

Simple, Practical Details That Make A Case A Success



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All the technology available today for dental offices can make clinician-laboratory communication much easier. Once you sort through what aspects of these technologies are useful to your dental practice, it can even make patient communication simpler as well. However, the same simple, practical details that have helped to make a case a success in the past are just as important in achieving that result today.

1. If you are looking to improve your impression taking abilities, have a look at the Cadent iTero™ system. It is a digital impression system that is user friendly, economical and best of all, is comfortable for the patient, eliminating that aspect from the equation at long last. Unlike its competitors, this system does not require the use of a spray to capture the digital image — which is a big benefit in the operatory and to the patient. For more information, check out www.cadentitero.com.

Practical Tip: If you are not in the market to update to a digital impression system, review your impression technique and materials. Use corresponding products and setting times. Evaluate your impression before sending to the lab, and let us pour up the impression!



e.max® CAD restoration on a Cadent iTero™ polyurethane model. The Cadent iTero™ system offers precision fit — minimal to no adjustments required!

2. Implant dentistry is growing exponentially. We are getting more implant cases in the lab than ever before. If you are interested in placing your own implants, check out Dr. Leo Malin's Implant course at LVI global. www.lviglobal.com. He has a systematic approach to placing implants efficiently and successfully. By utilizing CT Scans and IVS Co-Diagnostic

Software, placing your own implants and restoring them can be a way to offer more modalities of treatment to your patients, and increase your value to your clientele.



Practical Tip: When you do send an implant case to the lab, communication is greatly enhanced if you make sure to include the following information:

- The implant company
- Type or specific name of the implant
- Size
- Type of abutment desired
- Final restoration

It helps us tremendously to have this information up front as we often have to order components to get started.

Time Saving Tip: Send us the lab analog as well as the impression coping. We can pour up the impression right away!

3. Shade is one of the most important factors in restoring a smile. However, it is also one of the most mis-communicated processes between the dental office and dental lab. Is there a perfect method to communicate shade? No, but there are technologies available to assist in taking shades, such as the SpectraShade, or by using a digital camera to take photos to communicate shade. Just remember to email or send the photo to us!

Practical Tip: When evaluating restorations after they have been returned to your office, do not check the shade on the die model or the solid model, as the shade will be inaccurate. Check the



Don't judge restoration shade in the crown box.



Verify shade by placing restorations on moistened stumps.

shade by wetting the natural die material that replicate the prepped tooth shade and placing the restorations on them. Here's something else to think about when choosing a final shade for restorations: if the chosen shade is darker than the temporaries placed, your patient may be unhappy. Patients often learn to like the temporary shade, and may be disappointed if the shade of the restorations is actually shaded darker than the temporaries.

4. Use basic technology to communicate with us! If you have an email address, please let us know. Often we can send you photos of cases, or email you questions we may have or vice versa. The positive part of using email is you can answer on your time, and we don't take up valuable phone time.

Practical Tip: Check out our new website at www.aurumgroup.com! We have a lot of valuable information on it to help you out including previous newsletters, prescriptions, articles, materials updates and a lot other useful information.

Embrace technology and find what works for your practice, but always keep in mind — it is often the simple, practical details that add the most value.