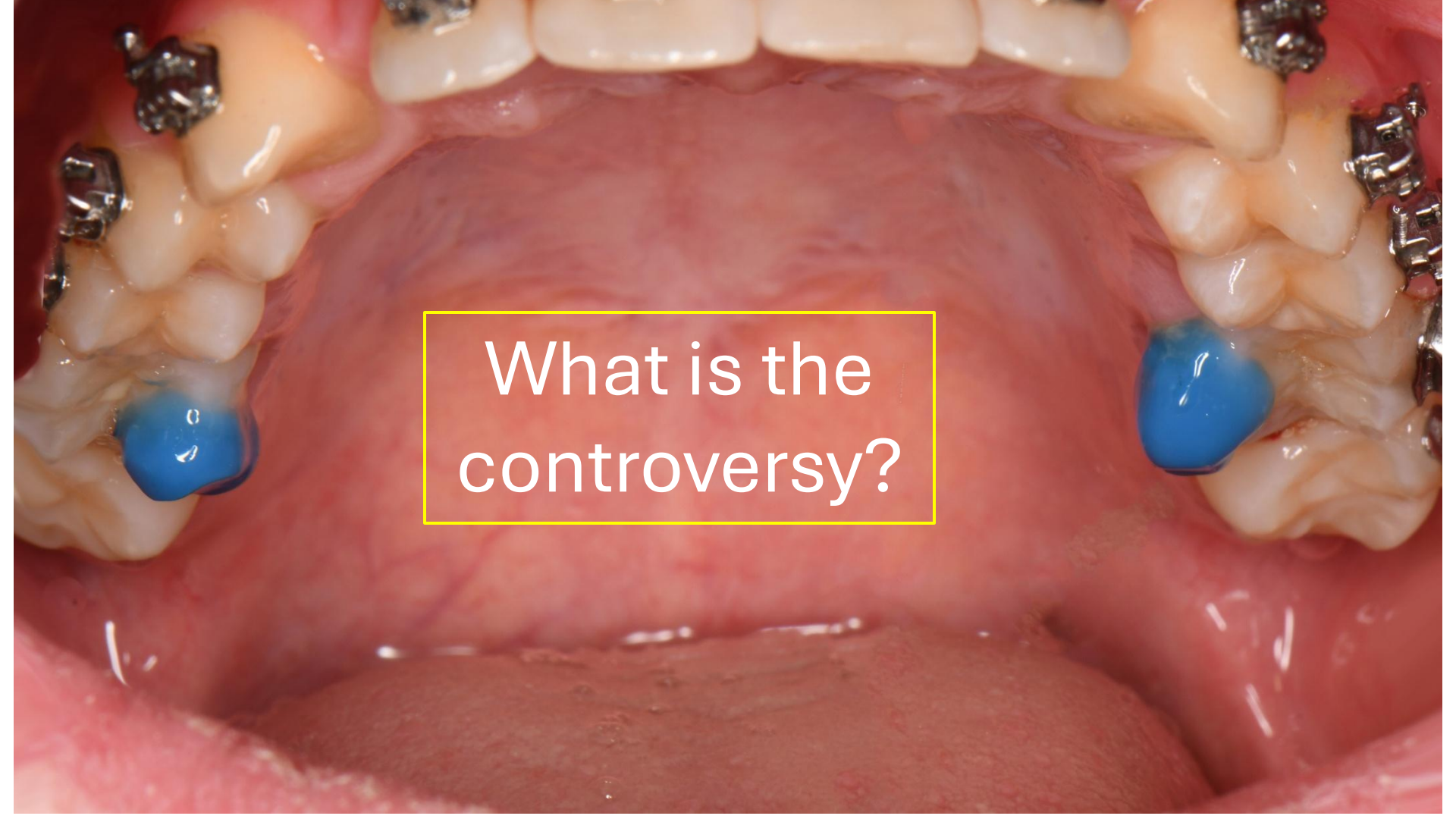
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Scope of Workshop

- Identify Case Types
- Case Selection
- How do we achieve it with the Bioclear Method?

Definition of V.D.O.

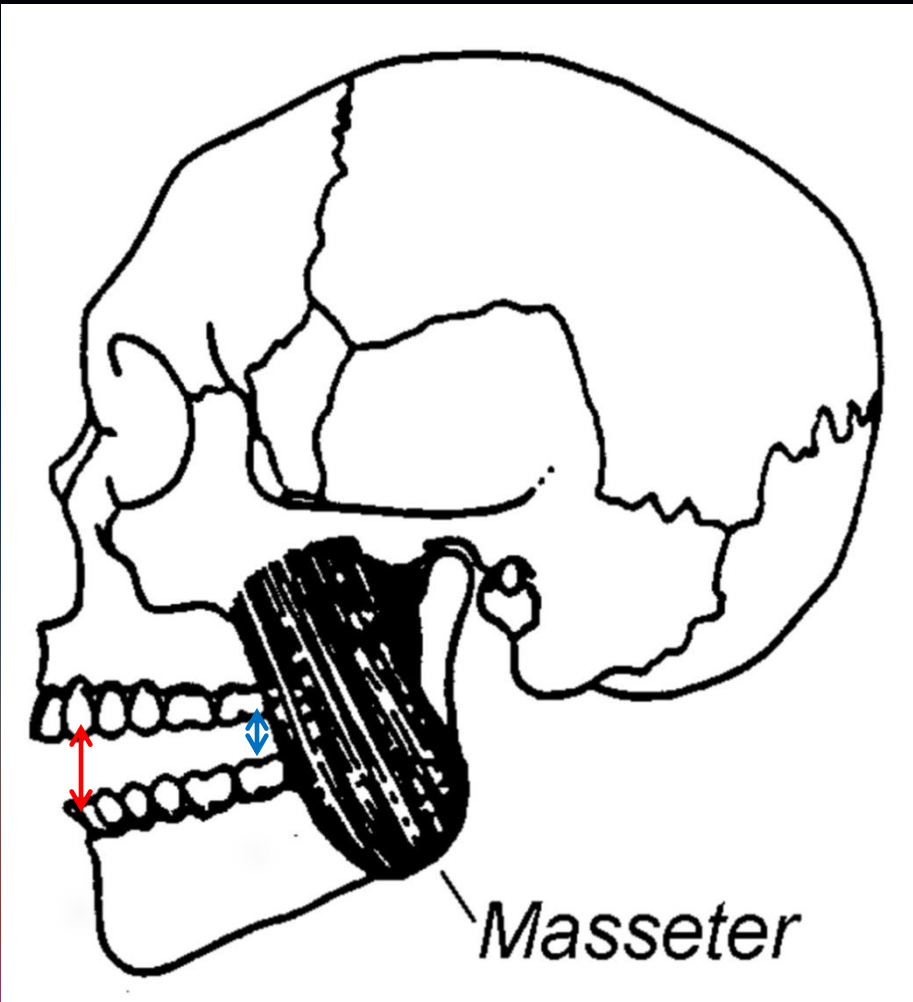


An intraoral photograph showing the lower dental arch. The patient is wearing orthodontic metal brackets on the teeth. Two blue wax blocks are applied to the occlusal surfaces of the lower molars. A yellow rectangular box is superimposed over the center of the image, containing the text "What is the controversy?".

What is the
controversy?

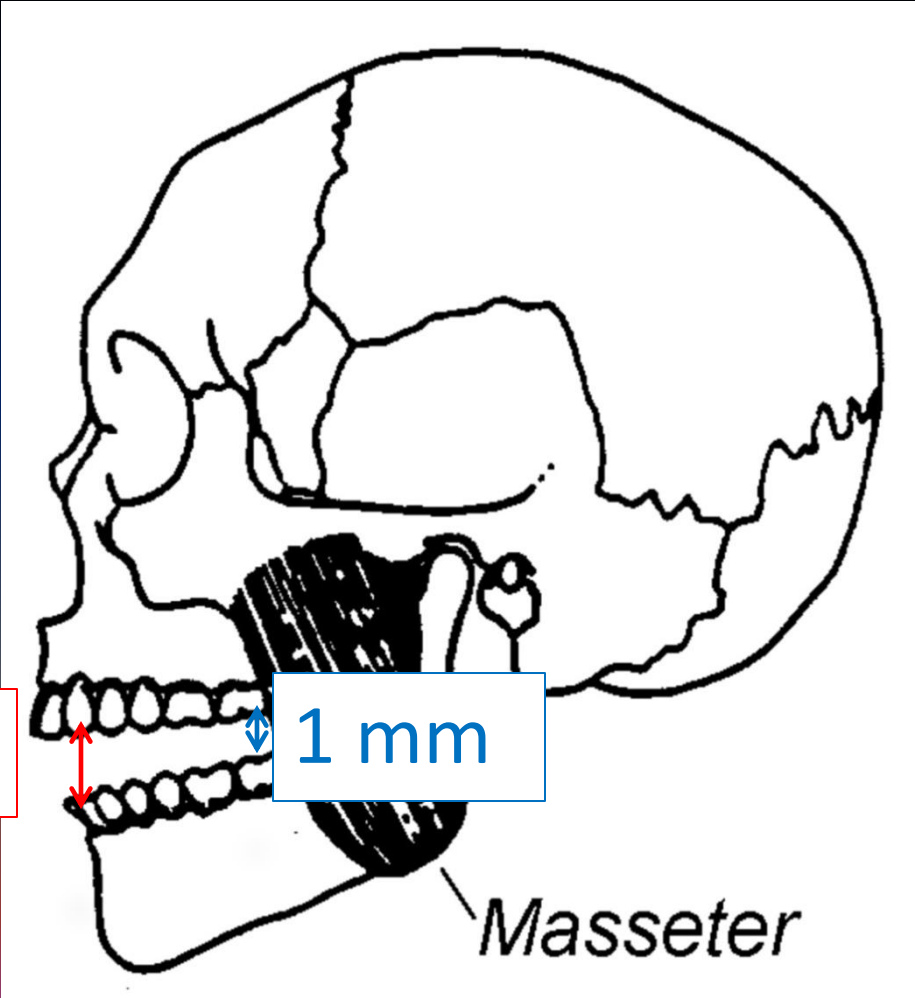
How and why are we able to alter the VDO?

- TMJ is a Hinge
- Arc Closure of Mandible



3 mm

1 mm



Masseter

Is this an 80/20 % or 20/80 % of patients that can benefit??

Majority of patients can tolerate an increase in VDO!!

Will an **increase** in VDO be Stable?

1. Stability Affected by Joint Condition
2. CR – Position of Joint Predictable
3. Simultaneous, Distributed Contacts

Once you are considering changing the VDO, what are the 4 required steps?

4 required steps?

First-

- Patient photos showing occlusal scheme.
- Load the joint
- H&N&J exam (eliminate TMJ issues)

4 required steps?

Second-

- Will a **decrease** in OB and an **increase** in OJ help or hurt the case?

(Opening the Mandible will
decrease OB and **increase** OJ)

4 required steps?

Third-

- Incisor position ok?
- Gingival level ok?
- Other tooth position benefits beyond OB-OJ changes?

4 required steps?

Fourth-

- What are the overall restorative needs?

Dahl Technique



The Dahl appliance was described nearly 30 years ago. This removable metal bite platform was used to create inter-occlusal space, in a localised part of the mouth, to facilitate the placement of restorations on worn anterior teeth. The Dahl concept is traditionally associated with the management of worn teeth. However, the same principles can be successfully and safely applied to a variety of clinical situations. This has simplified the management of historically complex problems. The advantages are the preservation of tooth tissue and the long-term benefits that brings. This paper reviews the literature related to the Dahl concept and how the concept has developed. There is a discussion regarding possible future applications and research.



The Dahl concept can be successfully applied to a variety of clinical situations other than the management of tooth surface loss.

Direct composite resin is an ideal material to use as an intermediate Dahl appliance as it is inexpensive, bondable, robust and can be modified with ease.

The success of the Dahl Concept

The literature reports that the objectives of the Dahl concept are achieved in the majority of cases (94%-100%), and that this space creation occurs irrespective of age and sex. These objectives are to either create sufficient inter-occlusal space for the placement of restorations or the re-establishment of occlusal contacts following the placement of restorations that have intentionally been placed in supra-occlusion.

The main reason for the failure of space creation is poor patient compliance associated with removable appliances.

The success of the Dahl Concept

It is our opinion that a conservative technique using adhesive principles will ensure that sufficient tooth structure with favourable pulpal health will remain for subsequent restorations and therefore more options should be available on failure. **The modern emphasis should be of 'tooth damage limitation' as patients embark on the 'restorative failure cycle'.**

The success of the Dahl Concept

How long does it take?

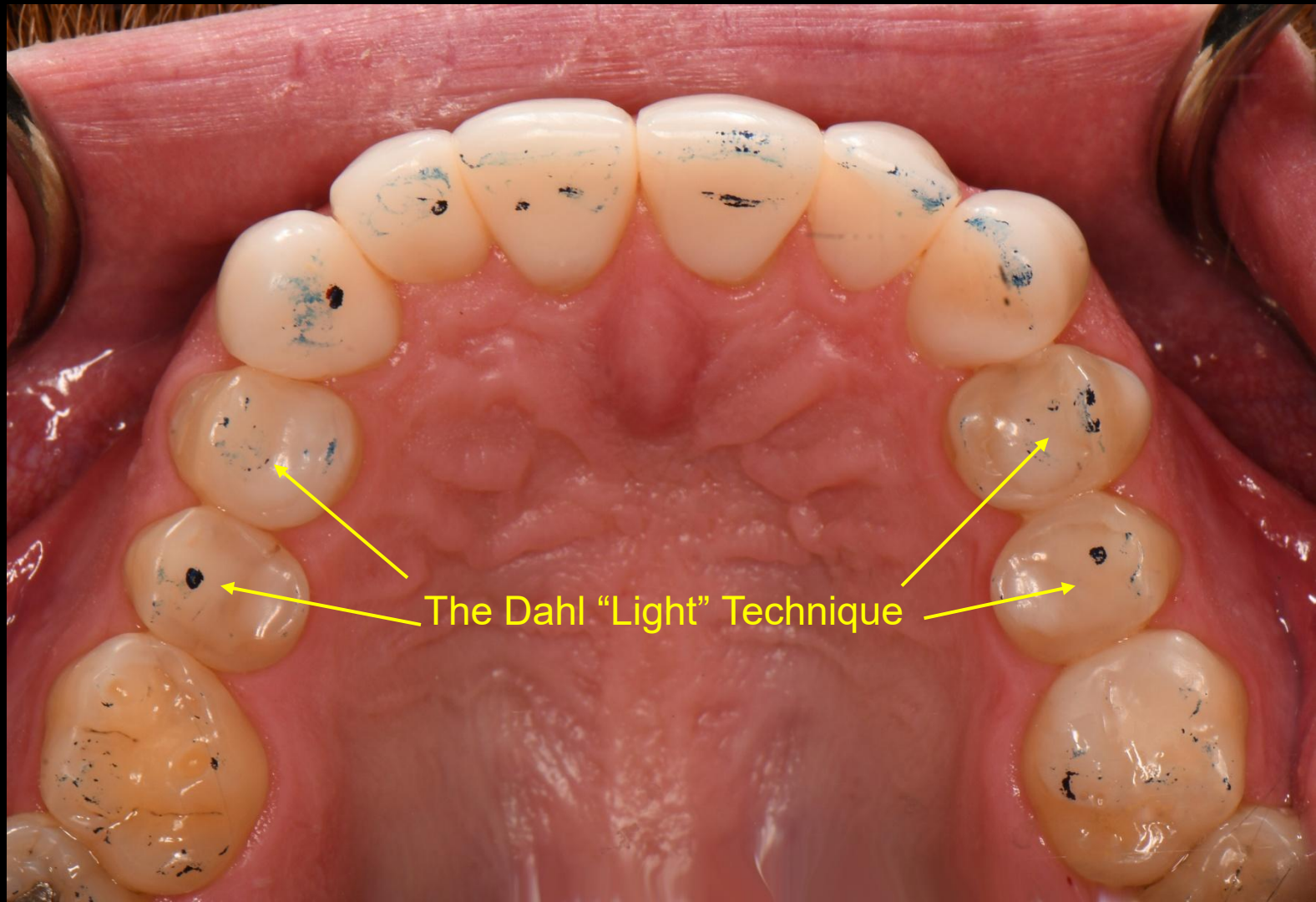
The occlusion tends to re-establish after about six months on average but it can take up to a period of **18-24 months**

Dahl and Krogstad's further publications of an implant-cephalometric study, using fixed tantalum implants placed in the basal bone of the maxilla and mandible, concluded that the inter-occlusal space was created by axial movement of the teeth rather than a change in their inclination. There was some relapse in the vertical dimension of occlusion during the first six months but this remained static after this period. The inter-occlusal space was obtained by a combination of intrusion of the anterior teeth in contact with the cobalt-chromium appliance and eruption of the separated posterior teeth.





“The Dahl Light Technique”



The Dahl "Light" Technique