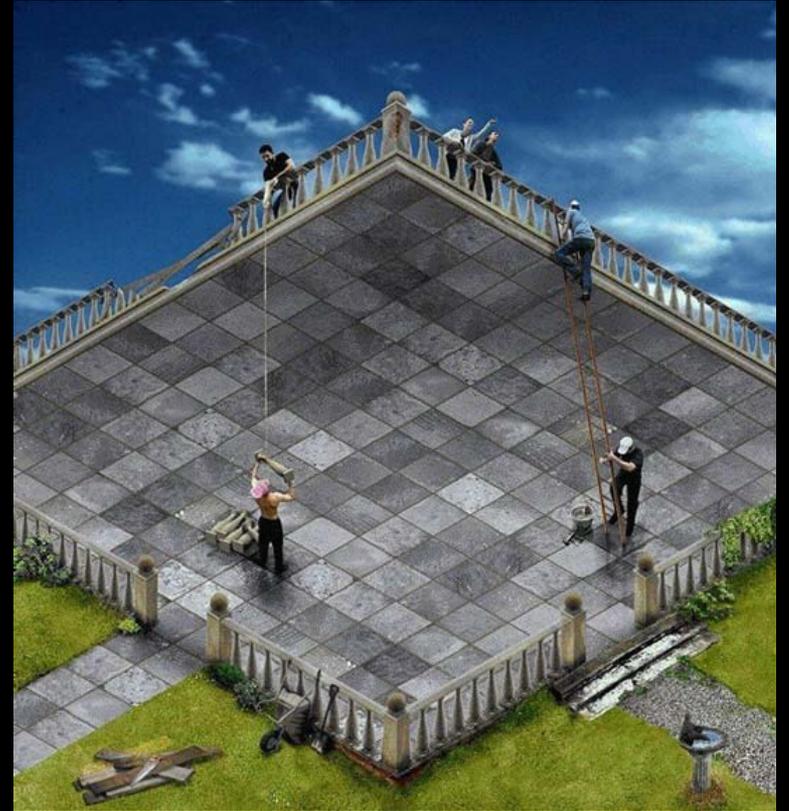
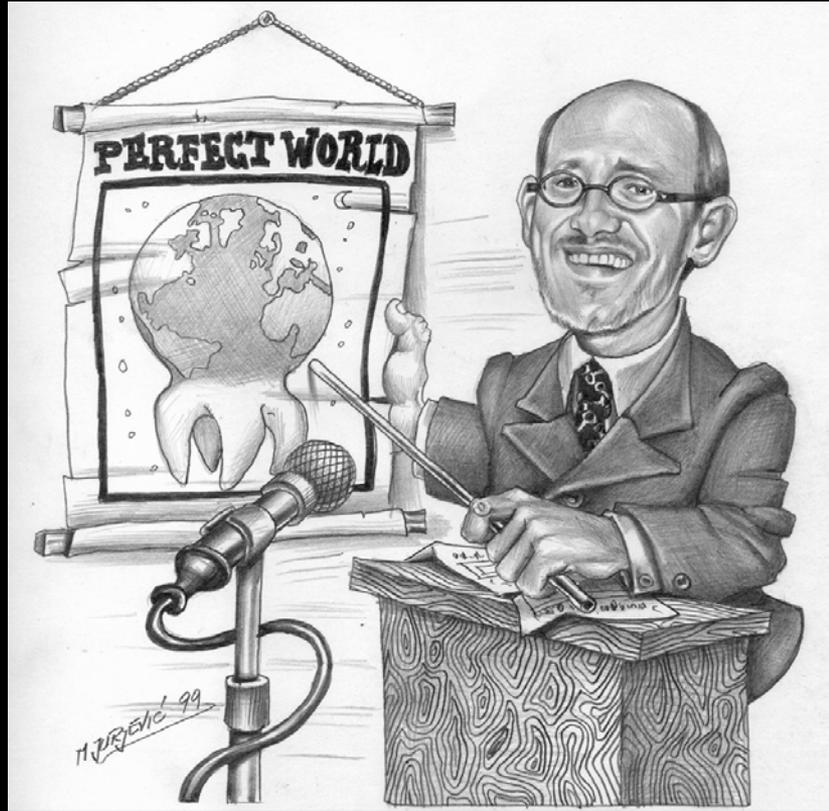


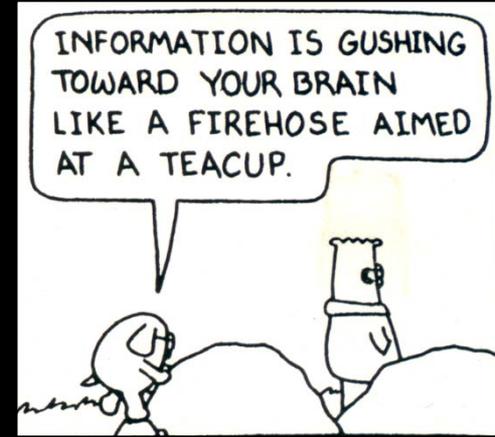
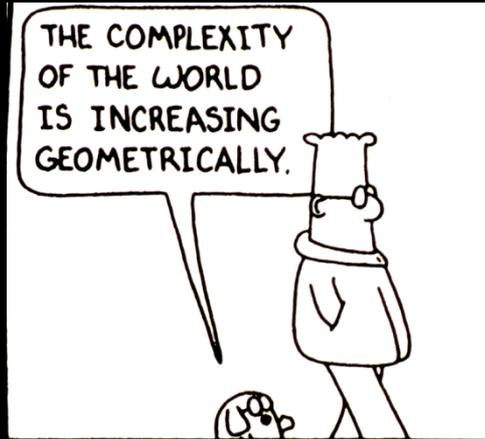
**You probably already know 98% of what I will say,  
but I hope some of it will be from a different perspective.**



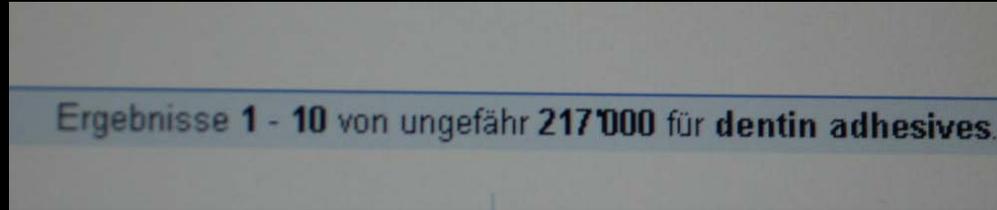
# We live in the "Age of Information".



**The internet is democratic.**



**Idiots have equal rights.**



**"An echo chamber of half-truths and complete lies."**

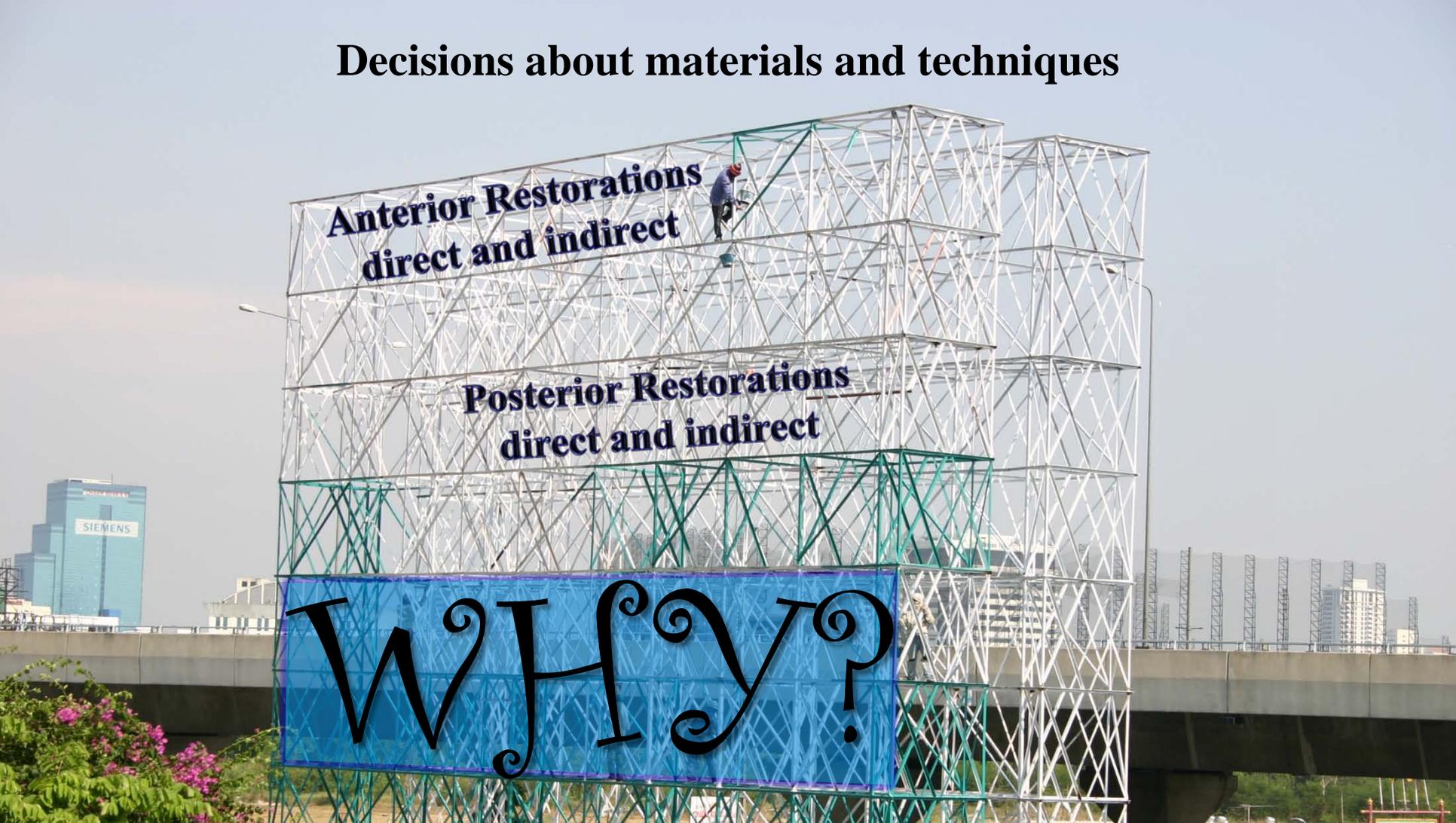
**David Carr** Editor, New York Times 2011

# Decisions about materials and techniques

**Anterior Restorations  
direct and indirect**

**Posterior Restorations  
direct and indirect**

**WHY?**



# Anterior Restorations



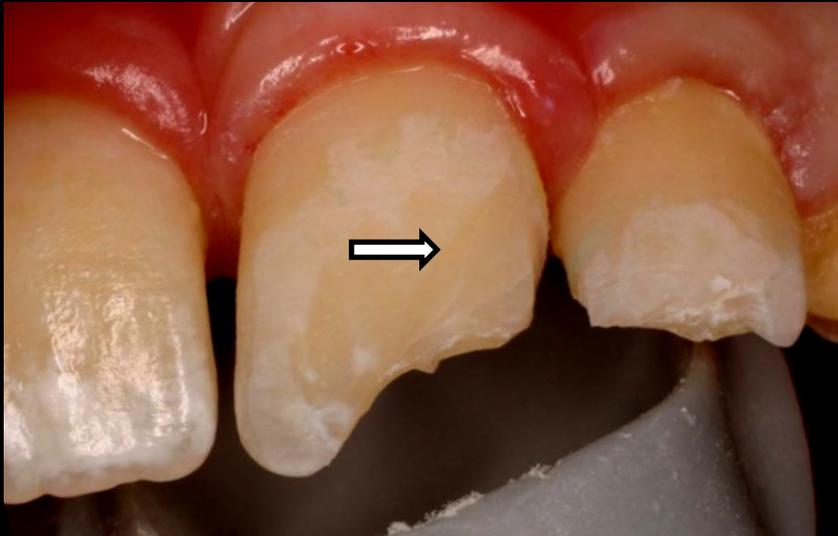
**Transilluminate**



**9 year old boy**

# Anterior Restorations

Preparation must prevent crack propagation to avoid endodontics or an unrestorable fracture



The fracture extends into dentin

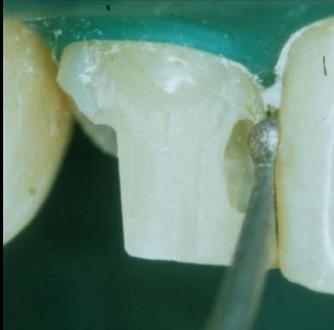


9 year old boy



Composites have improved dramatically, but before I talk about new materials, a quick look back

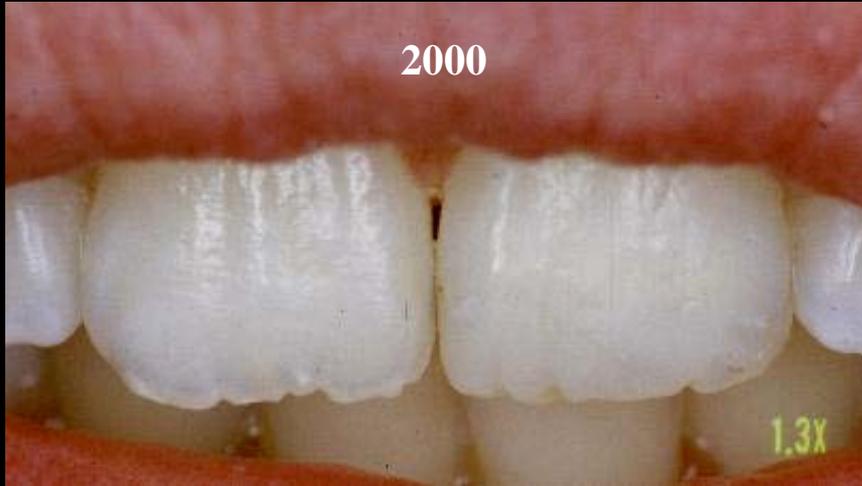
# Wave Bevels



Cases done > 20 years ago



**My daughter: age 8**  
**After midnight, and several beers ... (me, not her)**



1992



2011



1992



**After 19 years: incisal wear, small marginal defects, rough surface, too opaque**



1992



2011



1992



**2012: decided to let this "obsolete composite" celebrate another birthday**

20 years



refinished

# New composites: the chemists can make them very transparent

It's not just transparency, the refractive index should also match the enamel



**"Filtek Supreme Plus failed to produce acceptable integration."**

Magne P, So WS. Quintessence Int 2008

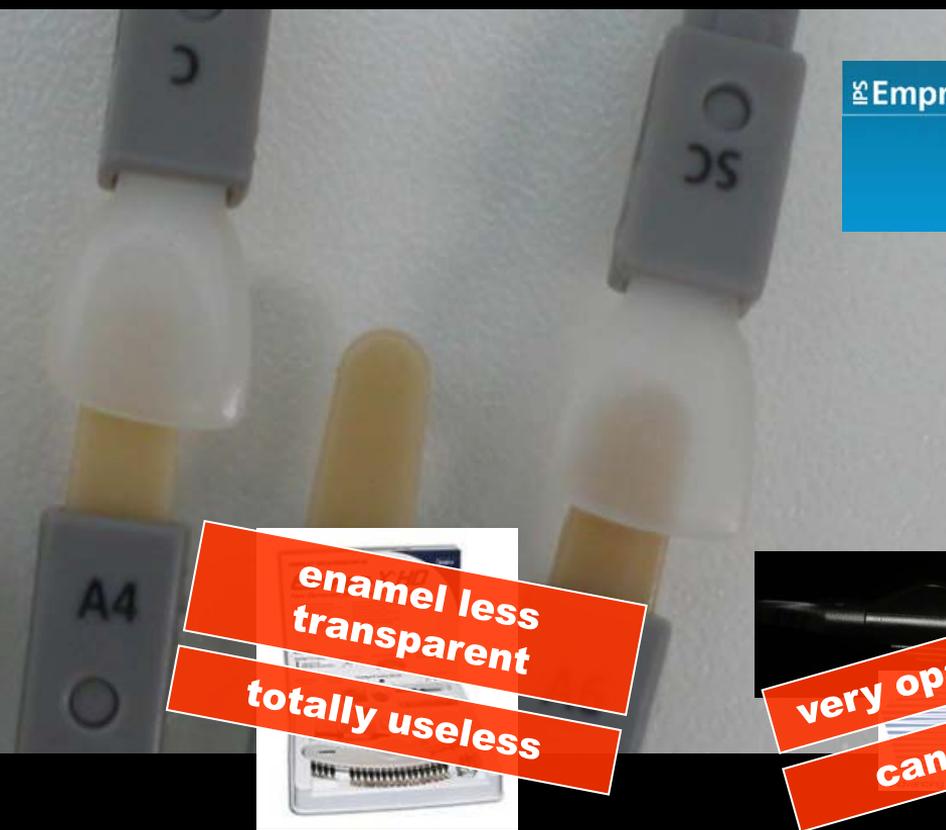
**"Dyract extra was superior to Filtek Supreme in color stability"**

Turkun LS, et.al. J Dent Res 2007

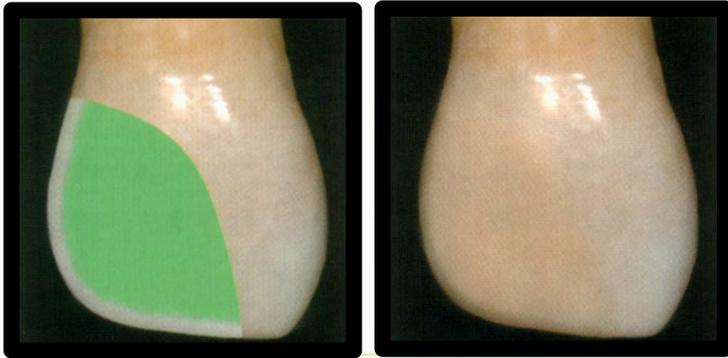


**enamel less transparent**  
**totally useless**

**very opaque dentin**  
**can be useful**



# Opaque dentins and transparent enamels



ceram•x  
DENT CERAMIC TECHNOLOGIES



**I don't have their hands or eyes.  
More time means a higher fee.  
How much is a composite worth?**



**If you have not heard these lecturers, you should**

**Jackson**

**Marcos Vargas**

**Fahl**

**Vaninni**

**Lenhard**

**Spreafico**

**Dietsche**



## Difficulties with Transparency

**Note enamel opacity  
from drying**

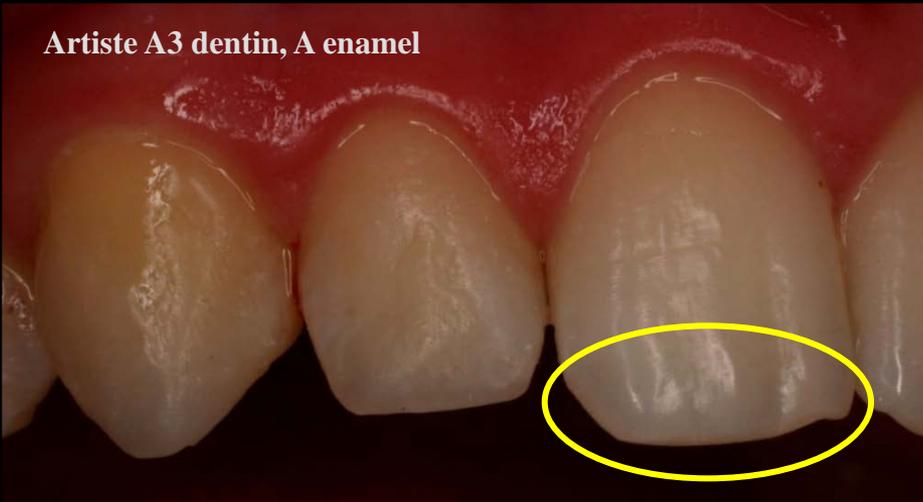
**The extent of change  
is extremely variable**

**It will take about three  
hours to return to normal**

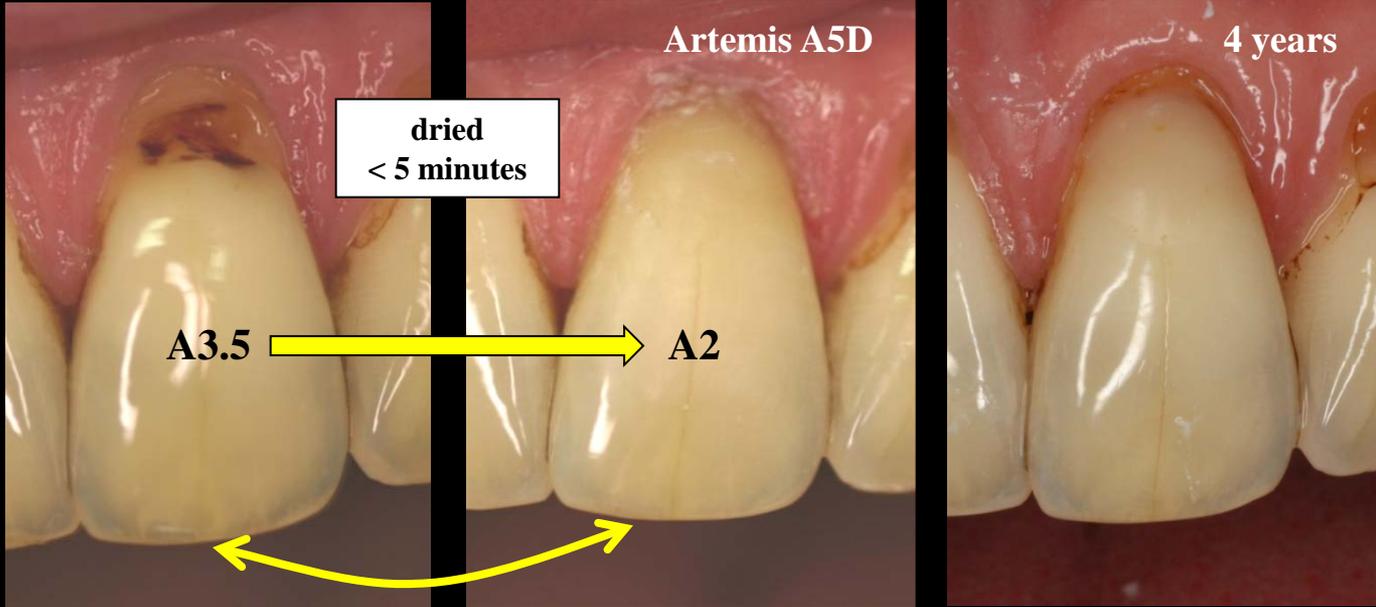
**If it looks good immediately  
after placement,  
it is probably wrong**



Artiste A3 dentin, A enamel



**Enamel dries quickly and becomes more opaque**  
**Select shades and transparencies before any drying**

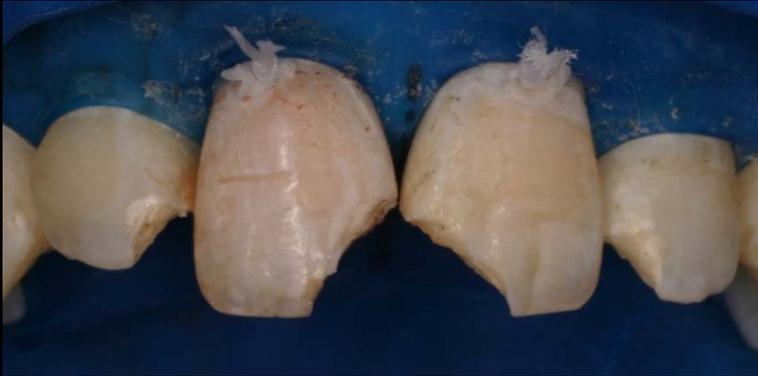


**Shade would be easy, except that transparency changes the shade**



**It is only easy**  
**if you always use**  
**shade AACD**  
**and restore all**  
**visible teeth**

**How do we determine transparency? We guess!**



**16 years old**

**Endo both centrals**

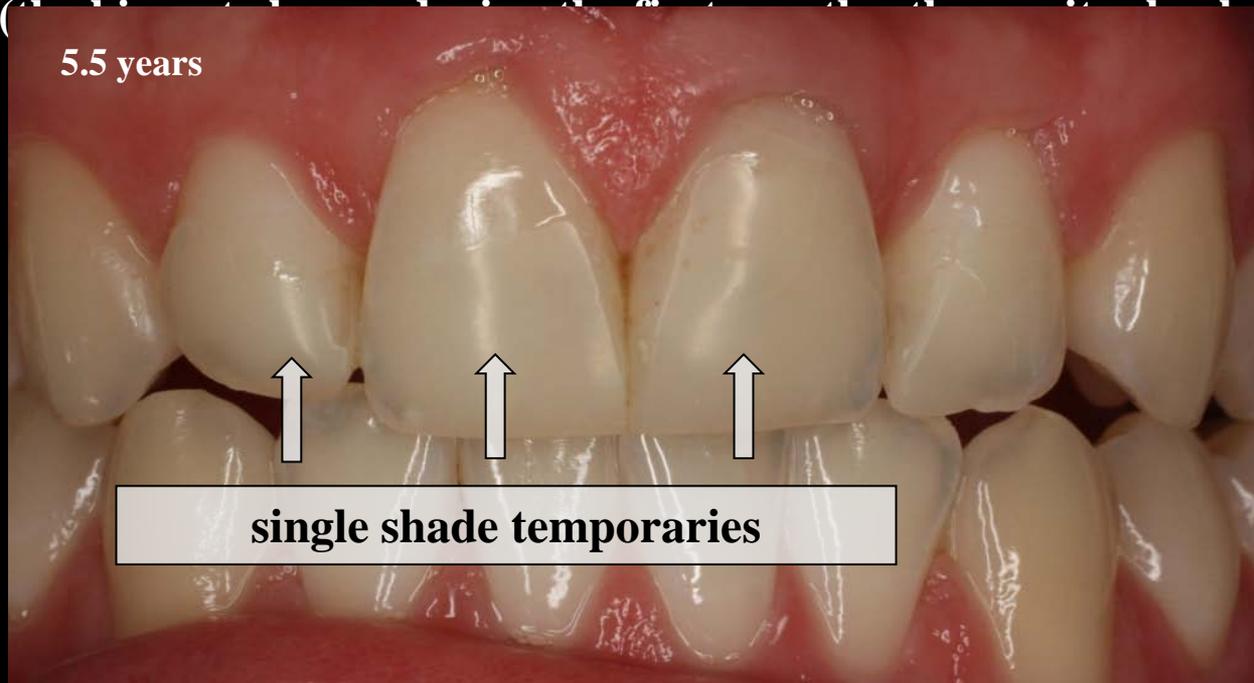
**Temporary restorations 12, 11, 21**

**22 restored "properly"**



**22: Artemis: A2 dentin, A2 enamel, clear**

# Transparency loss occurs with every composite

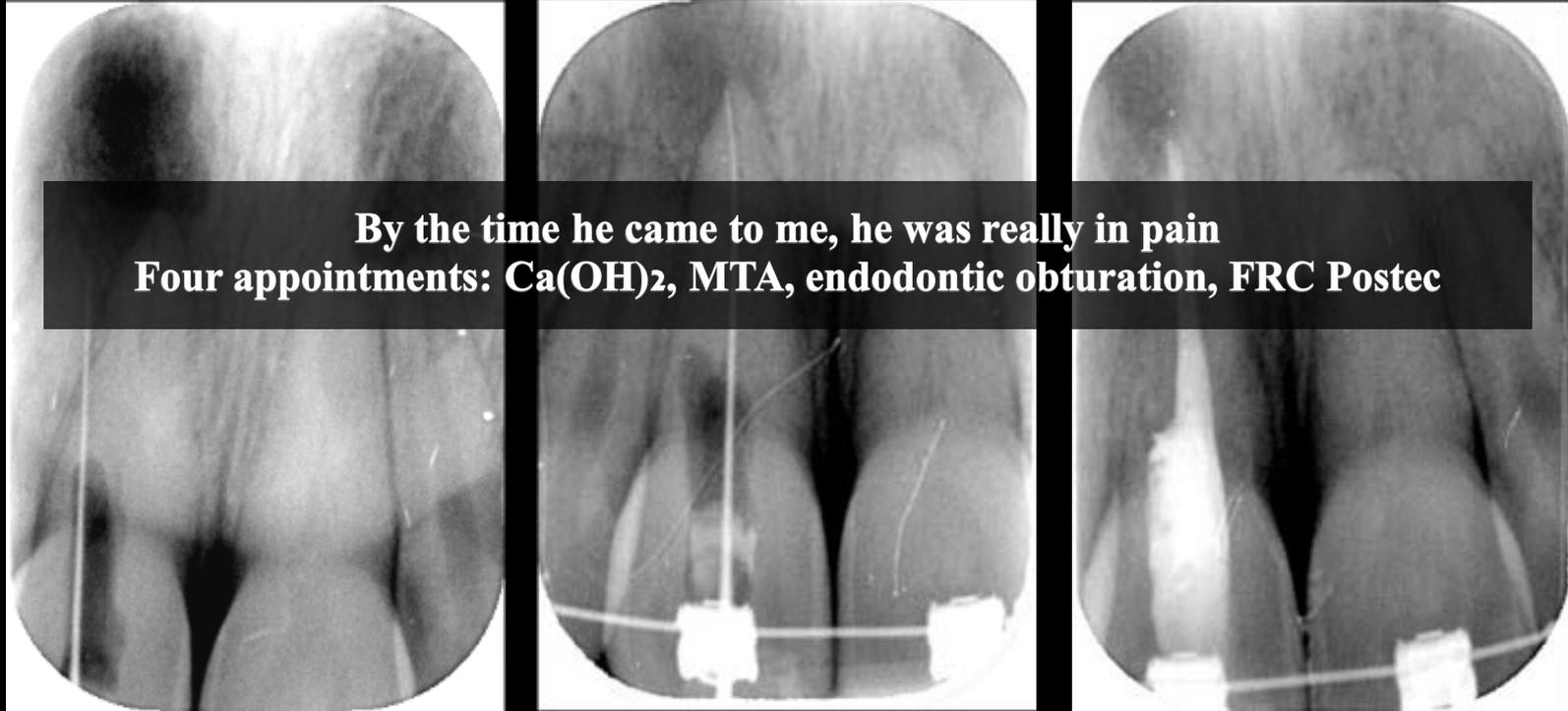


**Opacity with water storage increased during the entire five years of this study.**

Hosoya Y. Dent Materials 1999;15(1):268-274

**I did not guess high enough**

**14 year old boy: treated twice as emergency in Berlin  
Perforated both times, distal and labial: never found the canal**

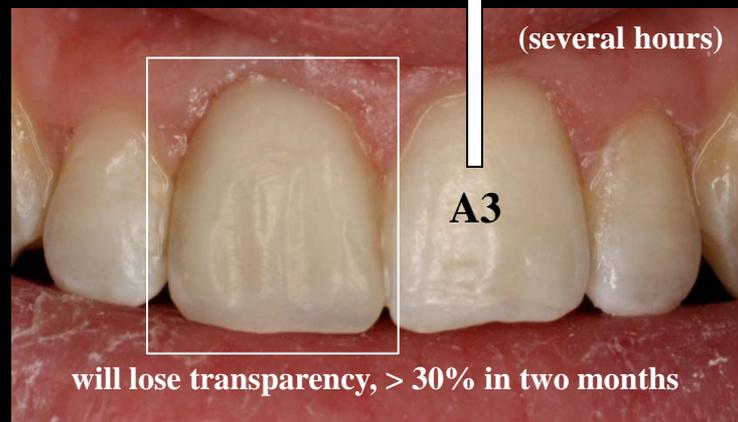


**How can a dentist start endo on an unrestored tooth four weeks after the beginning of orthodontic treatment?**

**Two years later, orthodontics completed  
Empress direct - A3 Dentin, A2 Enamel, Opal**



# Are the shades and transparencies correct? You won't know until the next appointment.



**My guess for incisal transparency was fairly good  
(should have brought the dentin closer to the incisal edge)**



# The cervical one third is gray (deeper preparation and an opaquer or perhaps A4D?)



## Halo effect

The halo effect is not created with a different shade.



White composite  
on the incisal edge?

No halo?  
The incisal edge is too thick,  
not transparent enough,  
or at the wrong angle.



**Patient did not want to spend the money for ceramic,  
and did not want the diastema closed.**



**before bleaching A3.5  
bleached to A2**



**2002: restored with Artemis  
A2 dentin and enamel**

## Modern composites have less wear and less transparency shift



**"Major" problem is loss of surface characterization.  
In this case the surface wear is unusual.**



# Modern composites have less wear and less transparency shift



More wear on the proximal than on the incisal edge?





**22: trauma, failed endo,  
no labial bone = extraction**

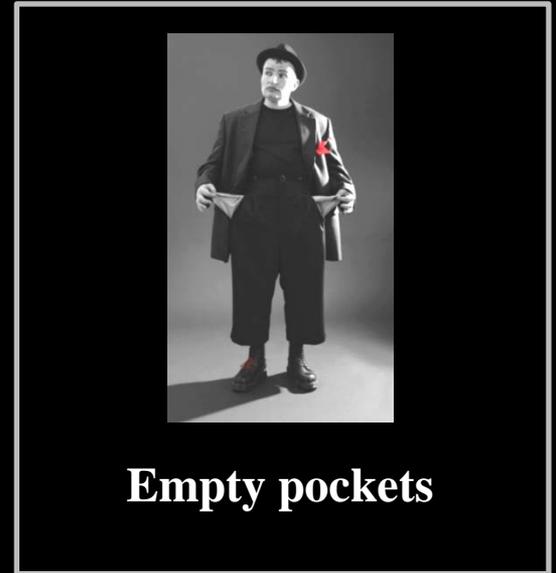
**Empress FPD 21-23  
Heliomolar veneer 11**



**opened a bottle  
with her teeth**



**new veneer  
Empress direct  
(after two months)**



**Empty pockets**



**22: trauma, failed endo,  
no labial bone = extraction**

**Empress FPD 21-23  
Heliomolar veneer 11**



**one year**



**new veneer  
Empress direct  
(after two months)**



**Empty pockets**



**"Orthodontic Crown"  
traumatic occlusion  
in centric and protrusive  
Periodontal complications**



**Direct composite crown  
A3.5 Dentin, A2 Enamel, I-Bleach**

**Widen the cervical with angled matrix**



**Bioclear Diastema Matrix**  
**[bioclearmatrix.com](http://bioclearmatrix.com)**

**Dr. David Clark**

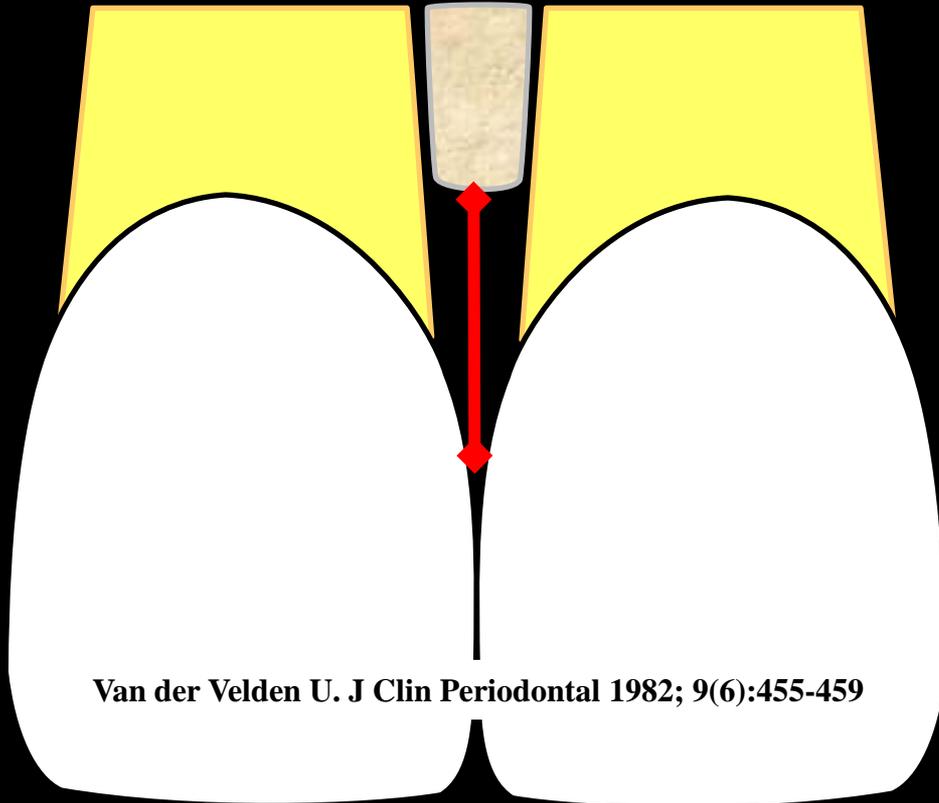
## Closing black triangles with direct composite



**Establish new contour  
and "compress" papilla**



# Open gingival embrasures (black triangles) level of crestal bone to proximal contact



5 mm = none  
6 mm = 44%  
7 mm = 73%

If sulcus depth < 4 mm  
papilla will generally  
remain stable,  
> 4 mm expect recession



**You can compare a papilla to a balloon.**

**It gets longer when you squeeze it.**

**If I had been smarter earlier, then I might have done this case correctly.**

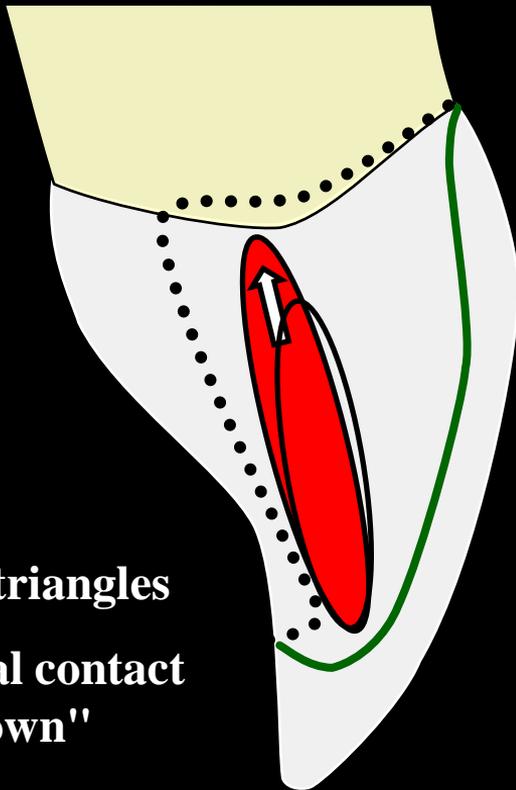


**1992**

**Priest G. Proximal margin modifications for all-ceramic veneers.  
Prac Proced Aesthet Dent 2004; 16: 265-72**

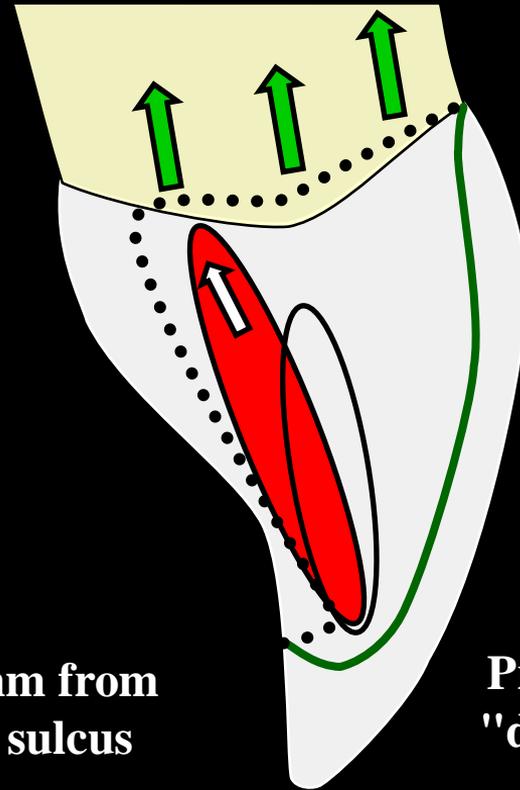
# Diastemas and black triangles require a subgingival margin

0.5 mm per millimeter of width increase



**Black triangles**

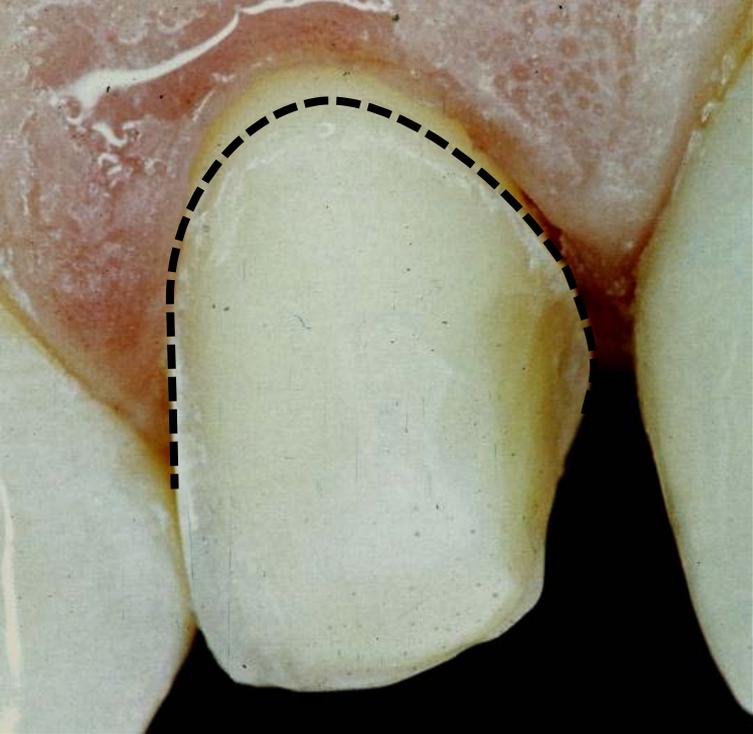
**Proximal contact  
"down"**



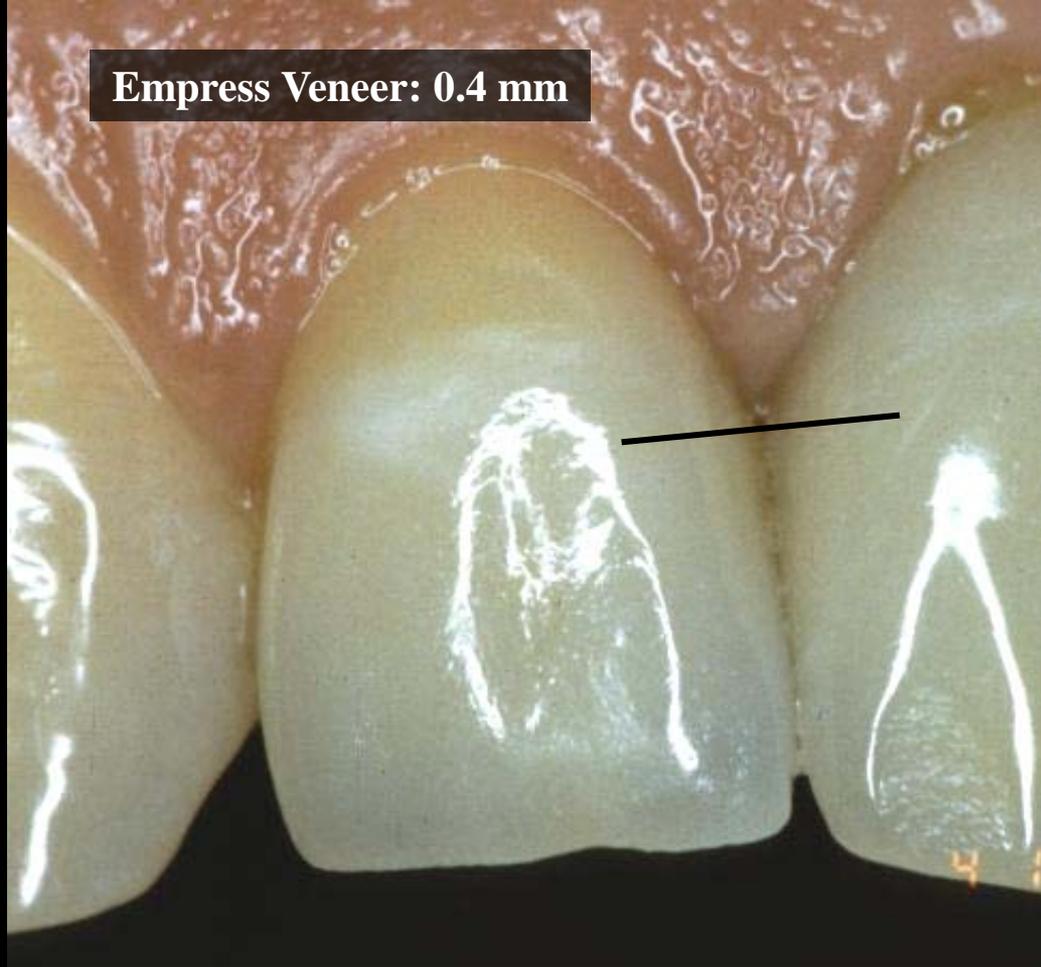
**Diastemas**

**Proximal contact  
"down and back"**

**Stay  $\pm 1$  mm from  
depth of sulcus**



**Technician  
Gerald Ubassy**



**Empress Veneer: 0.4 mm**

**Proximal contact moved palatally and gingivally**



RUBBER



DAMN

## Rubber Dam: Clinical Literature

- No differences with fissure sealants or Class 3's.
- Trend toward better results when placing direct Class 2's.
- Trend toward worse results when placing direct Class 5's.
- No clinical studies concerning indirect restorations.



**Anyone who tells you that you  
cannot do adhesive dentistry  
without rubber dam is an idiot**



**Class 5: I almost never use a rubber dam or a matrix or a retraction cord**



**Avoid trauma during preparation**



**Some finishing trauma is unavoidable**



**If no discolouration, a standard opacity composite to replace dentin has little effect on aesthetics and reduces technique sensitivity.**



**Tetric Ceram A1**



**Artemis A2E**



**You need A-Enamels  
and highly transparent incisals.**

**It's nice to have the A-Dentins  
to mask discolouration.**

**B and D shades are unnecessary.  
C shades are only useful to match bad crowns.**



**Buccal composite: Empress direct A5D  
(and it is still too light, I should have used A6D)**

**2nd premolar restored with Evetric A2**

**This patient had begun to chew tobacco, helped him reduce to < 60 cigarettes per day.**



**90 minutes later**

**Restored with  
Empress direct: A4D, Opal**

**Putting the midline  
in the middle is difficult  
without orthodontics**





**90 minutes later**

**Restored with  
Empress direct: A4D, Opal**

**Putting the midline  
in the middle is difficult  
without orthodontics**



**Closing a 5 mm diastema  
with a 3 mm sulcus depth  
on the mesial of the centrals  
is basically impossible**

**I admit, the contour on the mesial  
of the right central incisor  
is not very good**



**I made her less symmetric  
because it was  
faster, cheaper and easier**

**My AACD certificate**

**MADE BY MONKEYS**



**Not very good,  
but he tries.**

**AACD** American Academy  
of Cosmetic Dentistry®



**Before I die, I want to fulfill all criteria for automatic membership exclusion**

# A seamstress who bites off threads



**Endodontics**



**FRC Postec / Variolink 2**



**Tetric Ceram**



**Artemis**



**One  
Year**



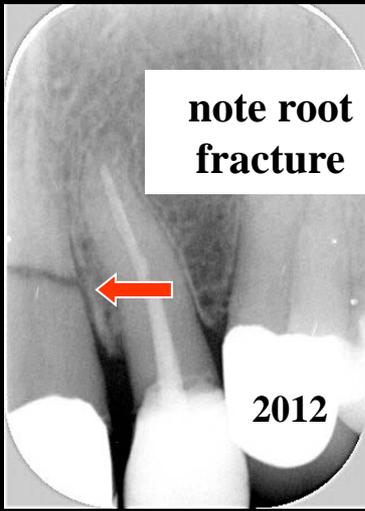
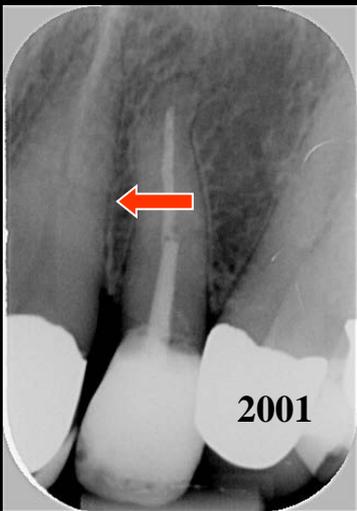
**Two  
Years**



**Five  
Years**



**Nine  
Years**



note root fracture

Direct composite crown with FRC post after 11 years



2010: fracture 12 endo, FRC Postec, crown "recemented"

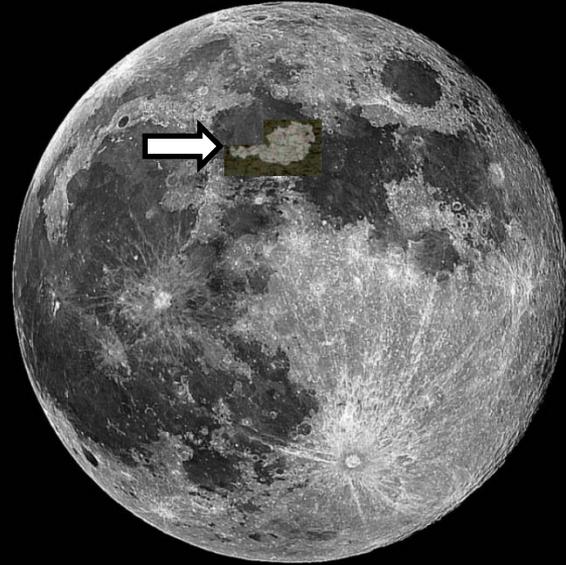
"Recemented" crown with FRC post after 2 years





15 minutes. Fee: < 20% of a crown  
(my earnings per hour are the same)

**His dentist recommended a crown  
(and said a "filling" was impossible)**



## Fractured lateral three days before his daughter's wedding



**Using a standard composite instead of an opaque dentin reduces technique sensitivity**

**Of course you can sell him a crown,  
but considering his periodontal situation it would not be ethical.**

**If the gingiva was healthy, would a crown be better?**

**I see a lot of anterior crowns**



**and most of them look like shit.**

**Metal-ceramic can function for a long time: a fifteen year old case!**



**Life would be easy if every patient wanted this kind of smile.**



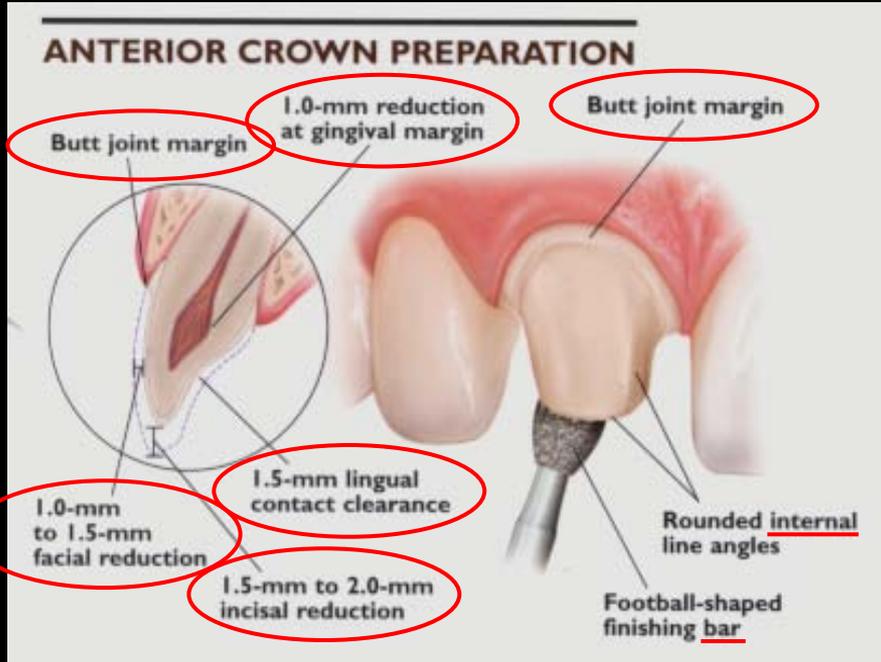
**Maxillary Incisors**  
**Minimal reduction**  
**for metal-ceramic or zirconium**

**1.0 mm labial, 0.5 mm palatal**

**and I think everyone can agree that  
this is really the absolute minimum**

Every crown  
preparation must be  
**ANATOMIC**

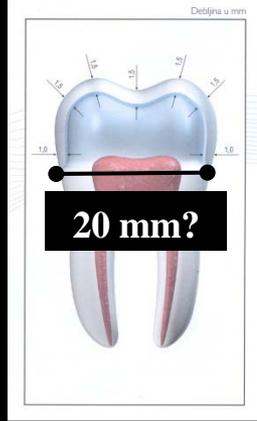
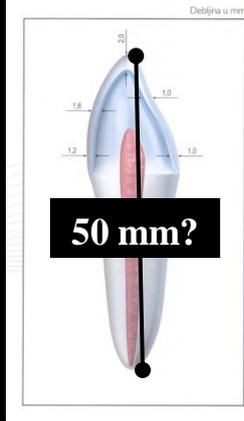
# Company guidelines for bovine dentistry



The only things that are wrong  
are circled or underlined in red



You can follow these recommendations  
for the patient in the middle



**Maxillary Incisors**  
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**for metal-ceramic or zirconium**  
**a more typical recommendation for zirconium**

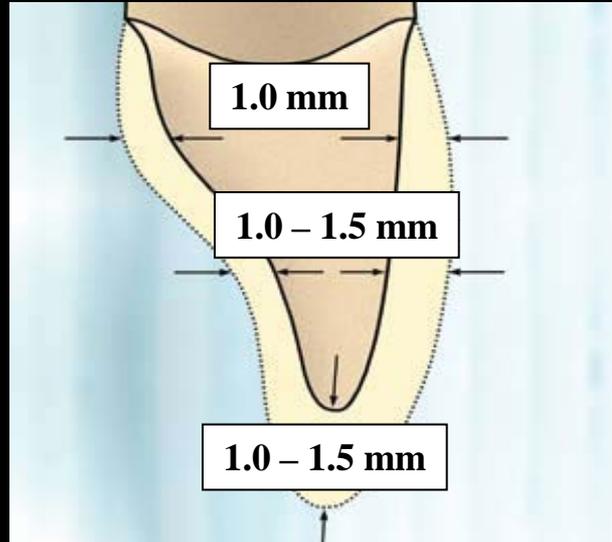
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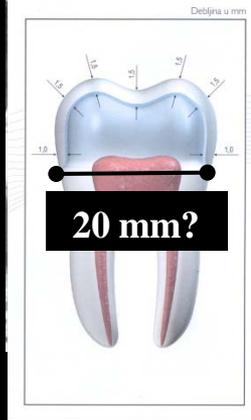
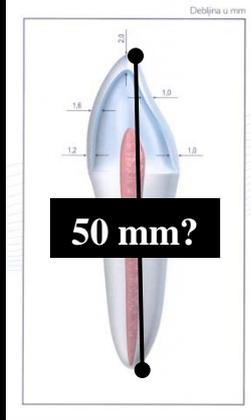
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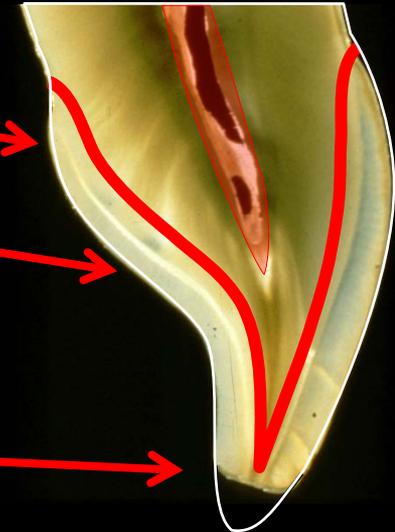
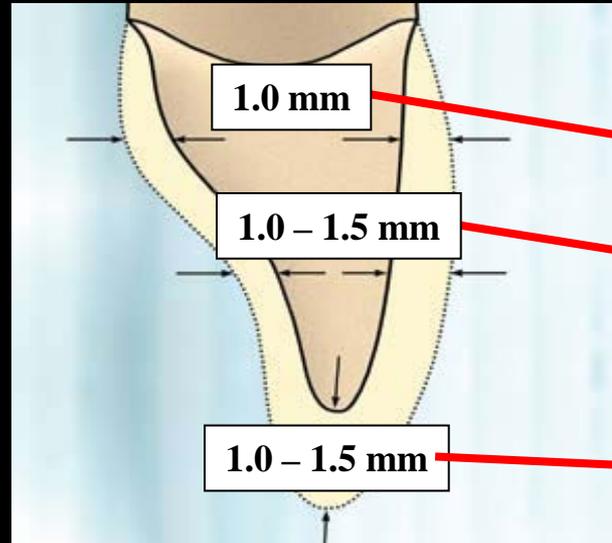
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What is  
the probable  
cause of death?



... and I thought dogs resembled their owners!

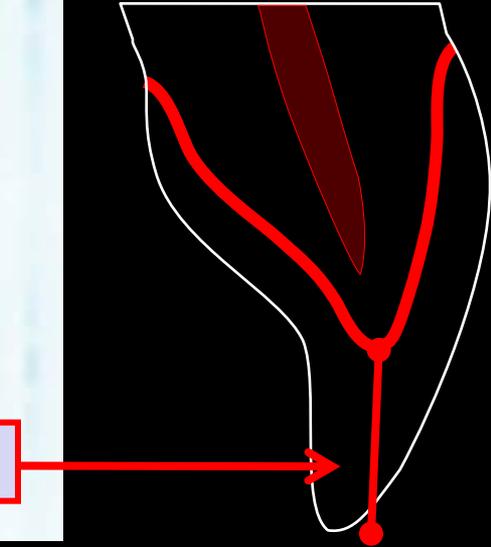
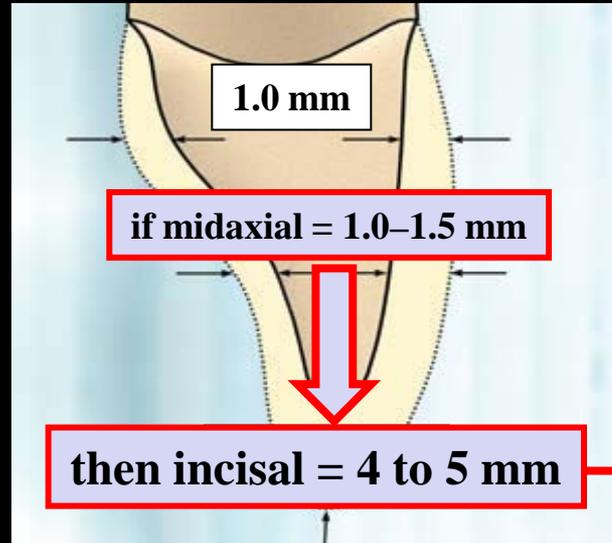
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**< 0.6 mm anatomic reduction**



Dr. U. Brodbeck (CH) / J. Seger (FL)



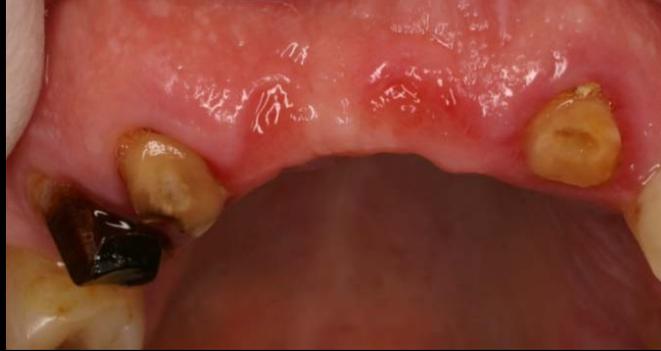
0.5 mm

1.0 mm

**Even the minimal preparation leads to an incisal reduction of 3 - 4 mm.**

**Incisal reduction cannot be defined.**

**"You get what you get"**



**We don't want to kill the pulp or have the teeth break  
and conventional crowns need retention form, but we don't want to destroy the gingiva**

**The aesthetic, biological, and mechanical  
requirements are in conflict**

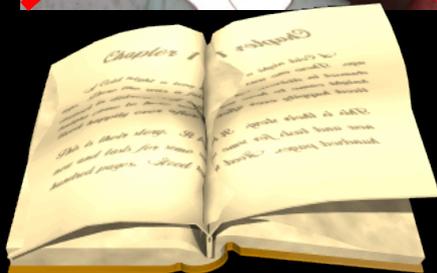


**Incisors should only be restored  
with conventionally cemented crowns  
when all other options are impossible**



# Basically, this is NEVER

It's time to put anterior metal-ceramic crowns  
into the history books instead of patient's mouths



In my opinion, zirconia  
is NOT a sensible alternative



One month previously, this patient paid 3000 Euros  
for teeth that do not look like teeth



**e-max LT, 1.2 mm, Multilink automix  
M. Burgmeier, Liechtenstein**



**Endodontically treated lateral  
with metal post / amalgam  
(post could not be removed)**

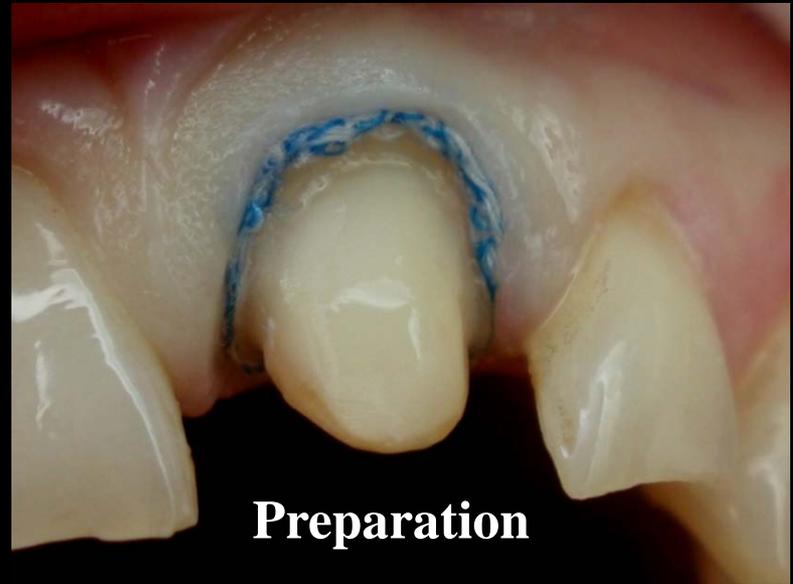




**Trough technique  
with opaquer  
Fiber post  
cervical "overcontour"**



**Another overcontoured crown in traumatic occlusion**



**Preparation**



**Labial  
0.8 - 1.0 mm  
Proximal and palatal  
0.6 - 0.8 mm**

**Note the attrition of the antagonists  
in approximately three years  
Did inadequate palatal reduction precipitate bruxism?**

## Five unit metal ceramic FPD in situ less than one year

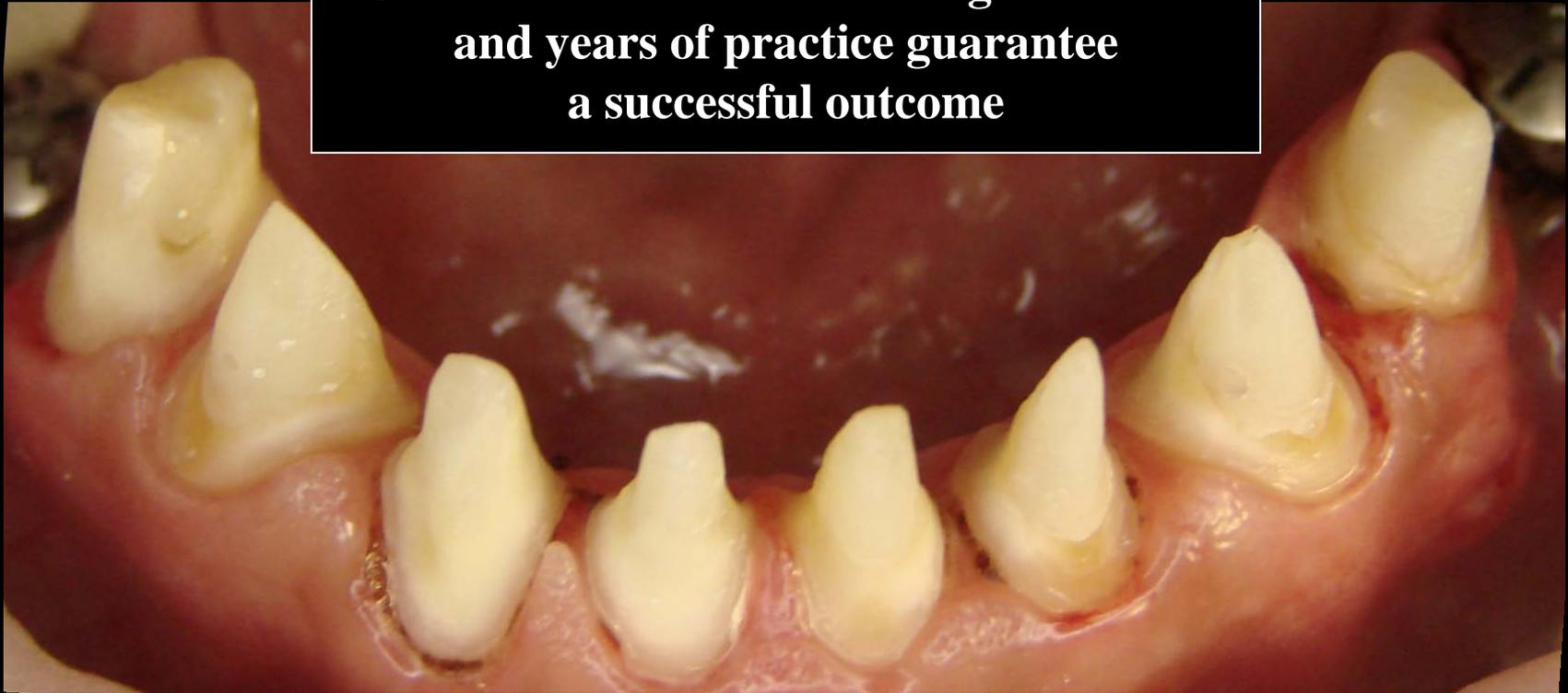


**How can any dentist still use metal ceramic for anterior teeth?**

**How can a patient look in a mirror and then pay for this?**

**What will this look like in five to ten years?**

**Countless hours of continuing education  
and years of practice guarantee  
a successful outcome**



**Am I the only one who finds this frightening?**



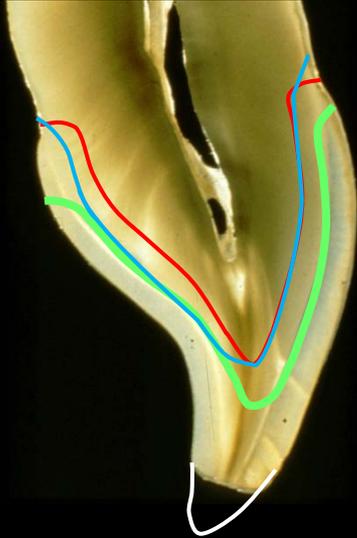
**Dentists doing metal-ceramic or zirconium crowns on incisors should find a job with fewer intellectual challenges**

**I would suggest becoming a shepherd.  
(You can do the same thing to the sheep that you are doing to your patients.)**



# ADHESIVE Full Ceramic

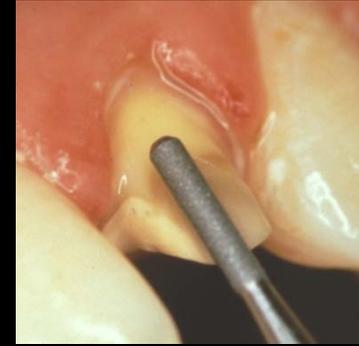
requires **LESS** preparation than metal-ceramic or conventionally cemented full ceramic!



**Ceramic conventional**  
**Ceramic adhesive**  
**Metal-ceramic**



Meier A, et.al. DZZ 1996  
Burke FJT. Dental Materials 1999  
Kelly JR. J Prosthet Dent 1999  
Fenske C, et.al. DZZ 1999



**I did this case in 1988, still thinking too conventionally.  
Today I would prepare even less, and also completely differently.**

before



**original Empress: 22 year recall**



3 years



**Root has discoloured**

**Change in surface texture  
(but less than most metal-ceramics)**

**Show me a 22 year old metal-ceramic crown that is better!**



**22 year recall: dry**



**24 year recall: wet**

## Clinical study with Empress crowns (adhesive cementation)

Survival rate after 11 years

**Anterior: 98.9%, Posterior 84.4%**

M. Fradeani and M. Redemagni. Quintessenz 2003; 54:379-386



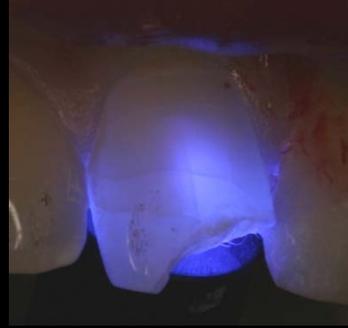
## Clinical studies with E-max (anterior and posterior)

Boening (2006)	3 years	97%	(conventional)
Fasbinder (2010)	3 years	100%	(CAD, adhesive)
Nathanson (2008)	3 years	97%	(adhesive or self-adhesive)
Dental Advisor (2010)	4 years	99%	(self-adhesive)
Beuer (2011)	4 years	100%	(CAD, adhesive or self-adhesive)
Gehrt (2010)	8 years	92%*	(conventional and adhesive)

\* includes failures after endodontics, 2° caries, and marginal staining (3.3%)



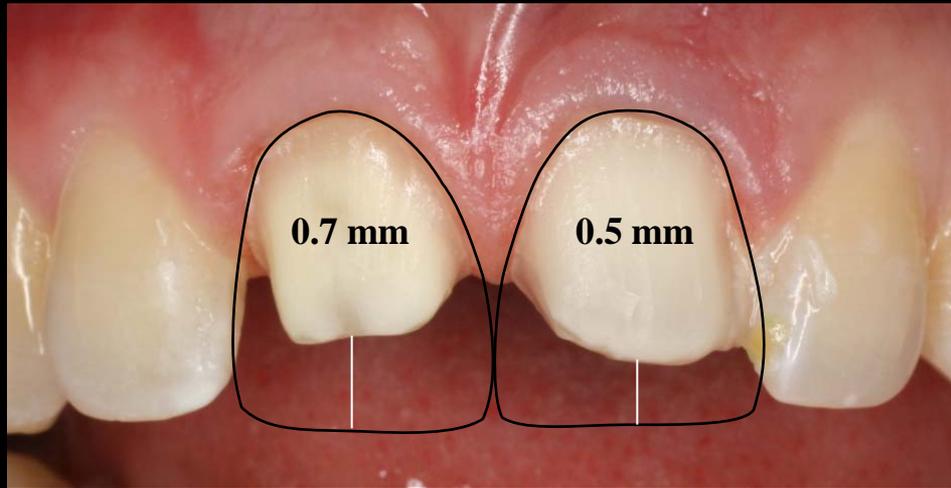
**Trauma**



**11: endodontics and FRC Postec.**



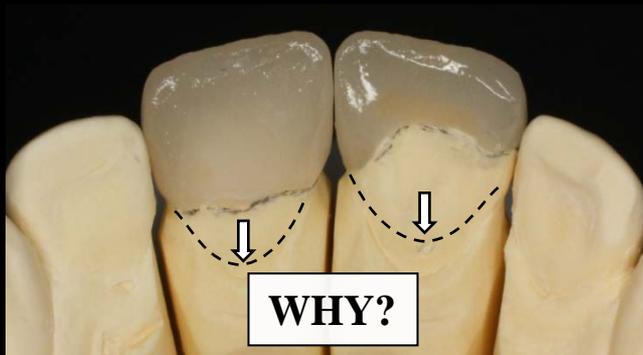
**21: remained vital**



**Preparation for adhesive full ceramic  
(equigingival on labial and proximal)**

**note "automatic" incisal reduction**

# Preparing the palatal margin down to the gingiva is traditional stupidity

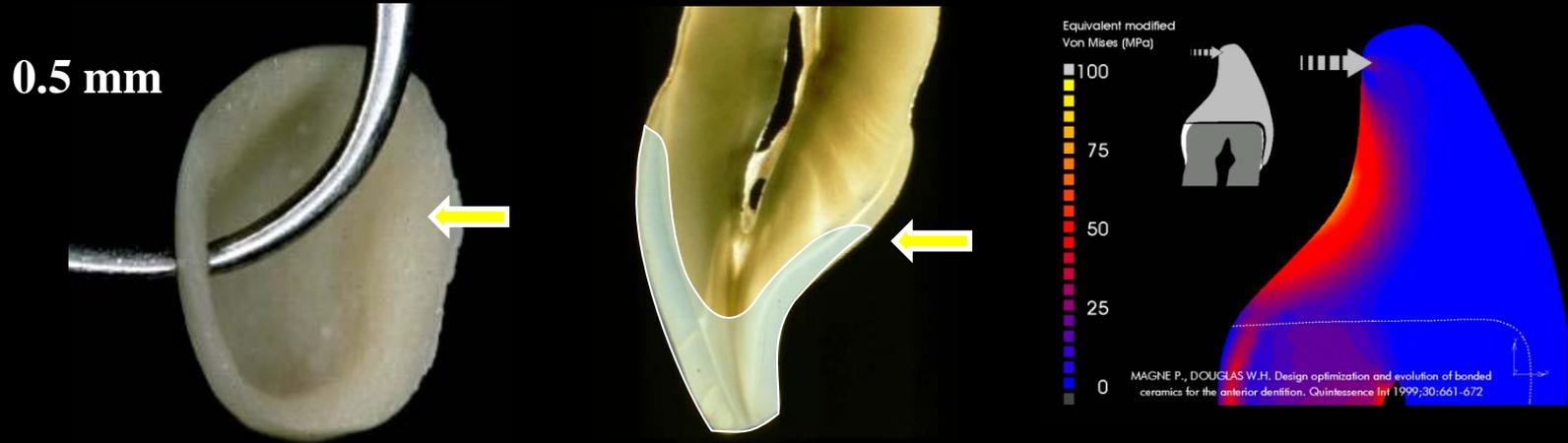


**e-max Press, cementation with Syntac and Variolink-II**



**If the patient can afford it, this is optimal treatment,  
but direct composites would be better than conventional crowns.**

**Adhesive techniques require a different preparation,  
and permit significantly less reduction than conventional techniques.**



**This is not new  
information!  
Original Empress  
placed in 1993**

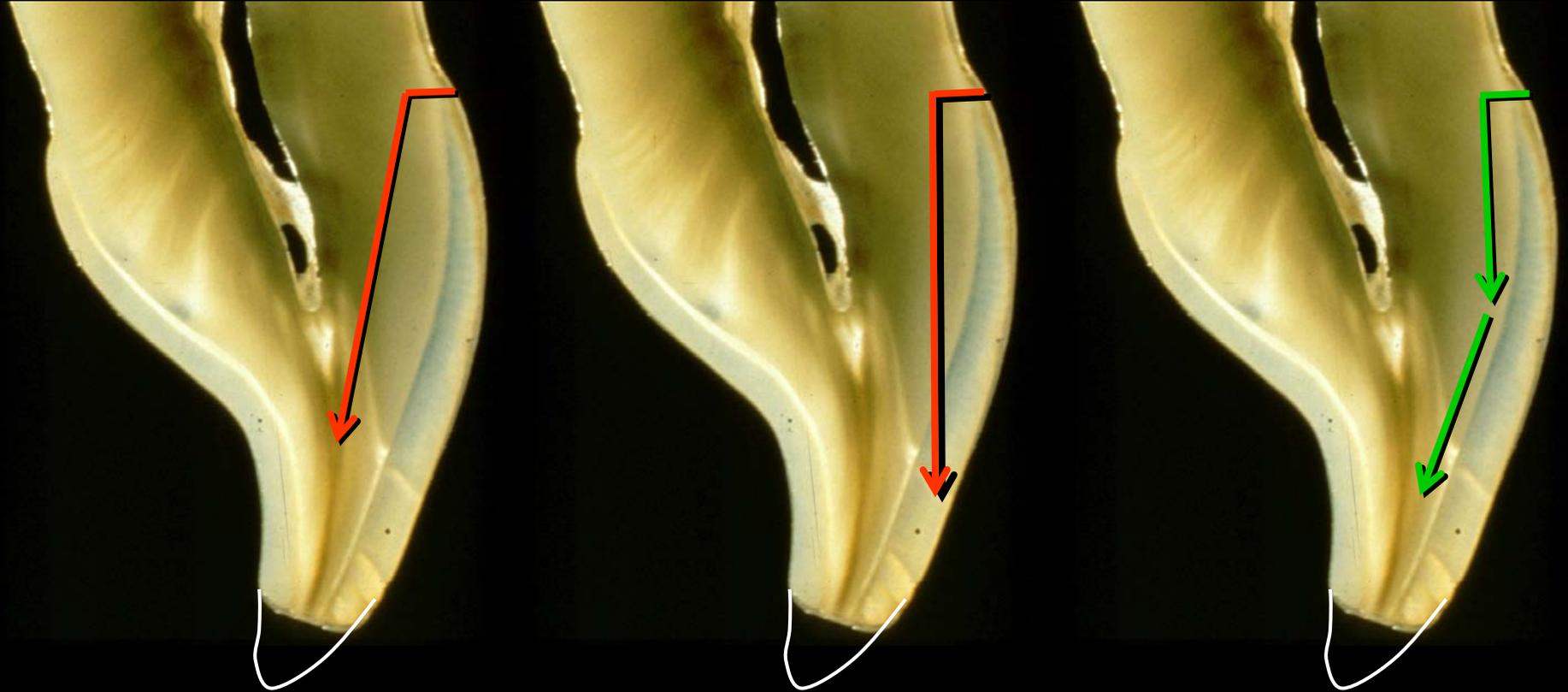
**Technician: J. Seger**



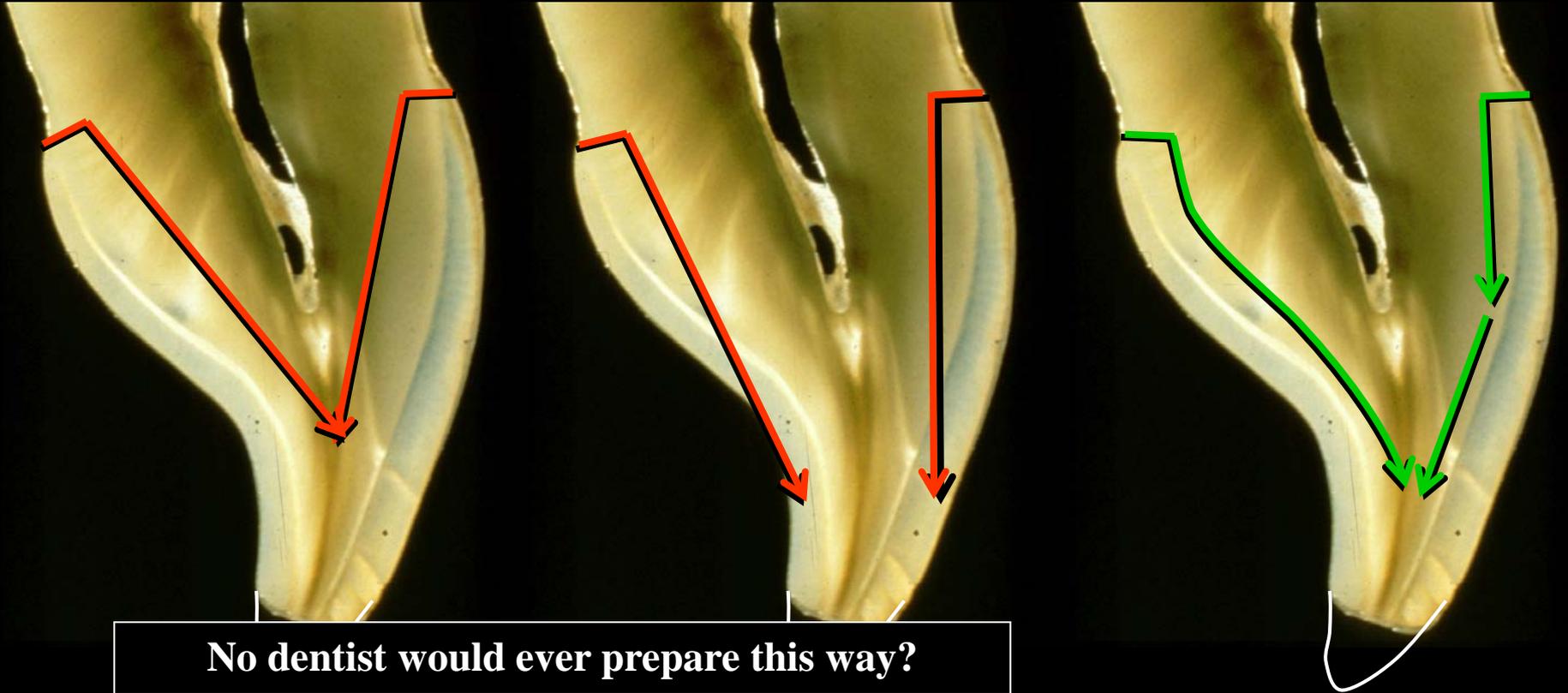
**Under ugly crowns you almost always find terrible preparations**



**A labial preparation in a single plane  
will either compromise the pulp or turn your patient into a rabbit**



**A palatal preparation in a single plane  
will either compromise the pulp or create protrusive interferences**



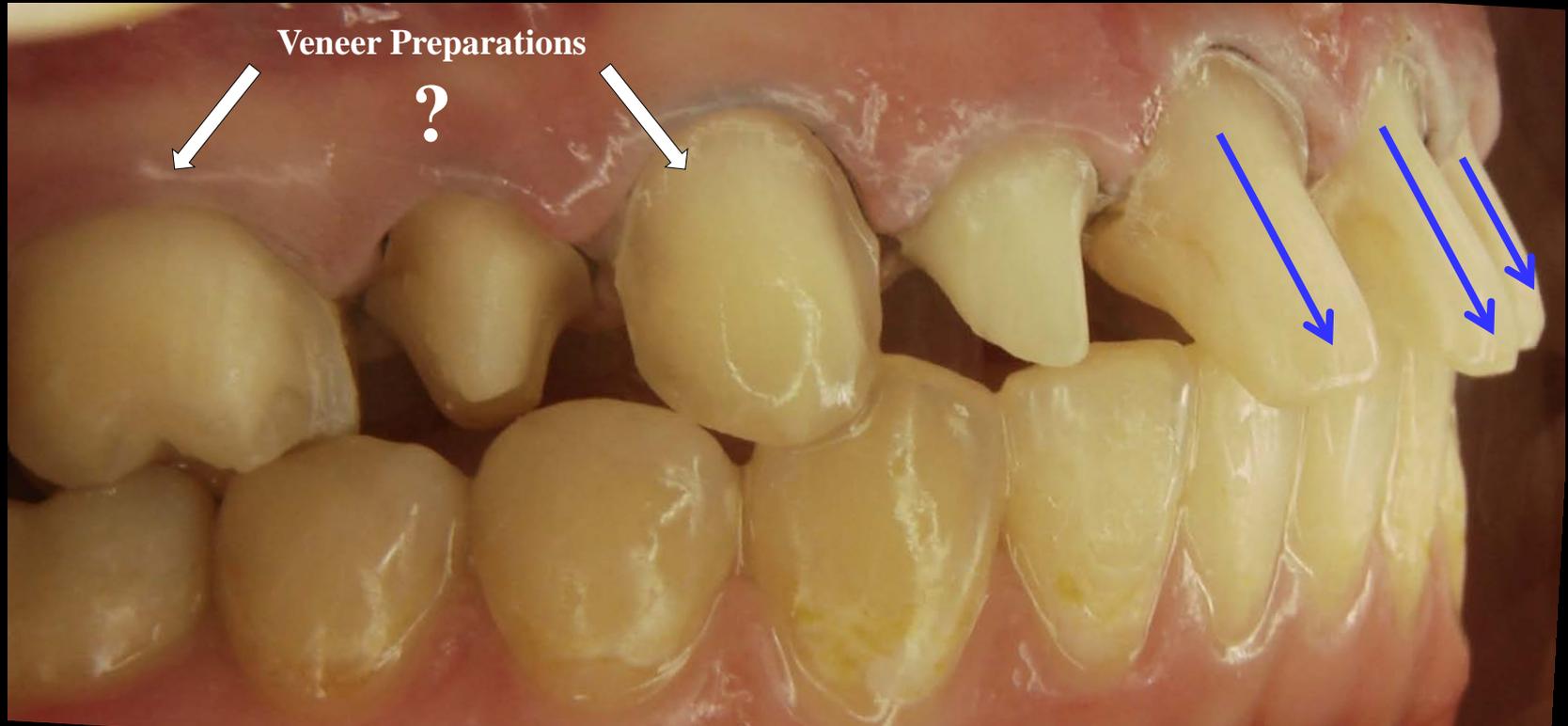
**No dentist would ever prepare this way?**

# **Tooth murder by preparation**

**FDP < 3 years old  
All three abutments  
mobile and nonvital**



**not to mention 16 mm distal cantilever and poor accuracy**



**Where is the pathology that required this?**

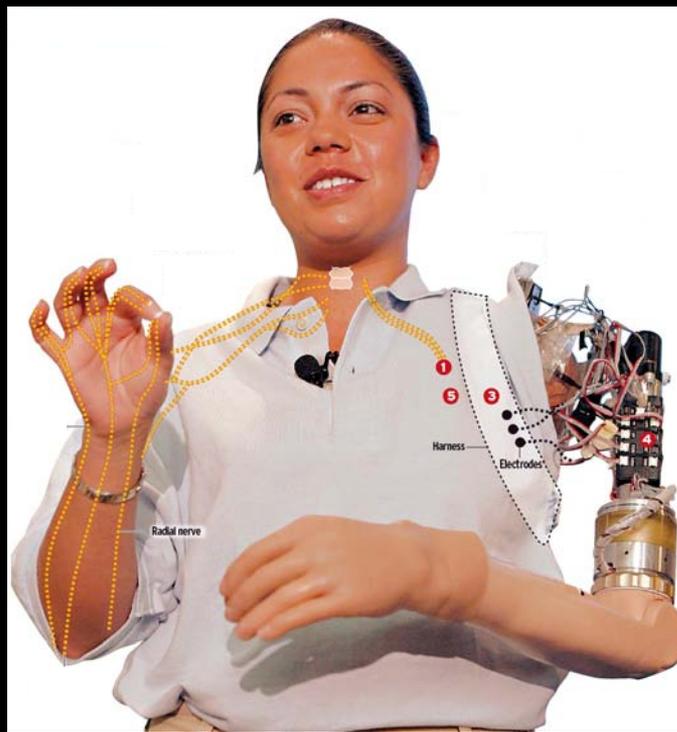
**Another minor point: Has the patient signed the "Bugs Bunny consent form"?**

**If surgeons did diagnosis and treatment like dentists  
the solution for this**

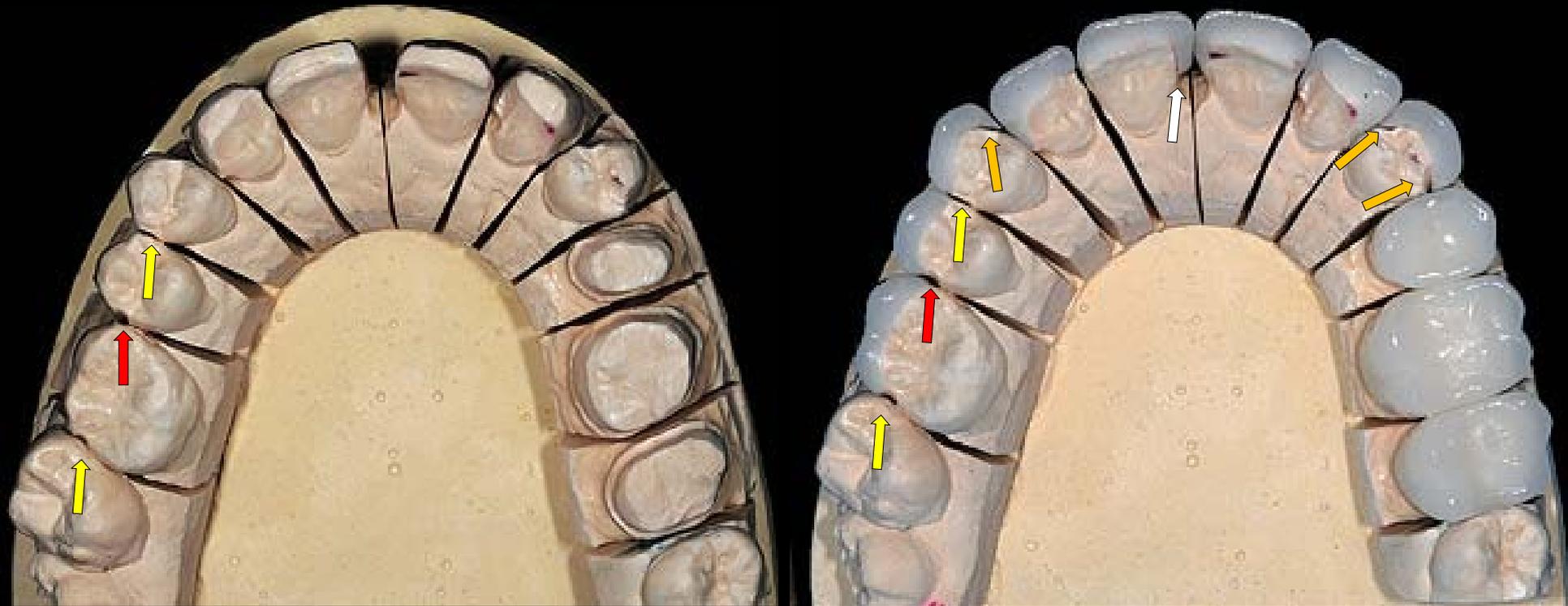


**smashed thumb**

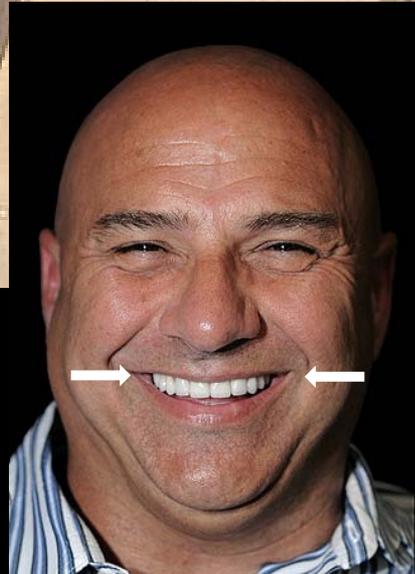
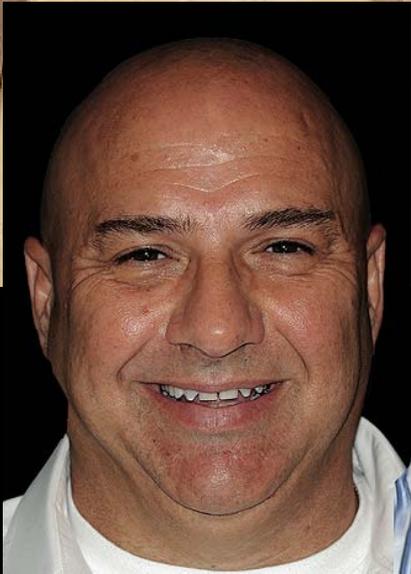
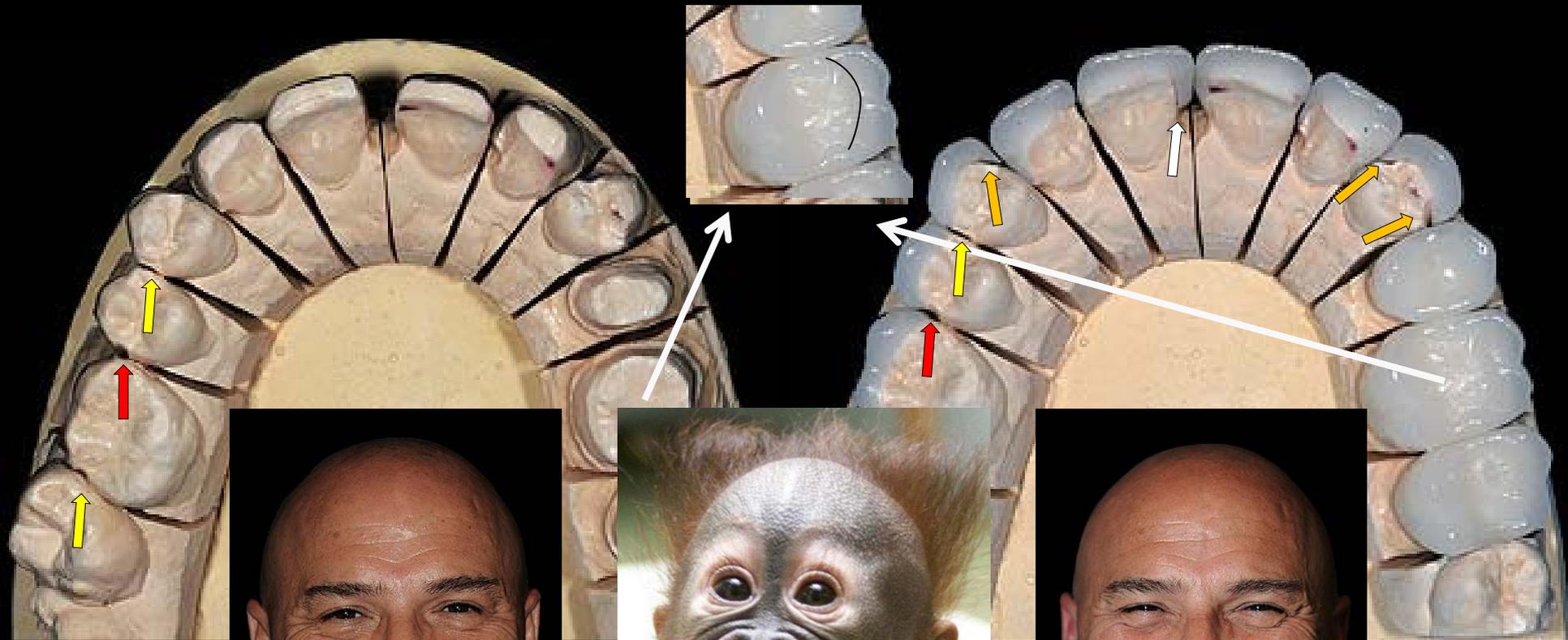
**might be this**



**a robot arm**



**Proximal defects ignored, another defect created**  
Incorrect preparation for closing the diastema, proximal shelf  
**Accuracy questionable**



**molars  
still  
invisible**



**Overcontoured, opaque  
metal-ceramic bridge  
( $< 3$  years in situ)**

**Treatment suggestion:**

**Soft tissue graft 11  
gingival recontouring 12  
orthodontics 22**



**Patient decided  
against this plan**

**but for a new bridge**

# Only bondable and translucent ceramics give us real advantages



Technician: M. Burgmeier, FL



**FPD: e-max Press with Multilink automix.**

**Veneer: e-max Esthetic with Syntac and Tetric EvoFlow**

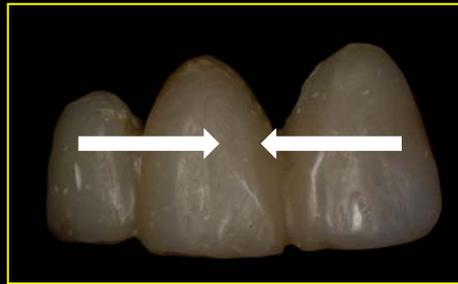
**Cementation time: ca. 45 minutes**

## A "Minor" Complication

Temporary C+B materials shrink slowly and can cause "orthodontic" tooth movement

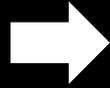


post cure temporary bridges  
for 60 seconds in hot water  
readjust before cementation



22mm. 1% residual shrinkage = 0.22 mm

**Metal-ceramic 12-21, placed (by me) in the mid-90's**



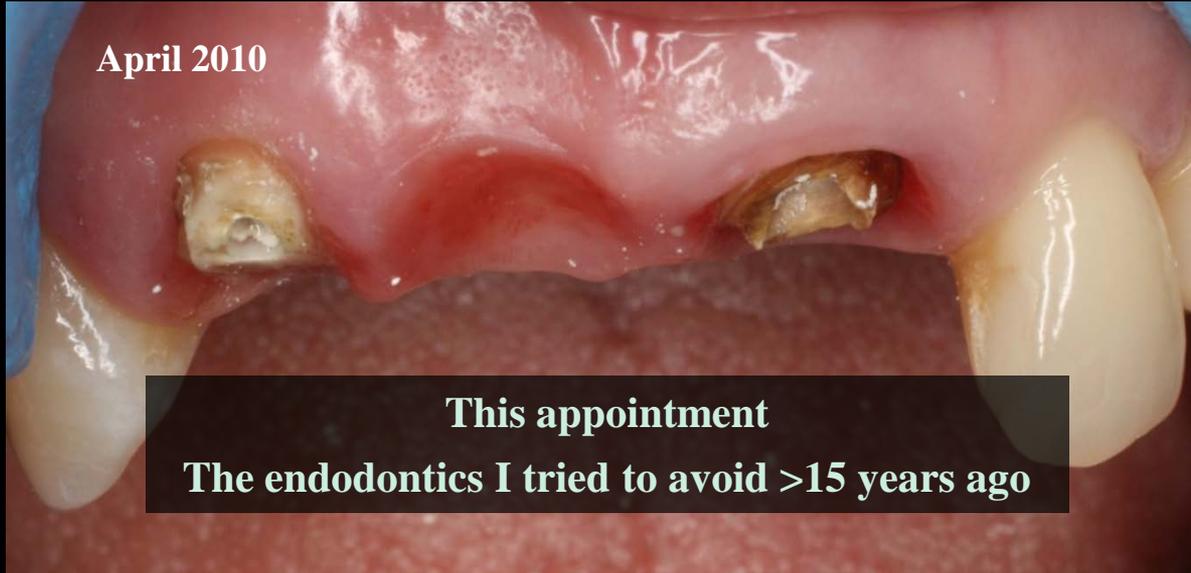
**The classic compromises: 12 overcontoured, opaque at the cervical margin**

**E-max  
adhesive bridge  
placed in 2007**



# Failure three years later: plastic deformation of post despite ferrule?

(almost every time I have not removed a metal post, I have regretted it later)



**New FPD on these two teeth?  
(21 with thin walls after removal of caries in canal space)**

**59 year old female: refused implant**

**Three days later**

**FRC Postec 12 and 21**

**Preparation of**

**"Veneer Crown" 22**

**(previous mp and dp composites)**

**and**

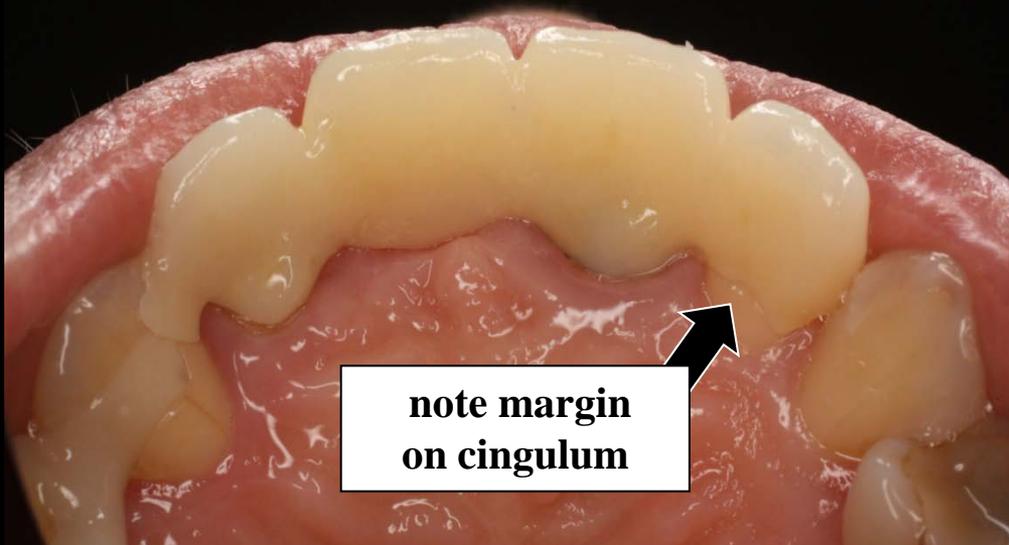
**Class III Inlay 13**

**Temporary bridge**

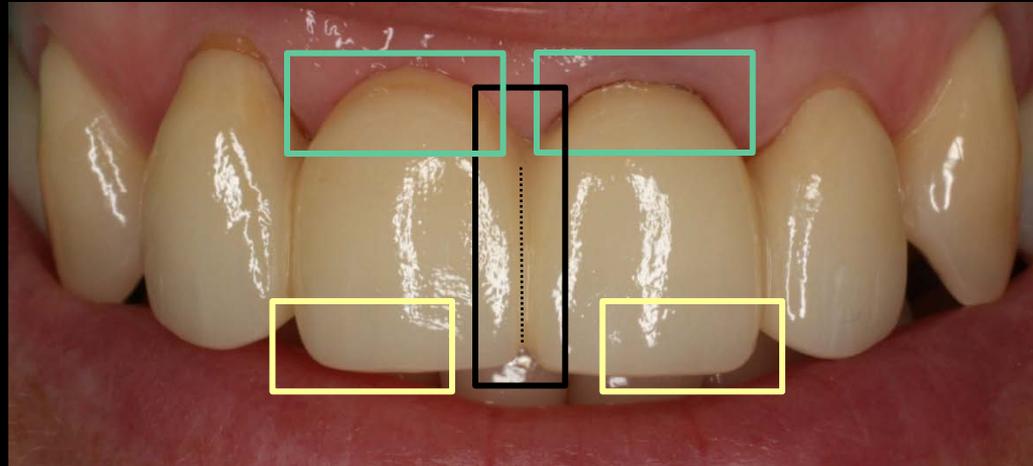
**(not including 13)**



**E-max adhesive bridge, try-in  
(the canine is now an abutment for two bridges)**



**An implant and three individual crowns would cost about the same as this FPD,  
and the patient would have needed a temporary for at least three months.**



## Try-in Instructions for technician

Correct emergence angle  
of 21, reduce cervical 11

Labial embrasure 11/21  
slightly deeper (mesial 11)  
and stain to A4

Recontour distal incisal  
edges of centrals



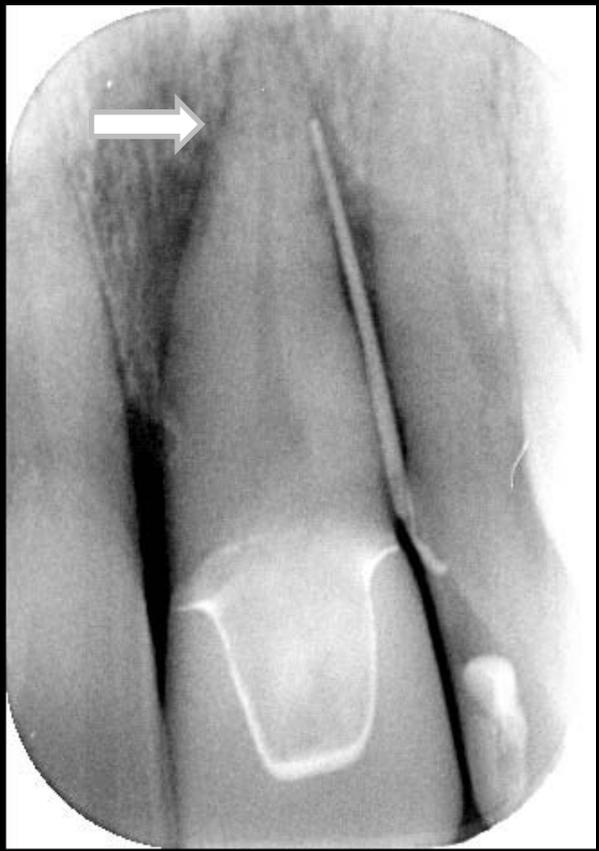
**Characterized with the patient in the laboratory  
(I did not really like it, but they are not my teeth)**



**13 is now an abutment for two FPD's**

# Trauma

horizontal root tip fracture  
(several months earlier)



Class III inlays, e-max FPD



try-in



**bonded with  
Syntac + Evo-Flow**

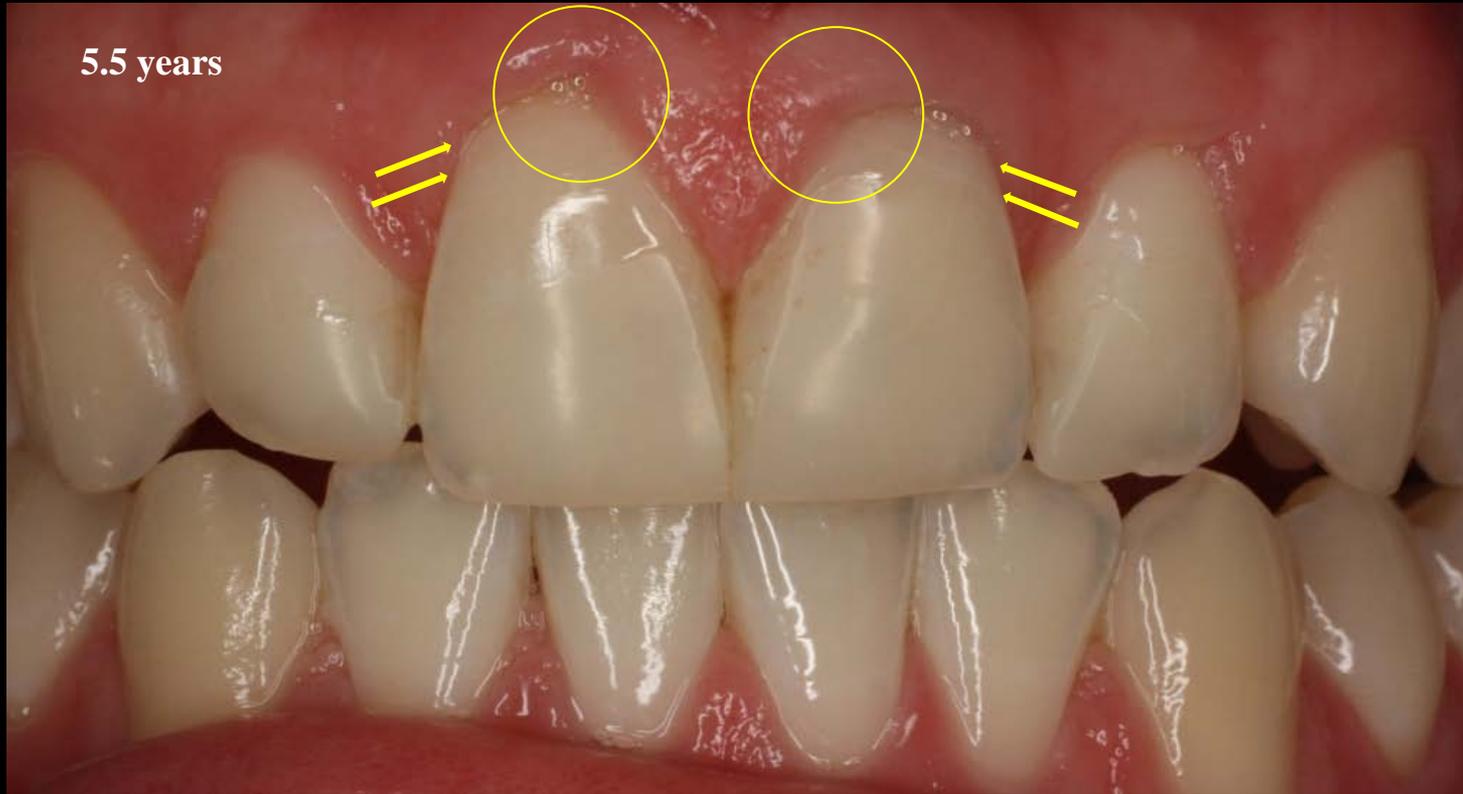


**minimally invasive  
no periodontal or  
pulpal complications  
and easy...**

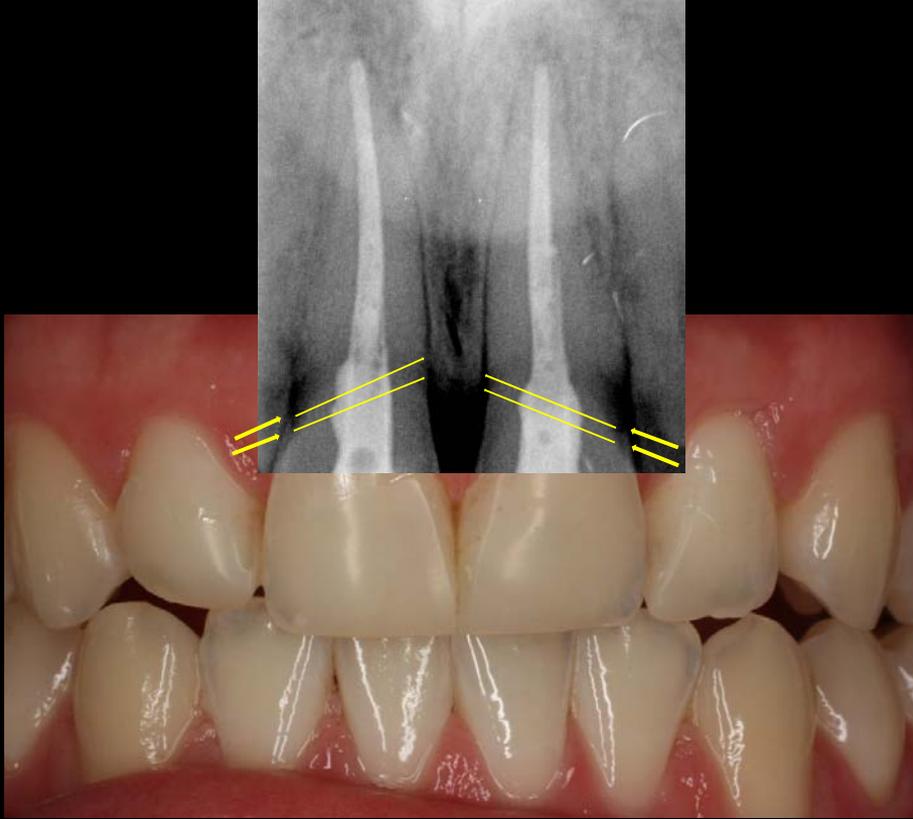


**> 5 years**



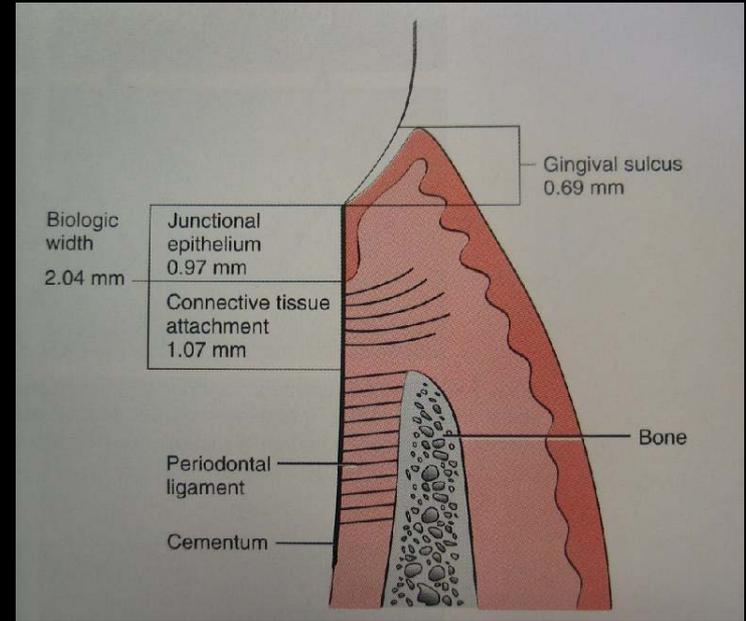


**Both centrals have two angular cervical fracture lines  
(In 2006 I could see them on 21 but not 11)**



**If these fractures progress,  
 (and pocket depth increases on the mesial of the centrals)  
 I will need to change my preparation**

## Biological width and black triangles

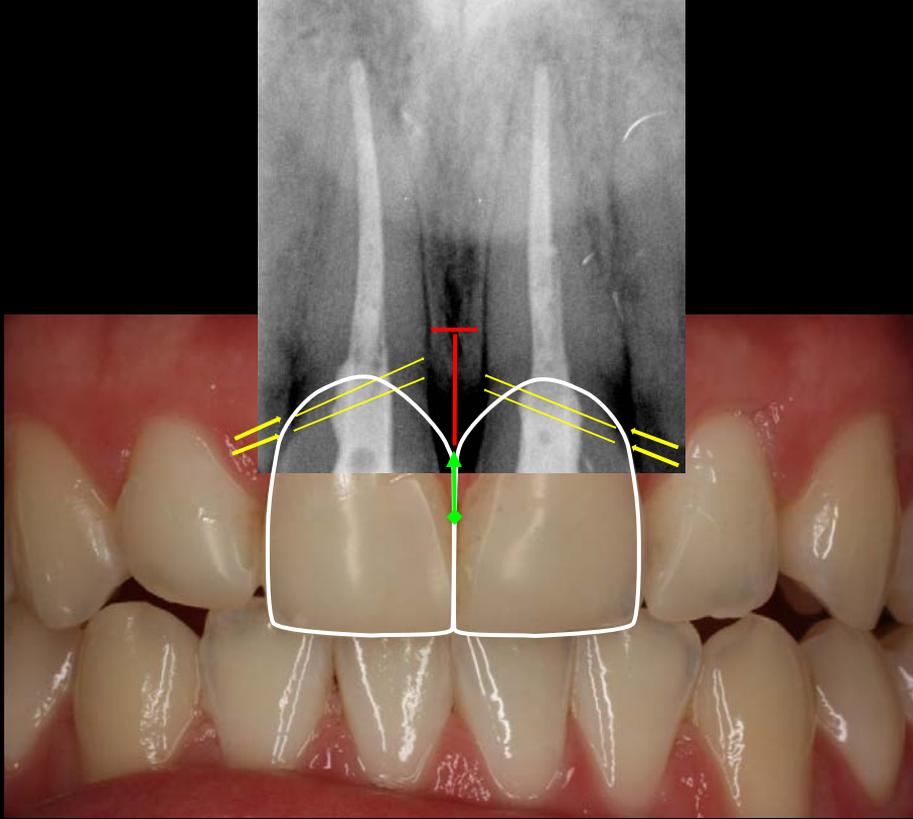


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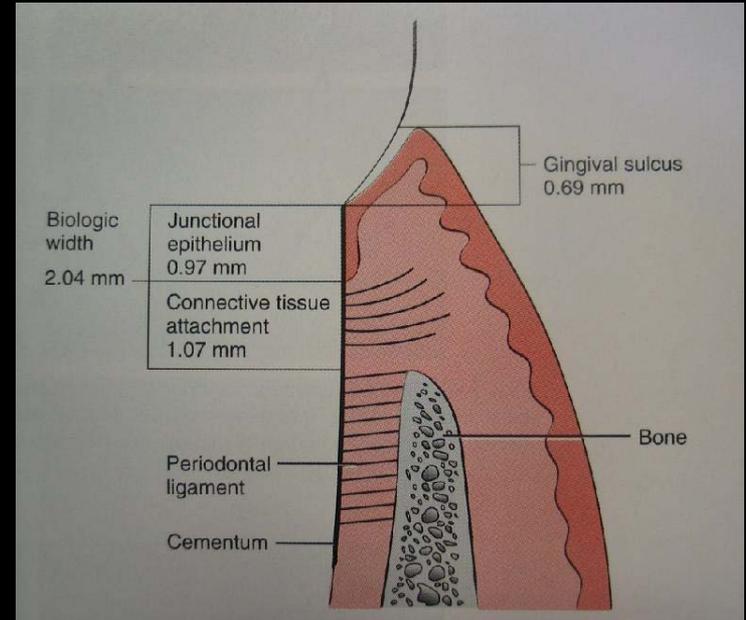
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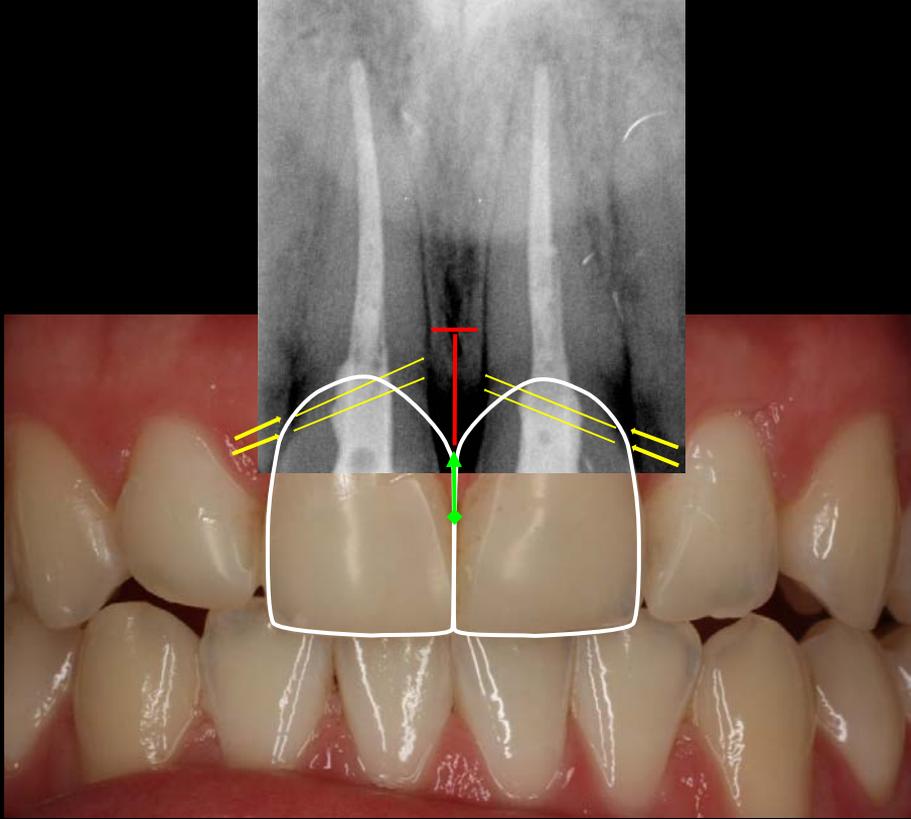
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**Gingival assymetry centrals,  
form assymetry laterals**



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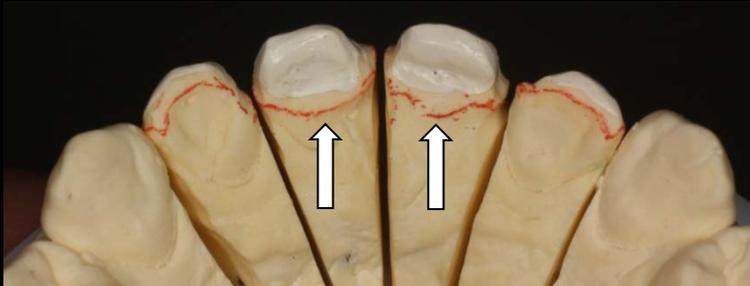
# I decided to leave the margins supragingival and simulate the CEJ



# Cementation with Syntac EvoFlow A1



Palatal preparation to endodontic access opening

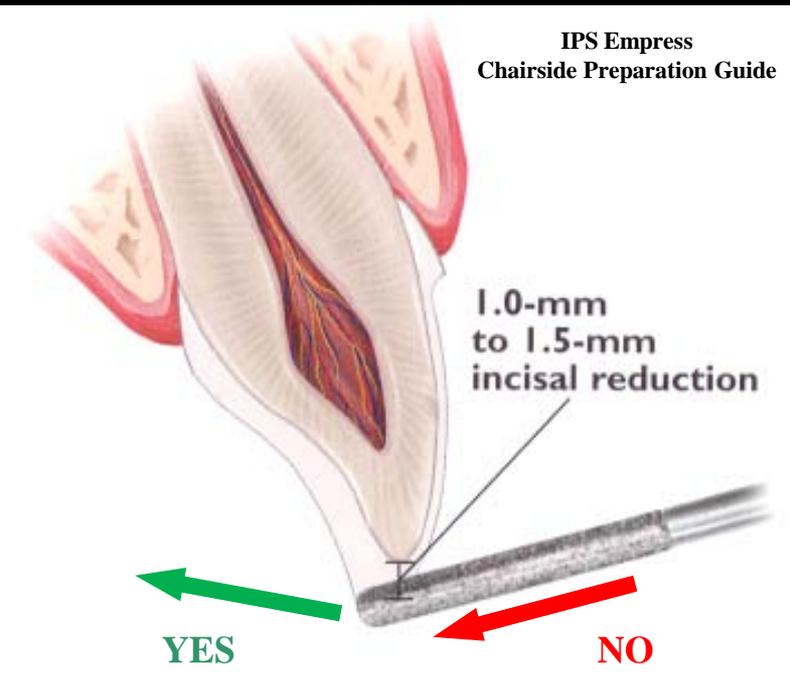




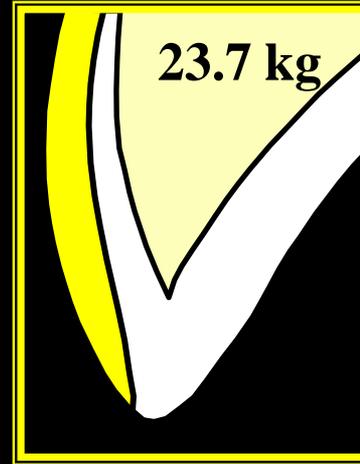
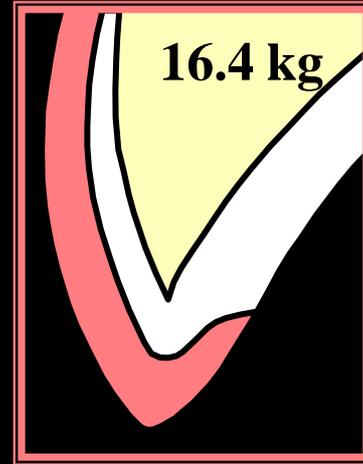
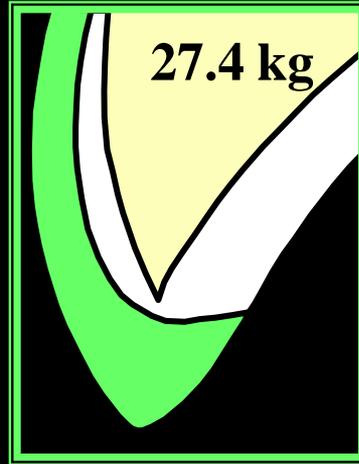
**Headlight dentistry**

**Instant recognition by opposing traffic**

**This graphic is almost correct,  
except you cannot define incisal reduction and the bur angle is not optimal.**



Castelnuovo J, et.al. J Dent Res 1998; Abst 1373



**With incisors, a labial reduction of 0.7 mm = ca. 2-3 mm incisal reduction**

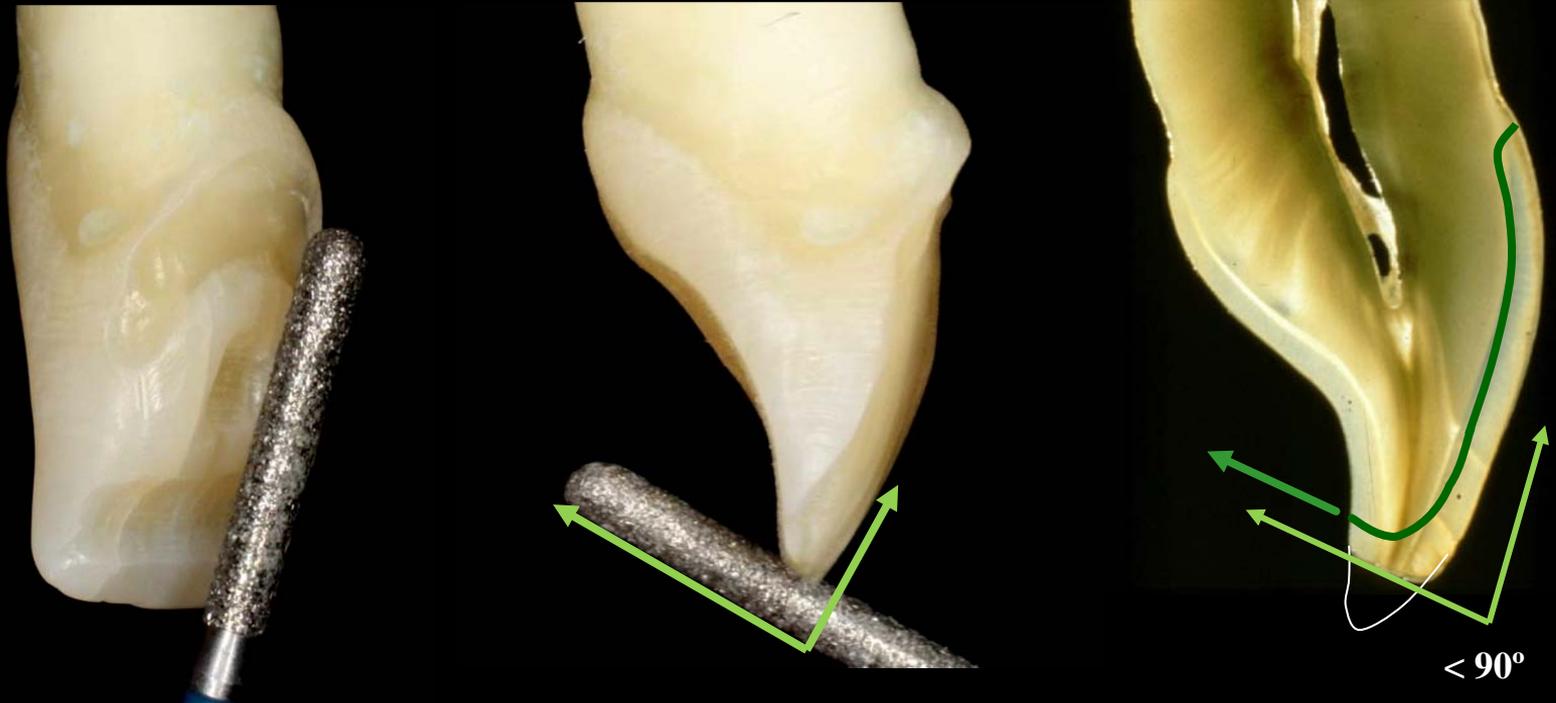


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**Prepare a palatal chamfer and round the edge again?**

## The easy way to get a positive incisal stop



Smales RJ, Etemadi S. Long-term survival of porcelain veneers using two preparation designs.  
Int J Prosthodont 2004; 17: 324-6



**I do not do many veneers,  
this one is from 1996.**

**She only wanted to look  
better, not perfect.**



## Veneers ca. 3 years old



private practice failure rate

Burke FJT 10 yr 47%

### Failure rates: veneers

Fradeani	6 yr	6%
Probster	4 yr	6%
Wiedhahn	10 yr	6%
Kern	10 yr	10%
Dumfahrt	5 yr	3%
Groten	7.5 yr	3%

< 1%/year



margin repair

Technician: C. Seger

# Anterior Restorations

**Composites have technical limits, but modern materials are extremely good**



**Conventionally cemented crowns are malpractice**

**Indirect anterior restorations can always be done with adhesive techniques**



# Posterior Restorations



**Direct or indirect?**

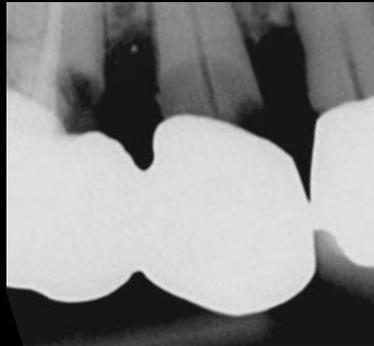
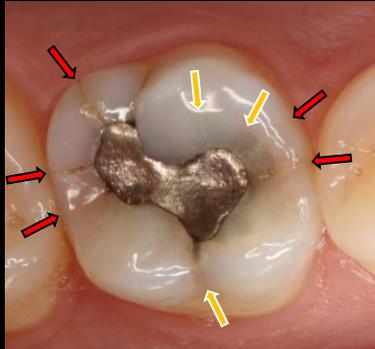


# Failure rates per year of posterior restorations

<b>Amalgam</b>	<b>3.3%</b>
<b>Direct Composites</b>	<b>2.2%</b>
<b>Gold Inlay/Onlay</b>	<b>1.2%</b>
<b>Ceramic Inlay/Onlay</b>	<b>1.1%</b>
- Onlays fewer failures than inlays	
<b>Metal-ceramic crowns</b>	<b>1.1%</b>

> 300  
clinical  
studies  
(> 3 years)

Hickel R, Malament S.  
J Adh Dent 2001



**If composites are done correctly, they are better than amalgam**  
**A poorly placed composite is a catastrophe**

## Problems with posterior composites?



**Margin quality, sensitivity, proximal contacts, efficiency**

**Blow the adhesive as thin as possible,  
apply a layer of flowable composite on dentin, then cure**

Restorative **Dentistry**

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**Quintessence International  
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**Those who criticized this technique  
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or (assumed) poor wear resistance  
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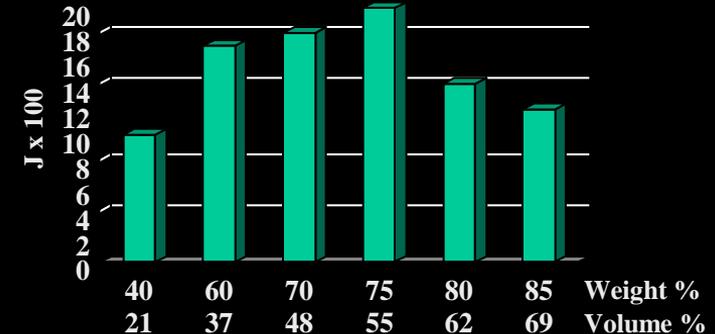
**Clinical Study: Class 2 Restorations**

**Gradia or Gradia flow only**

**No differences in any category at 2 years**

**Waldo B, et.al. J Dent Res 2010, Abstract 450**

**Impact Fatigue Resistance**



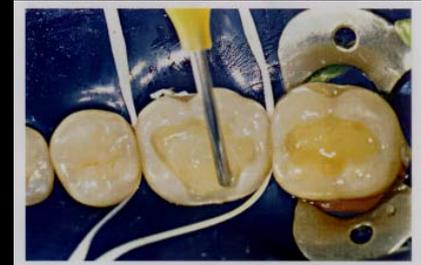
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**The critics need**





**Adhesive: blow thin**



to look like this

Layer thicknesses (in  $\mu\text{m}$ ) with "gentle" air dispersion

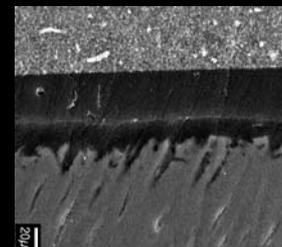
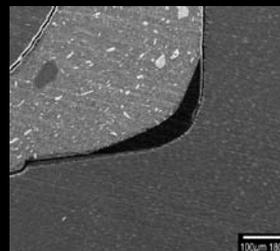
SE-Bond, S. Heintze 2002

**MOD preparation**

**Axial 10-40**  
**Gingival 100-350**  
**Occlusal 0-15**

**Crown preparation**

**Axial 0-40**  
**Gingival 60-190**  
**Occlusal 10-20**



**Thick layers**

- increased gaps if  $> 100 \mu\text{m}$  -
- weaker interface at enamel margins -
- wrong refractive index for aesthetic margins -
- radiographic diagnosis -



**Adhesive: blow thin**

**Only on dentin  
Thin layer**



**Adhesive + Flow**

**20 s. with  $< 500 \text{ mW/cm}^2$   
10 s. with  $> 500 \text{ mW/cm}^2$**

**If you blow the adhesive very thin, you MUST use the flowable.**



**Adhesive: blow thin**

**Only on dentin  
Thin layer**



**Adhesive + Flow**

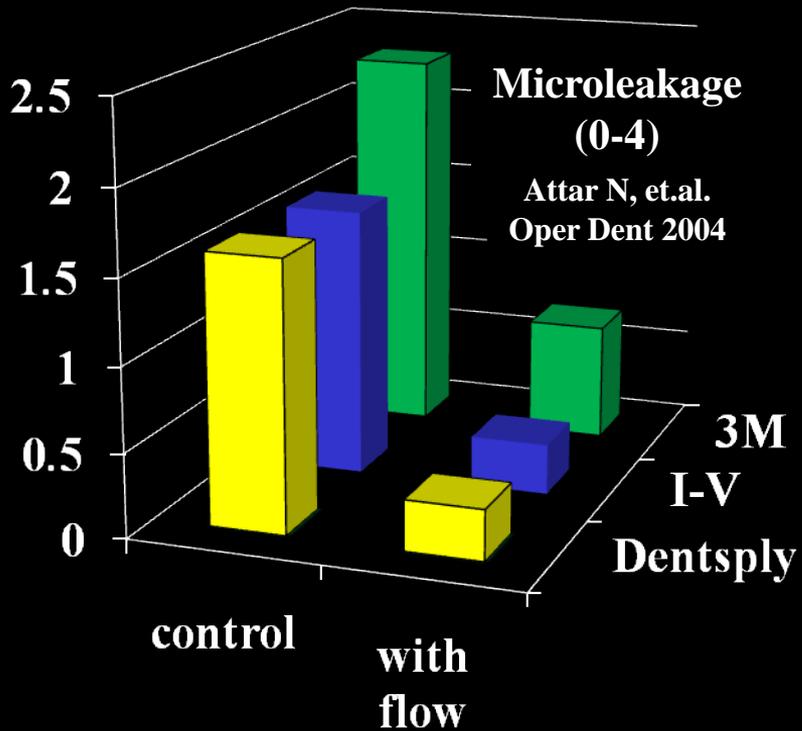


### **Bulk fill flowables?**

**A thick adhesive layer must be polymerized to establish a bond!  
Radiographic diagnosis and other problems remain.**



**If you live in a public toilet, you are happy when it stinks less**

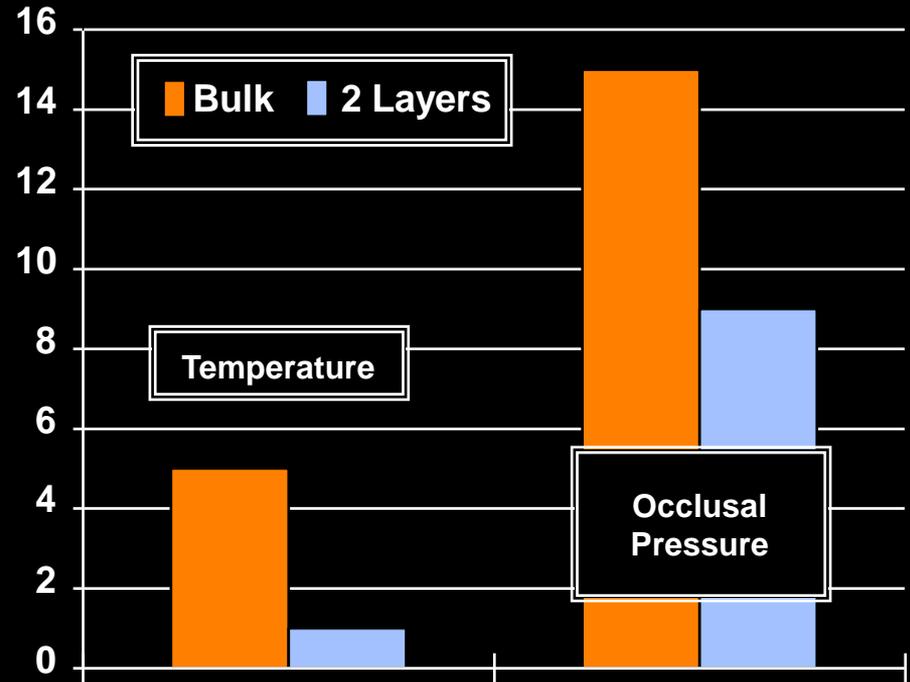


### Reduced microleakage with flowable

Tung FF, Hsieh WW, Estafan D. Gen Dent 2000;48(6):711-5.  
Belli T, et.al., Oper Dent 2001;26(1):70-5. Fabianelli A, Goracci C, Ferrari M. J Adhesive Dent 2003;5(3):217-23. many others

### Post-operative Sensitivity

Class I Restorations, SB-MP and P50, n = 16



Opdam, et.al. J Dent Res 1997, Abst 1193

# What contributes to efficiency?



**Rubber dam can help**



**Fuji IX fast set: conventional GIC!  
A light-curing GIC is no help**



**and glass ionomer as well**

**Look at construction sites**

**Matrix Technique**



**The matrix is also critical for proximal contacts and contours**

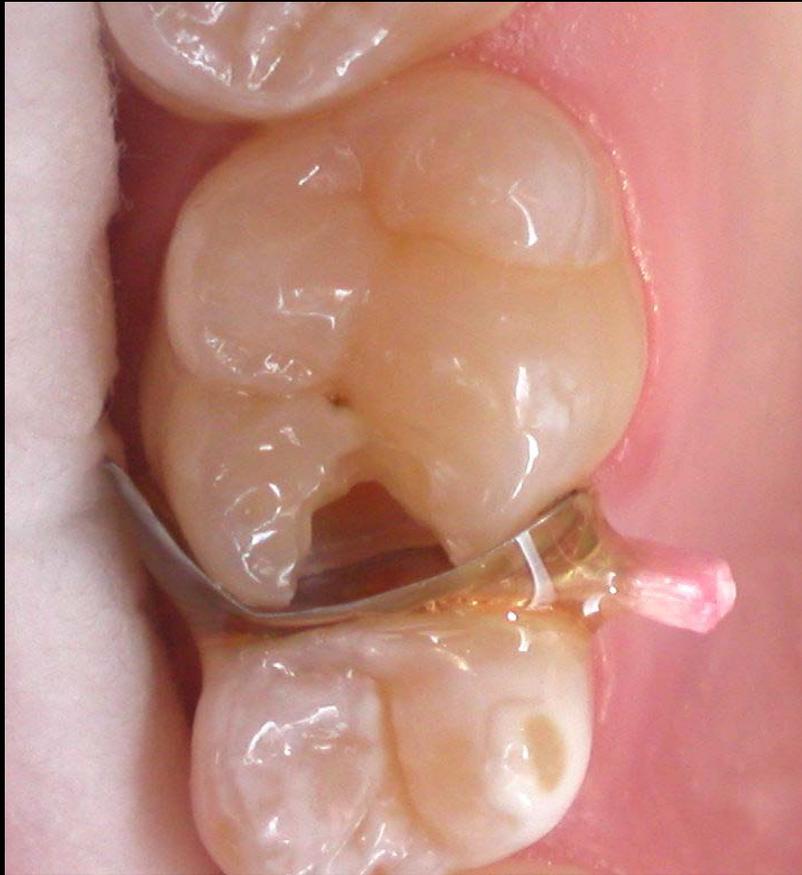


**Wedging hard produces some separation, but only temporarily**

**O-rings produce separation which is stable but unpredictable  
(depends on tensile force and contact angles)**

**Therefore, normally I use both  
Thin sectional matrix, wedge, O-ring**

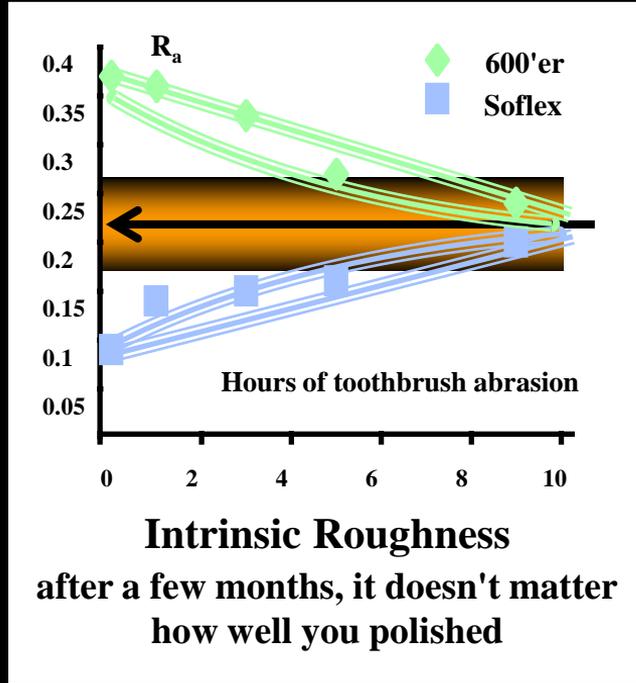
**A loose wedge = insufficient separation + proximal excess**



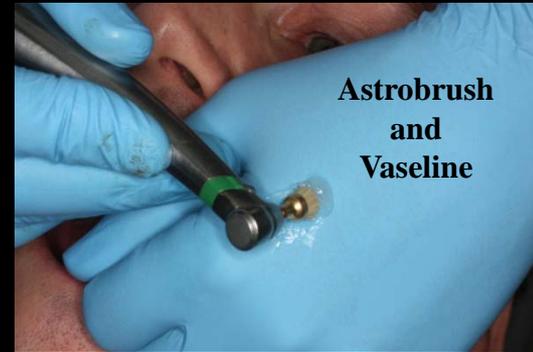
**Bonded Wedge / Matrix  
stabilizes separation  
and adaptation**



# Finishing and polishing is where we lose time with direct composites (i.e. waste time)



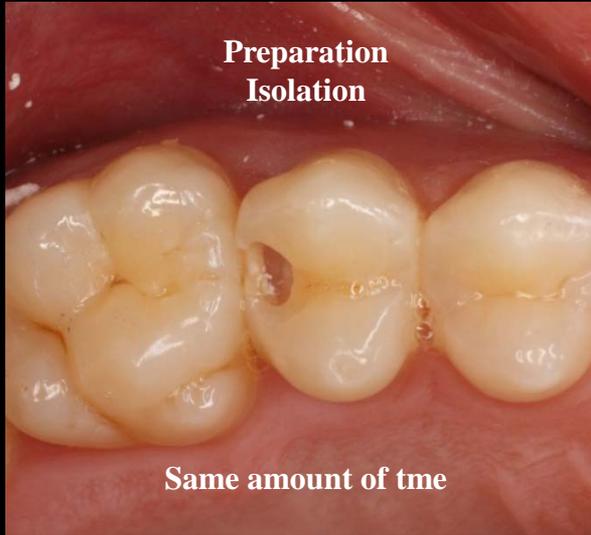
When you remove  
the matrix, it is  
almost time to send  
the patient home



I cheat

Check / adjust occlusion, make it reasonably smooth.  
The patient completes the polishing at home.

# How can anyone still claim that amalgam is faster than composite?



**Application and polymerization takes less time than condensation and carving.  
Matrix technique reduces finishing time.**

**No risk of fracture during matrix band removal, low risk during occlusal adjustment.**

**Small to medium class II's (at least for me) require less time than amalgam!**



**After curing the  
adhesive/flowable  
bulk fill is acceptable for  
restorations of this size  
(or a bit larger)**



# Bulk fill?



No



Yes

No



Yes

No

Yes

**SonicFill™**  
The new, fast and easy  
Composite Filling System for posterior  
restorations.

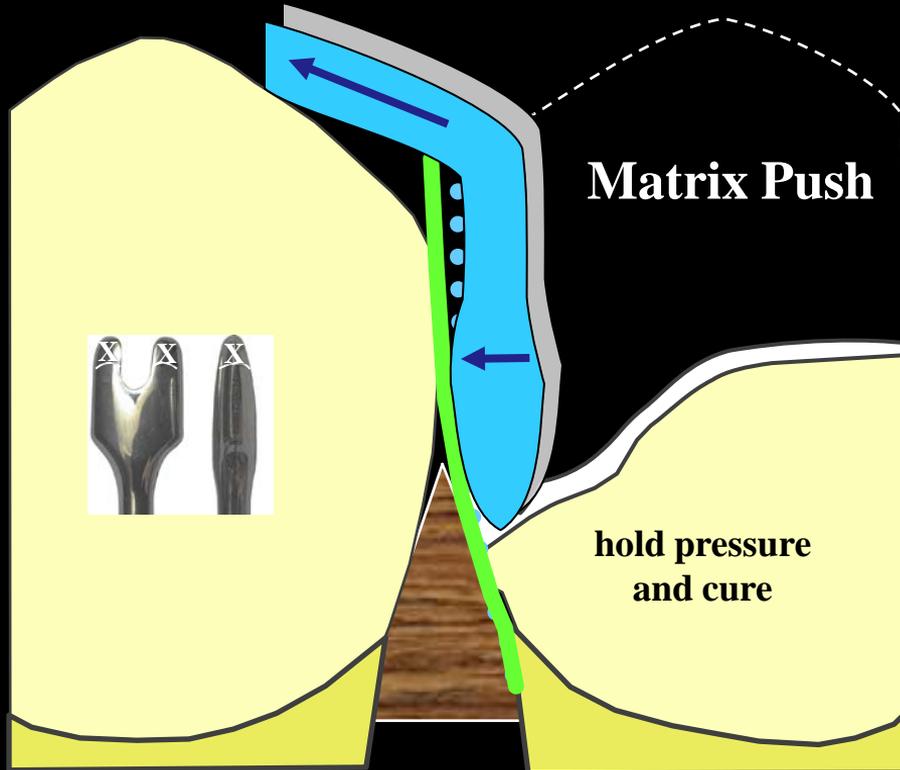


Discover the new  
time-saving  
composite

**Ivoclar-Vivadent  
Bulk Fill**

**and only after polymerizing the adhesive/flowable layer!**

**Shrinkage stress is low enough today to reduce the requirement for layering,  
but layering can still be useful to reposition the matrix!**



**In this clinical situation,  
I intentionally place flowable  
on the gingival margin**



# Optimizing bond strength to enamel is still a priority



## Adhesive Preparation Technique: Angles and Aesthetics

By Dr Gary Unterbrink

The original "adhesive" preparation technique as described in the literature was proposed prior to the introduction of effective dentin bonding agents. It had nothing to do with adhesion, but was based primarily on geometry (Luescher). The combination of beveled margins and undercuts utilized shrinkage to improve marginal adaptation, analogous to placing a rivet in steel beam constructions. In fact, the classic "adhesive preparation technique" relied on internal gap formation to improve marginal adaptation, which in turn frequently led to postoperative sensitivity.

While the bond to dentin is important to reduce post-operative sensitivity and the risk of secondary caries at dentin margins, the bond to enamel is much more important to achieve a stable esthetic result. Unfortunately, many aspects of preparation for conventional restorative techniques have simply been transferred to adhesive techniques, without questioning their validity for new materials.

Investigations have shown that margin form and preparation depth do not influence the strength of bonded full ceramic crowns (Meier, Fenske, Bernal, El-Mowafy, Wiskott). Note that conventionally cemented metal-free restorations still require a shoulder. We will come back to crowns later, but begin with some general principles.

### Bevels

The literature is ambiguous in

It could be noted that the placement of bevels for cast metal restorations is done to help compensate for dimensional variation of impressions and models, but this also fits into category of reducing microleakage.

The angle of a bevel is important for the etch pattern and bond stability, the depth of a bevel is the primary determinant of strength in relation to retention



## Black margins make aesthetic dentistry a bad joke



**Shades.** If it was really this simple, everyone in the dental office could be a shade master. In fact, it is not. The shade guide is a tool to help you communicate with your dentist. It is not a substitute for a good shade guide. The shade guide is a tool to help you communicate with your dentist. It is not a substitute for a good shade guide.

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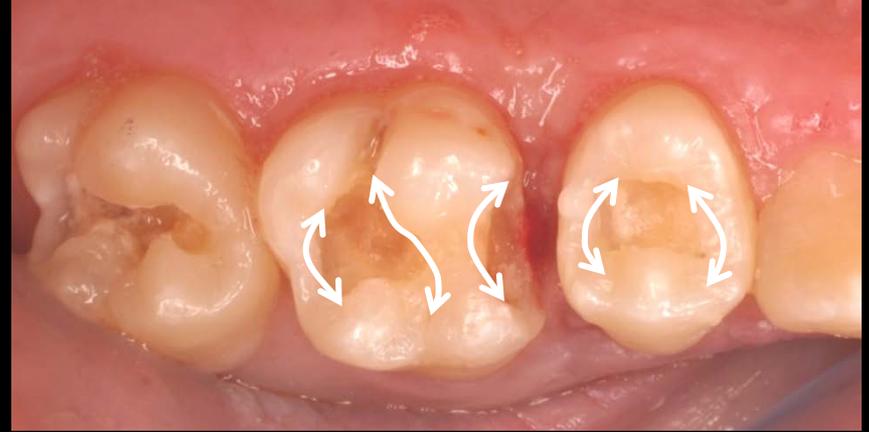
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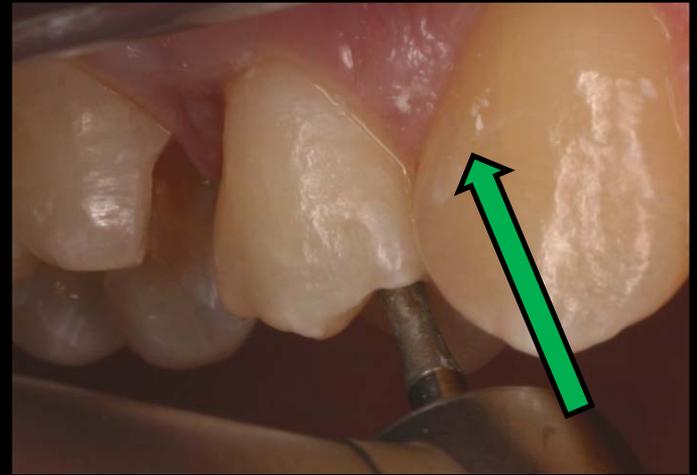
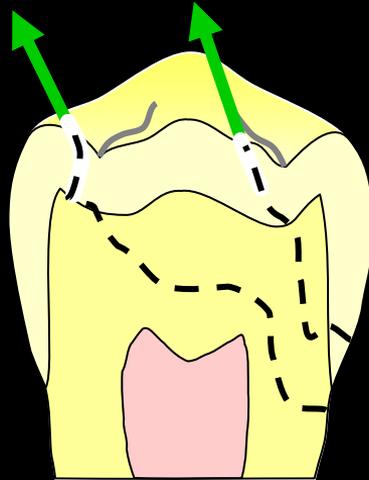
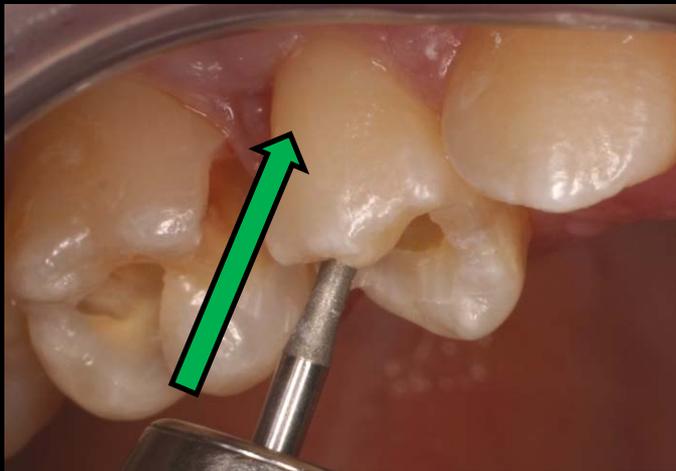
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without aesthetic compromise. restorative material and apply the bonding agent.



**Note angle of bur when finishing oral to vestibular margins**





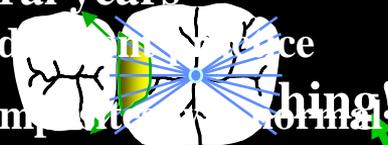
**There are differences between materials (this is Evo-Ceram)  
but marginal stability is the key to aesthetic stability.  
The key to marginal stability is preparation technique.**



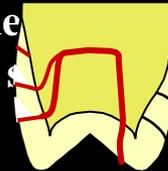


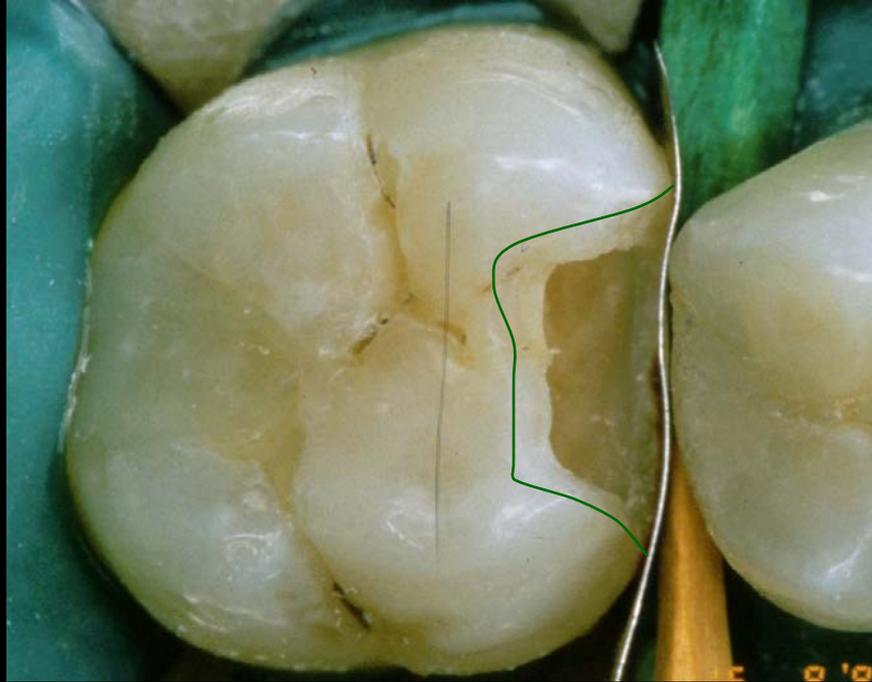
**occlusal**  
(vertical)

**gingival**  
(flat)



if you think that the preparation technique is the same as the composite use





**Preparation is the first key to success**



**12 year recall  
(the other composites  
are 15-20 years in-situ)**

**SonicSYS  
did not exist**



**and the other things are only details**



**contouring  
the wedge**

# Bonding to Beveled vs Non-Beveled Enamel at the Gingival Margin

Purk J, et.al. J Dent Res 2010 (AADR), Abst 15

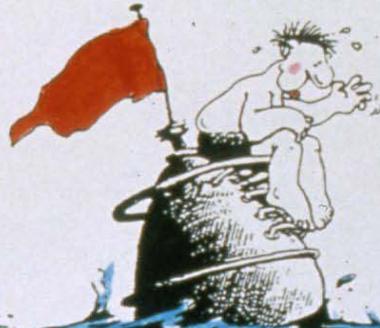
Adhesive	Beveled	N	Mean $\pm$ (StD) MPa	Debonds
Clearfil-SE	Yes	14	19.8 $\pm$ 9.7	3
Clearfil-SE	No	3	7.1 $\pm$ 4.0	17
Excite	Yes	21	28.2 $\pm$ 6.1	0
Excite	No	5	19.2 $\pm$ 5.7	13
PQ1	Yes	18	30.0 $\pm$ 9.6	0
PQ1	No	5	6.6 $\pm$ 4.4	17

**80% with ZERO**

- Hinoura, et.al. Operative Dentistry 1988
- Loesche, et.al. Dtsch Zahnartzl Z 1993
- Haak, et.al. J Dent Res 1996
- Syrek, et.al. J Dent Res 1998
- Lutz, et.al. Peter Sculc Publishing 1985
- Cheung, et.al. Quintessence Int. 1990
- Hoffmann, et.al. J Dent Res 1994
- Kao, et.al. J Dent Res 1997
- Guenther J, Haller B. DGZ 1997



**80% of 2° caries occurs  
at proximal margins  
(Mjor, Burke, etc.)**



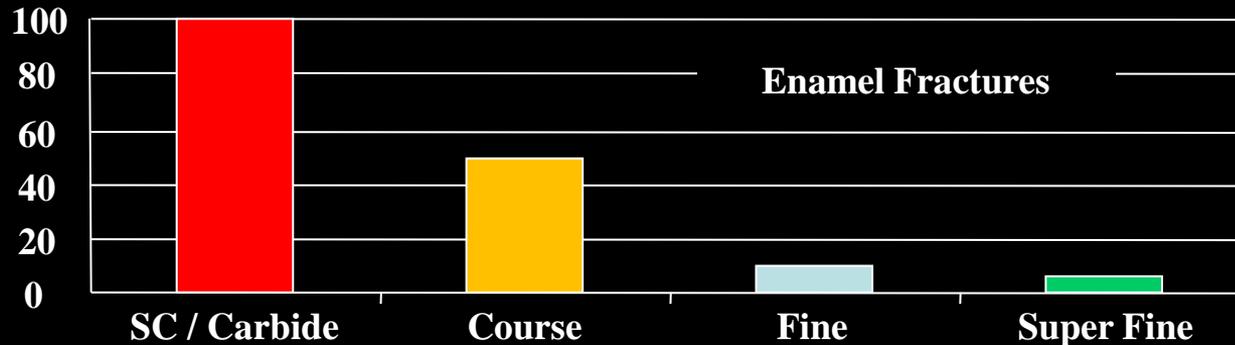
**Uwe Harder  
Graphic Design  
Liechtenstein**

**Diamonds with a average grit size  $>80 \mu\text{m}$  at high speed  
cause significant prism derangement in subsurface enamel.**

Xu HH, Kelly JR, Jahanmir S, Thompson VP, Rekow ED  
Enamel Subsurface Damage Due to Tooth Preparation with Diamonds  
J Dent Res 1997; 76(10):1698-1706

**Enamel fractures from preparation instruments  
super course diamond = new carbide  
>> course diamond >> fine diamond > extra fine diamond**

Nishimura K, et.al. J Med Dent Sci. 2005;52(1):9-15





## Conclusions

Finishing with either  
 $15\ \mu\text{m}$  or  $40\ \mu\text{m}$  is acceptable

No justification  
for diamonds  
larger than  $80\ \mu\text{m}$



female dentists  
may disagree



# Always remove aprismatic surface enamel, even when etching



Rubbing the adhesive on etched enamel reduces bond strength

Moll K, et.al. 1997  
Stoll R, et.al. 1999

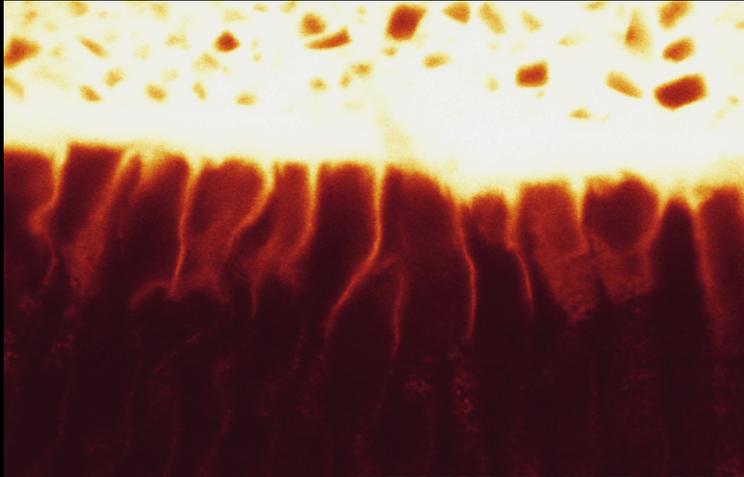


**Bond to subsurface (i.e. prepared) etched enamel was superior to unprepared etched enamel.**

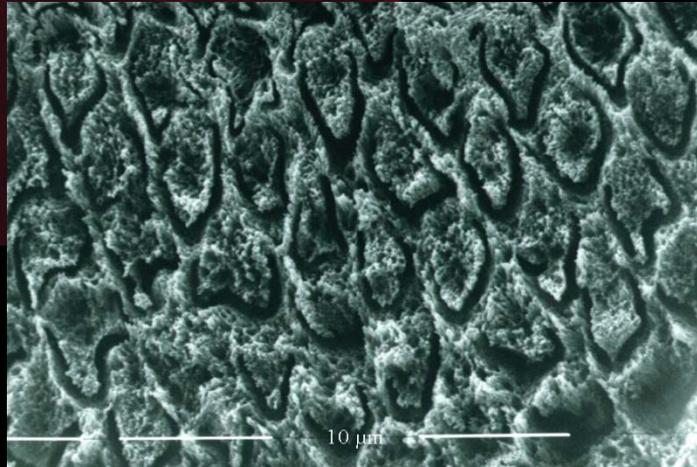
**31.2 MPa vs 47.9 MPa**

Haddad R, Hobson RS, McCabe JF. Dent Mater. 2006

# Contact Time (Infiltration Time)



Confocal  
microscope photo  
courtesy of  
T. Pioch

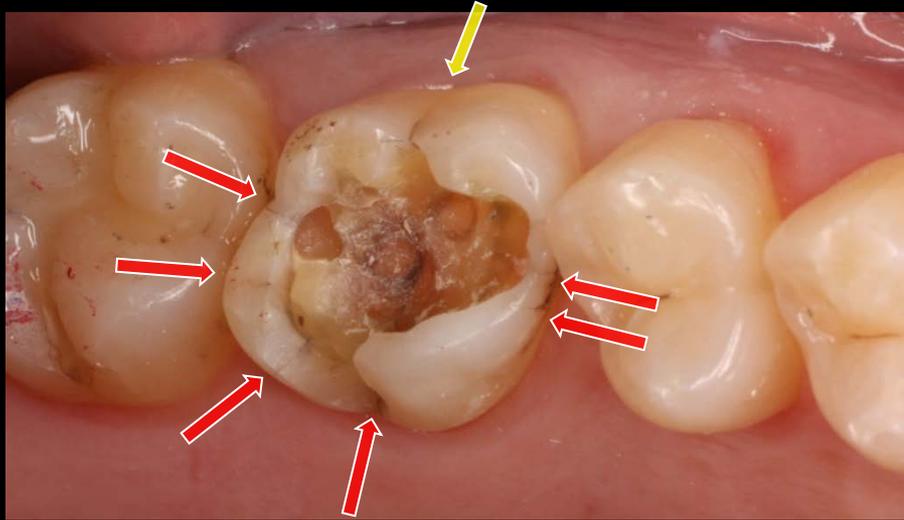


**Important on dentin  
... and also on enamel.**

**"Unfilled resin on etched enamel  
requires more than 30 seconds  
for complete penetration."**

**Chosak and Eidelmann, 1988**





## Compromises with direct composites

Multiple enamel fractures,  
margins on cusp tips,  
thin mesial marginal ridge

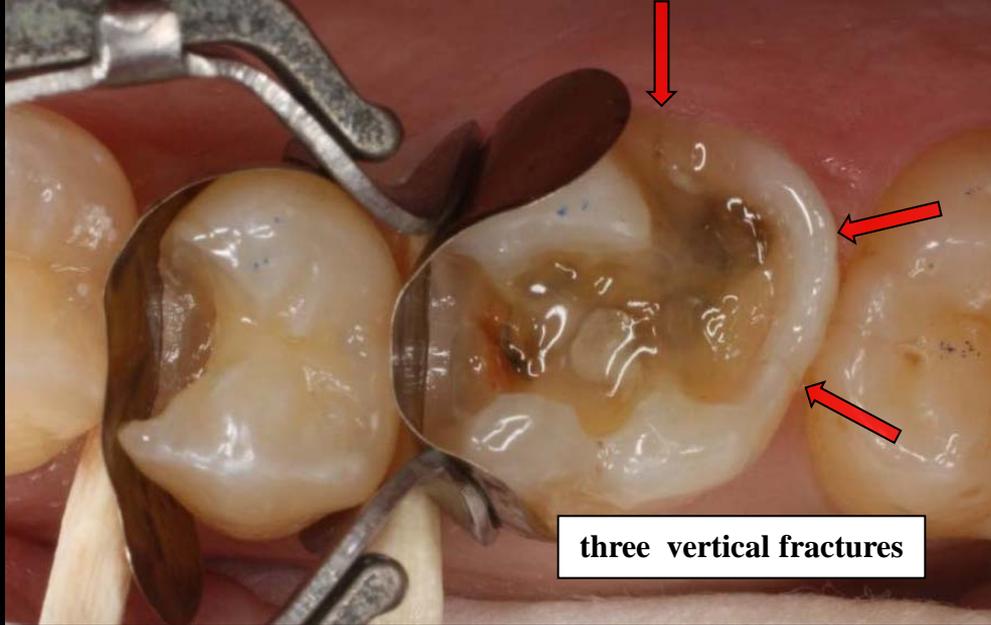
### Three options

- direct Class I
- direct MOD-Onlay (mp and dp)
- indirect Onlay (all cusps)

### The cost ratios

- direct Class I / direct onlay ca. 1:4
- direct onlay / indirect ca. 1:3
- direct Class I / indirect is 1:12

**Risk of unrestorable fracture?**



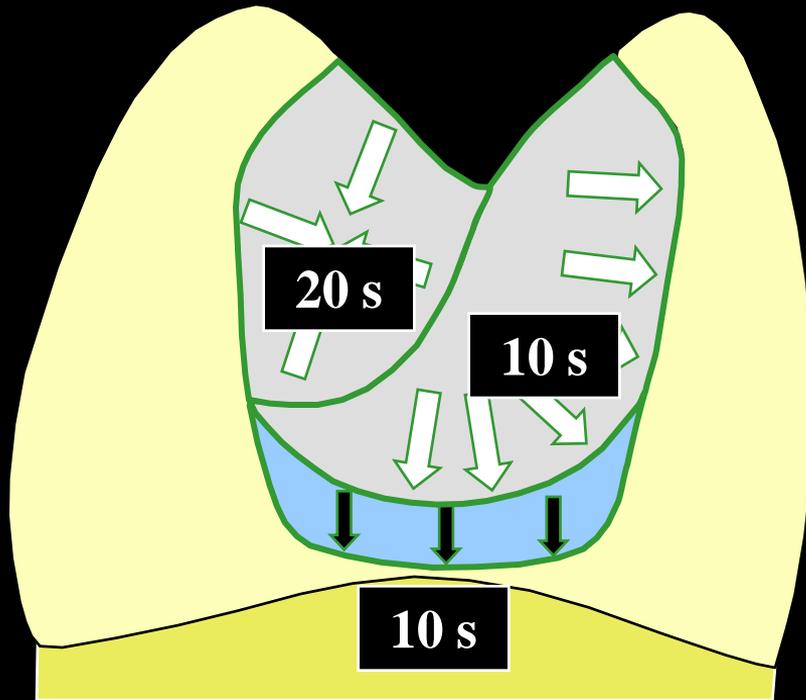
**Compromises with  
direct composites**

**Thin distobuccal enamel  
but no occlusal contact,  
fairly low fracture risk**

**White line at margin,  
but "only" an  
aesthetic problem**



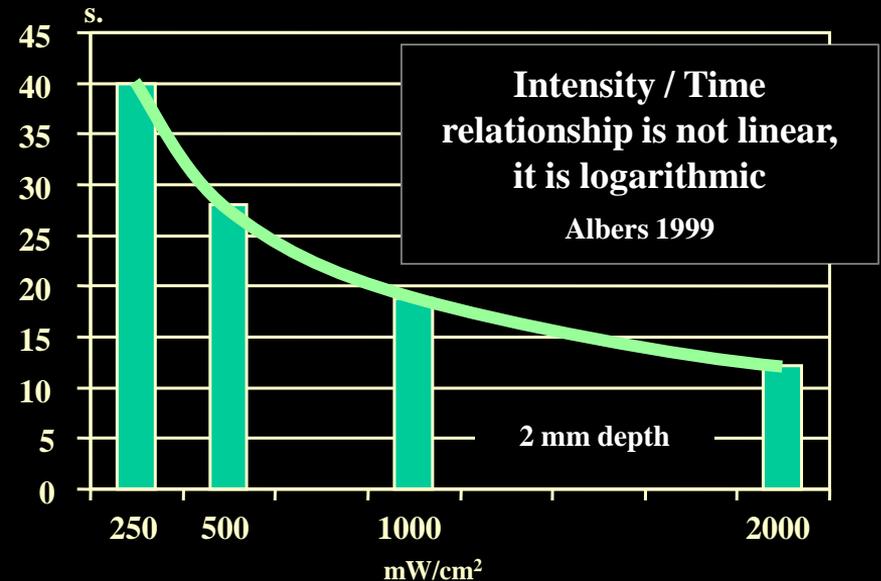
**Very large CI II**  
**"oblique layering technique"**  
(after curing the bond + flow)



**Easier to model the correct anatomy**  
**Reduces cusp deformation**  
**Useful to control matrix adaptation**

**Curing times with 600 mW/cm<sup>2</sup>**

**My assistant has the light, so it does not really cost me much time**



**Composite opacity has a large influence on curing depth,  
light intensity is only a minor factor**

	<b>300 mW/cm<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>600 mW/cm<sup>2</sup></b>	
<b>Dentin Shade</b>	<b>3.1 mm</b>	<b>3.3 mm</b>	<b>+7%</b>
<b>Enamel Shade</b>	<b>4.7 mm</b>	<b>5.5 mm</b>	<b>+17%</b>
	<b>↓</b>	<b>↓</b>	
	<b>+51%</b>	<b>+67%</b>	

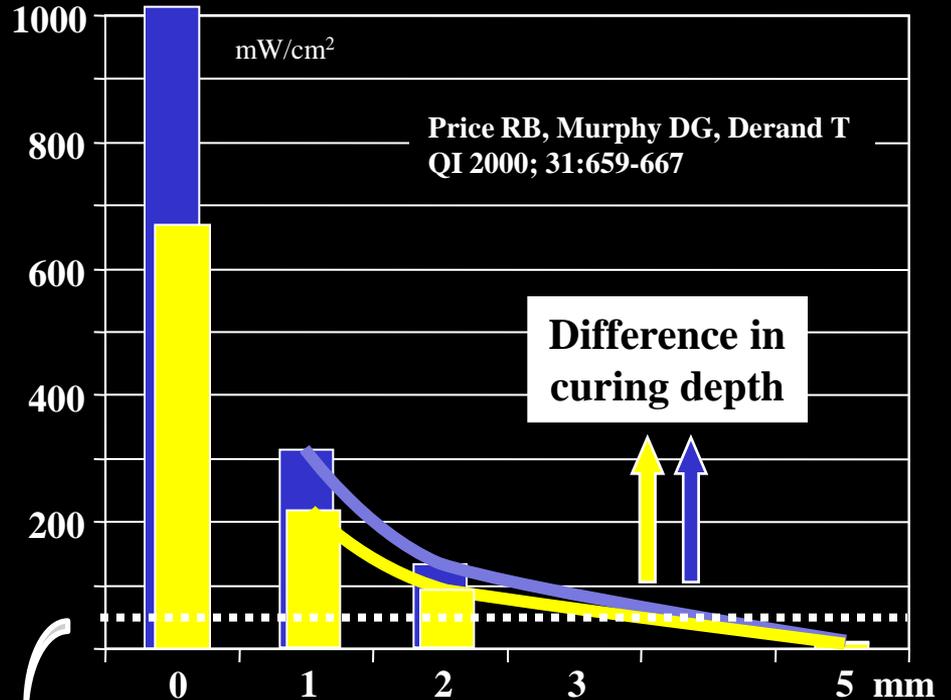
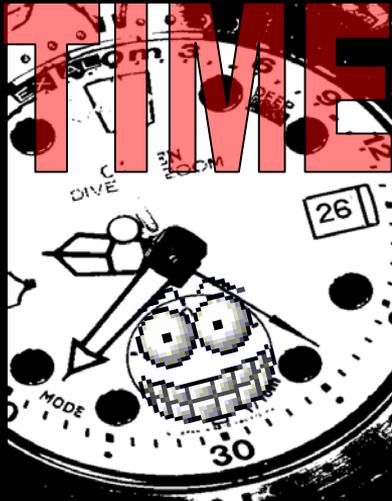
Dr. Peter Burtscher  
Ivoclar-Vivadent R+D

**In the only clinical situation when curing depth can be a problem,  
i.e. with opaque composites, more intensity doesn't really help you!**

# Light attenuation is linear!

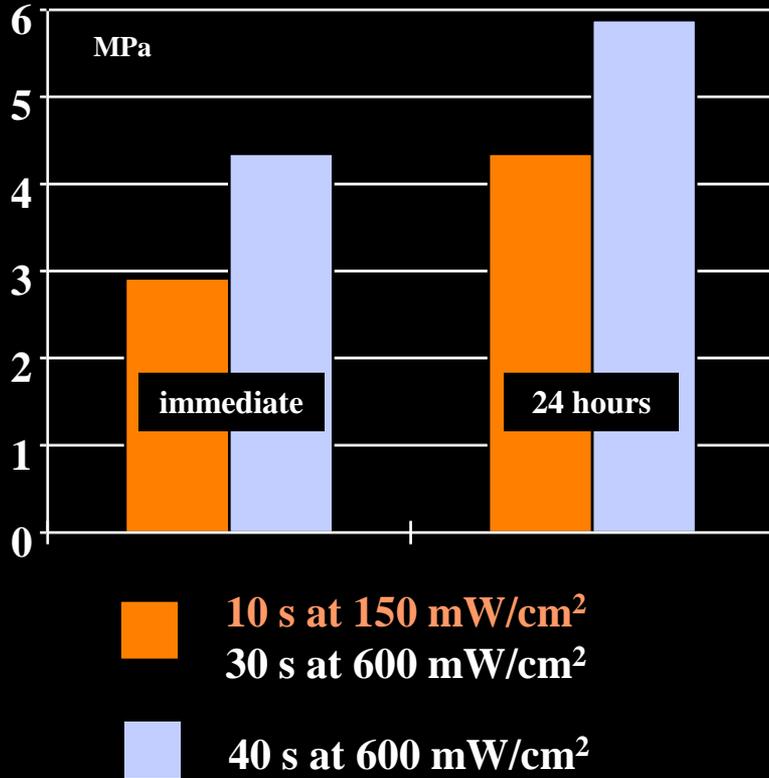
**Turbotip**  
**Normal Tip**

	mW/cm <sup>2</sup>	
0 mm:	1014	682
1 mm:	310	215
2 mm:	129	91
5 mm:	11	8



Assume that 50 mW/cm<sup>2</sup> is necessary

# Shrinkage stress and light intensity



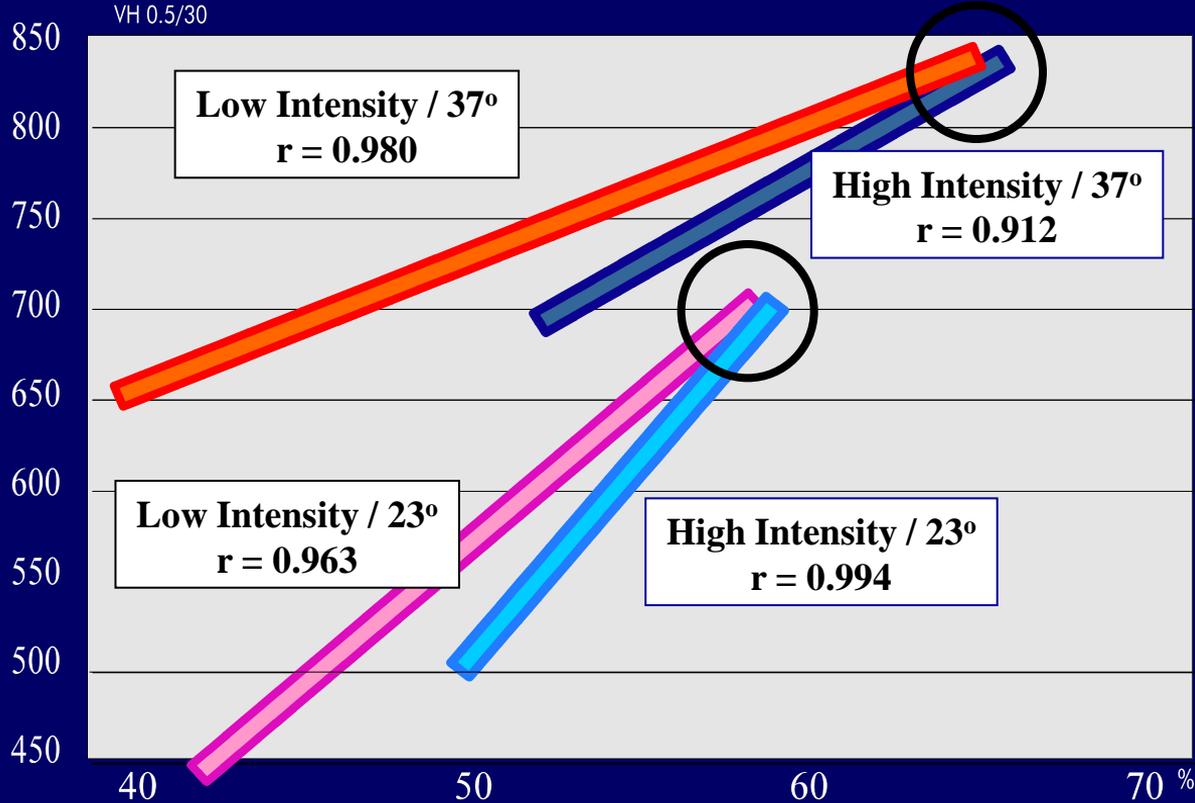
Kuerschner R, et.al. J Dent Res 1998

A few others determined that higher light intensity increases shrinkage stress

Reinhardt, Goracci, Unterbrink, Suh, Uno, Kanka, Sakaguchi, Mehl, Bouschlicher, Aarnts, Frommater, Ernst, Garcia-Godoy, Yoshikawa, Brand, Feng, Watts, Choi, Lahlsingh, Walker, Loesche, Matsutani, Glockner, Feilzer, Davidson

Maybe all of them are idiots

# Correlation of hardness and conversion rate



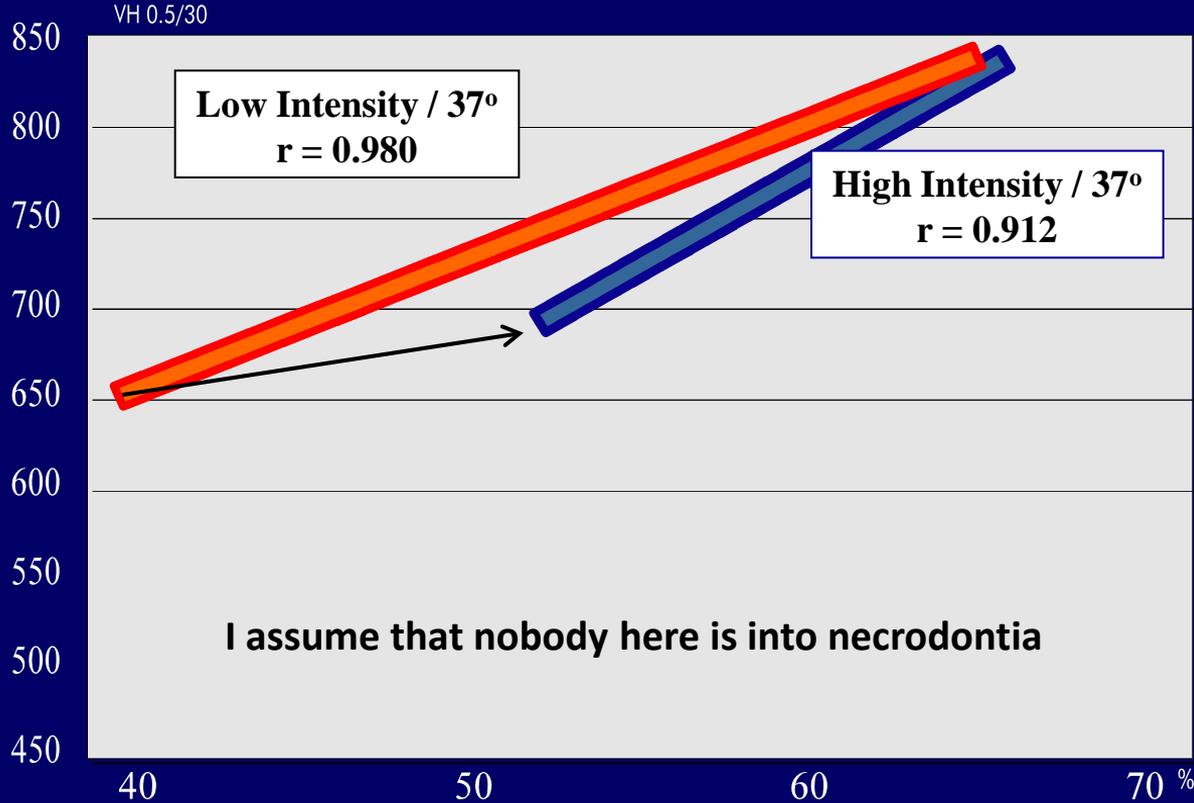
Low Intensity  
250 mW/cm<sup>2</sup>

"High" Intensity  
450 mW/cm<sup>2</sup>

Surface to 5 mm  
Argon atmosphere  
40 s curing time

Koran & Kuerschner  
American Journal of Dentistry 1998  
"Total energy dose"  
*only tested surface hardness  
and did not even consider  
postcure behavior*

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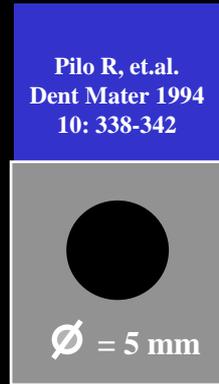
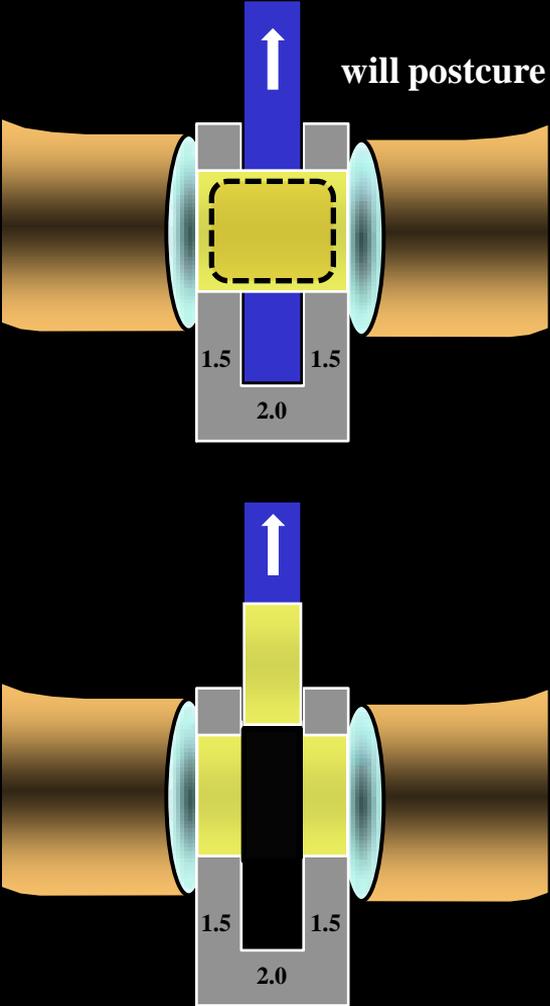


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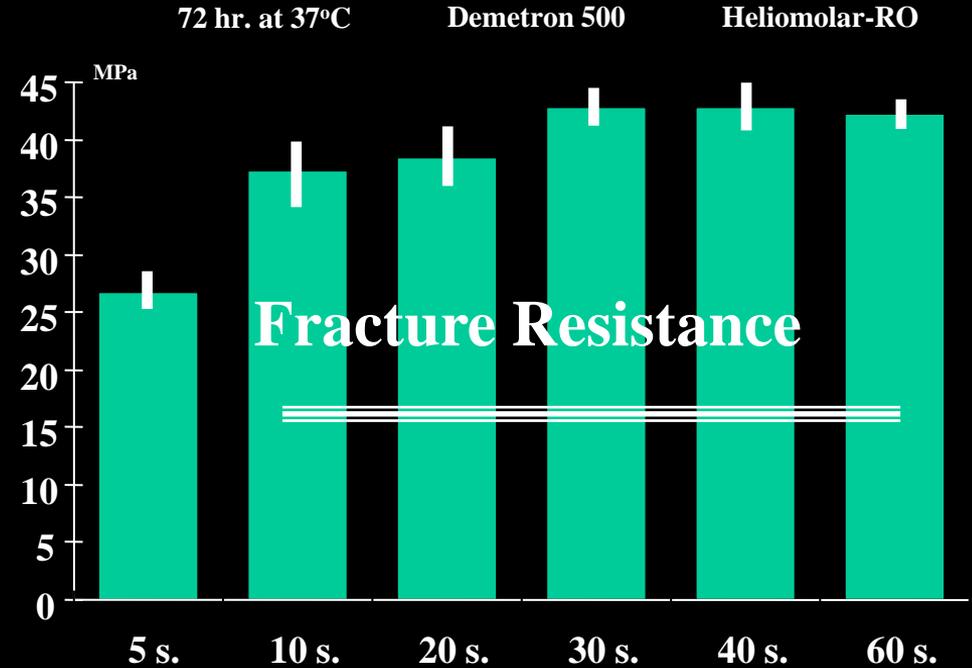
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**When there is no inhibition from oxygen light intensity has very little influence on the final hardness despite lower conversion**



## Fracture strength with variable curing times



Huge differences after primary curing  
become much smaller after post-curing

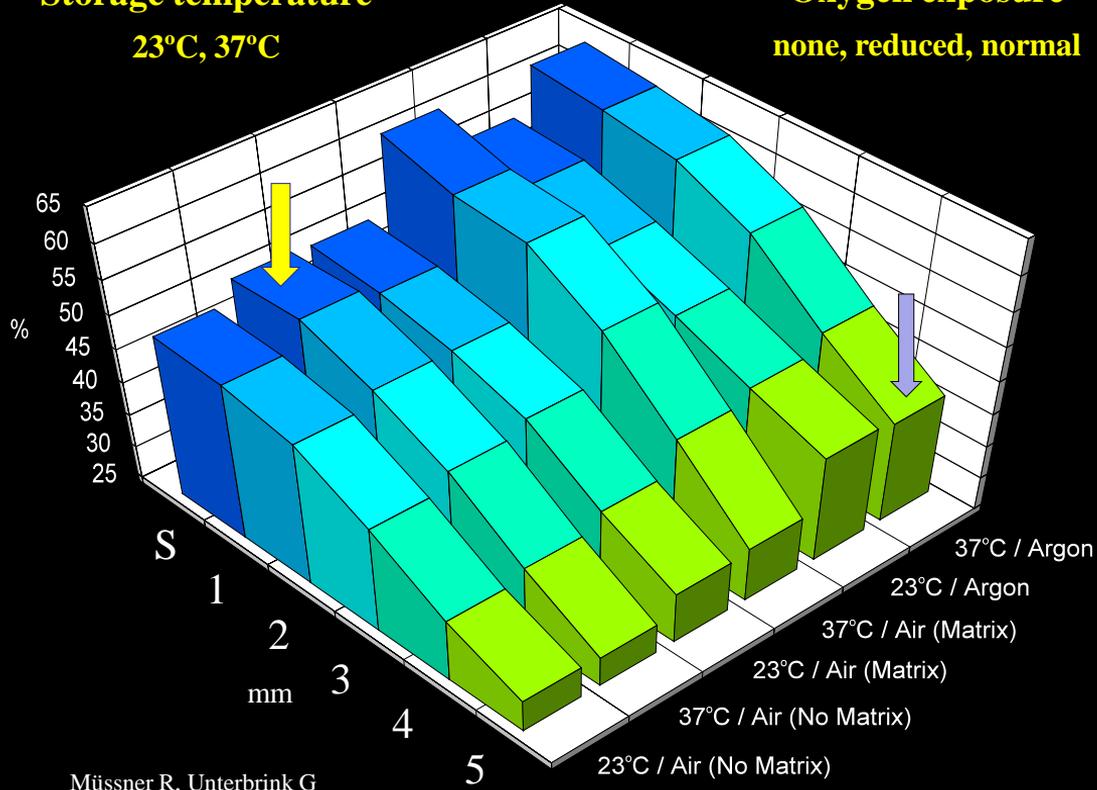
# Degree of Conversion

Storage temperature

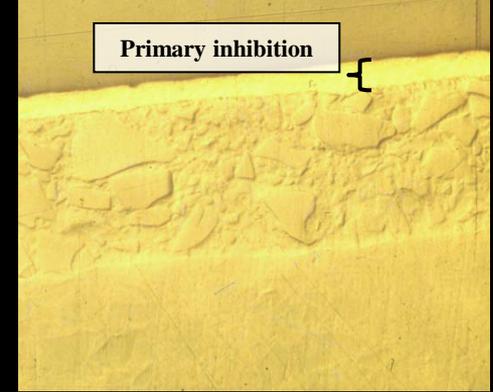
23°C, 37°C

Oxygen exposure

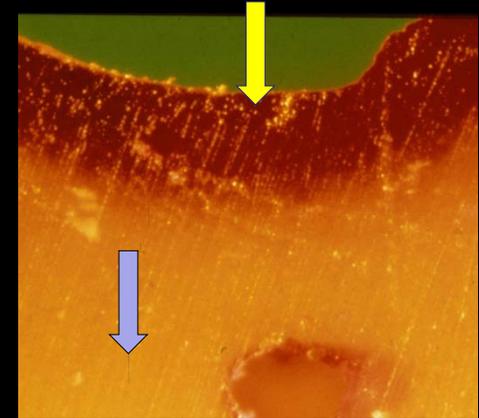
none, reduced, normal



Müssner R, Unterbrink G  
J Dent Res 1995



Secondary inhibition  
(inhibition of postcure)



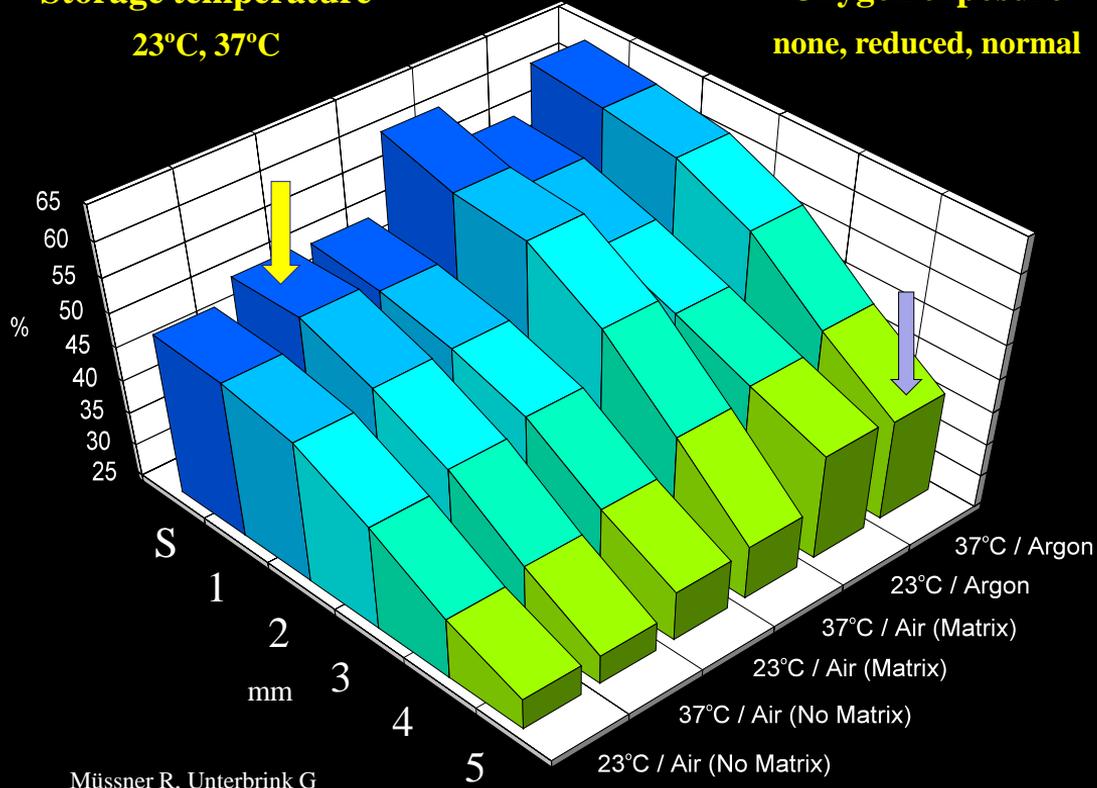
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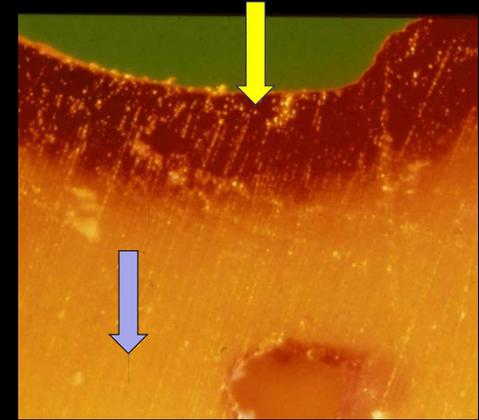
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FTIR samples  
are secondarily inhibited

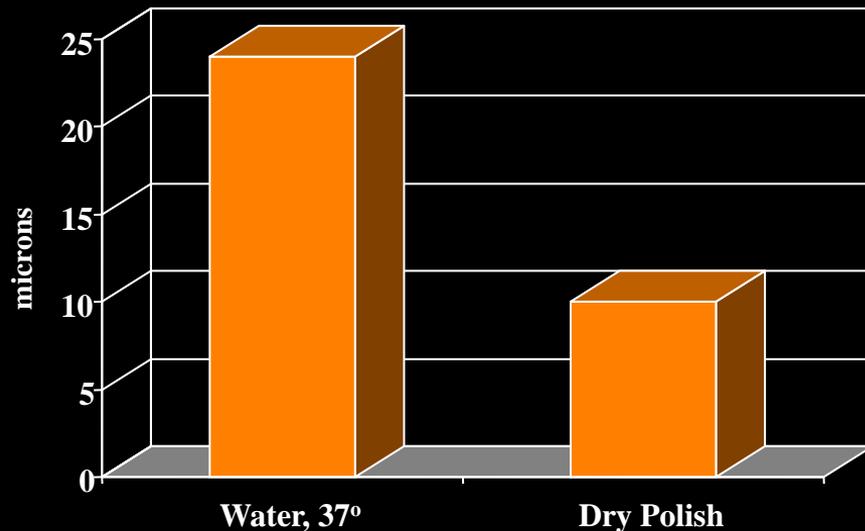


and dramatically exaggerate  
the effect of light intensity

**Only free surfaces  
are secondarily inhibited  
(inhibition of post-curing)**



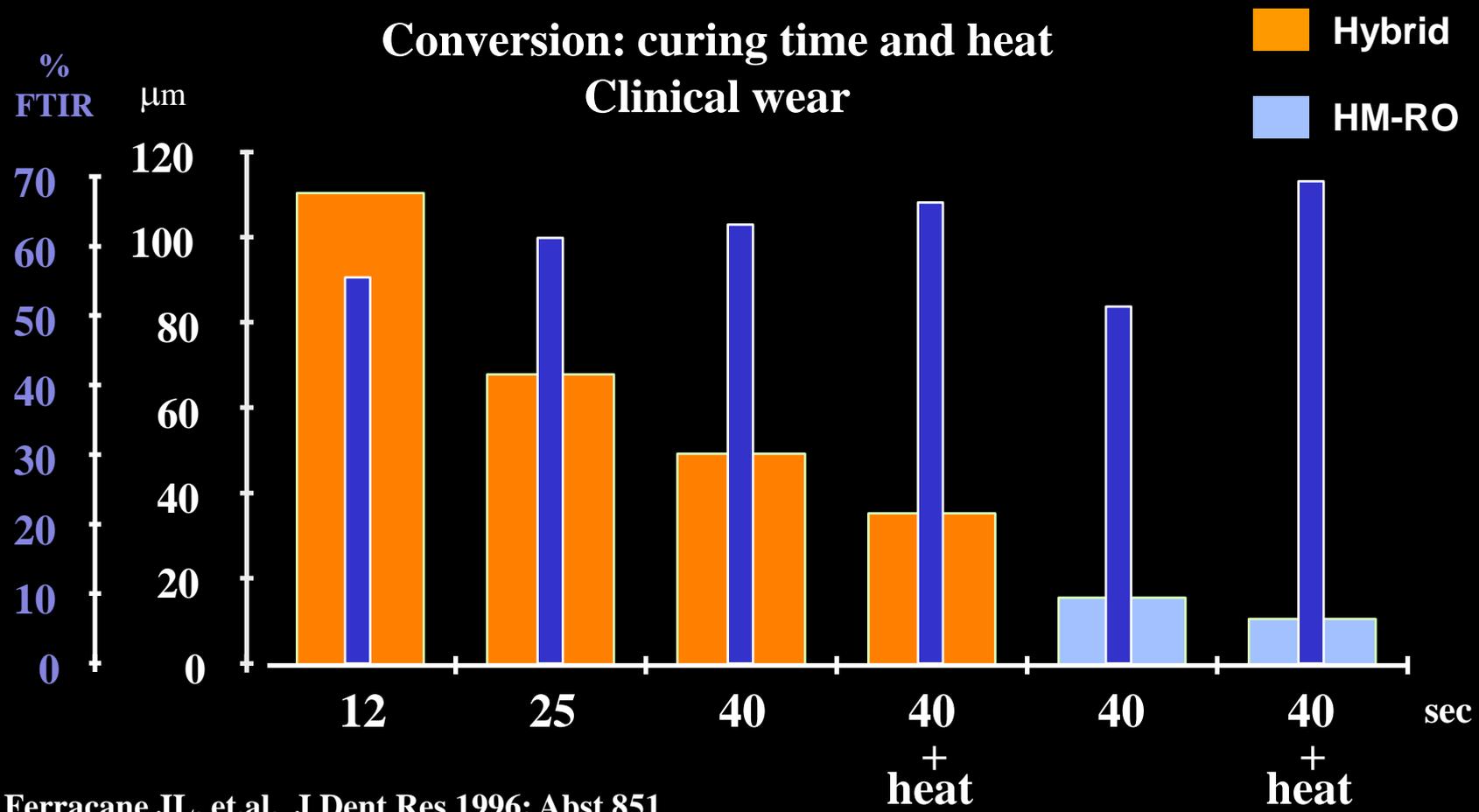
**Toothbrush Abrasion: 8 hours  
Dual Cement (microfilled composite)**



**Baseline temperature: 22° C  
Rubber point at 20,000 rpm, 10 gram**

**At 0.1 mm depth after 15 s: 80° C  
0.5 mm under surface: 25° C**

# Conversion: curing time and heat Clinical wear



Ferracane JL, et.al. J Dent Res 1996; Abst 851

13 microns in 3 years!

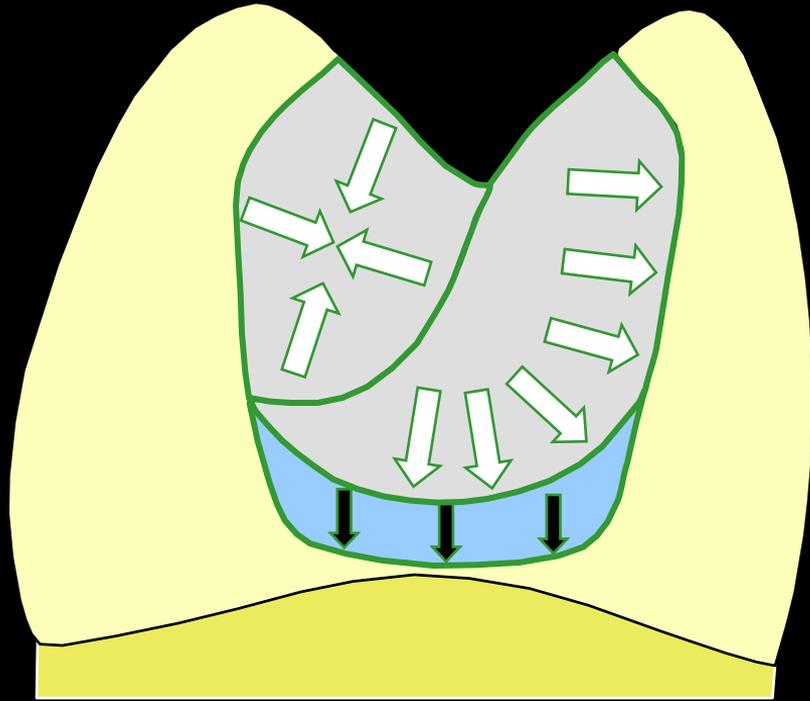
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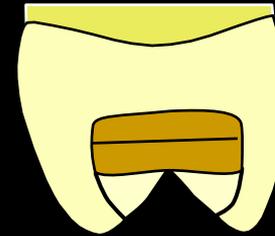
5 year clinical recall  
(shade intentionally incorrect)



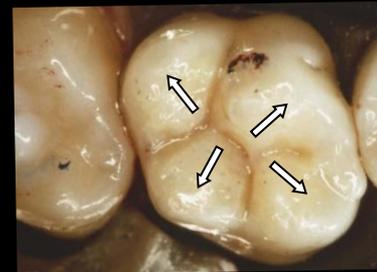
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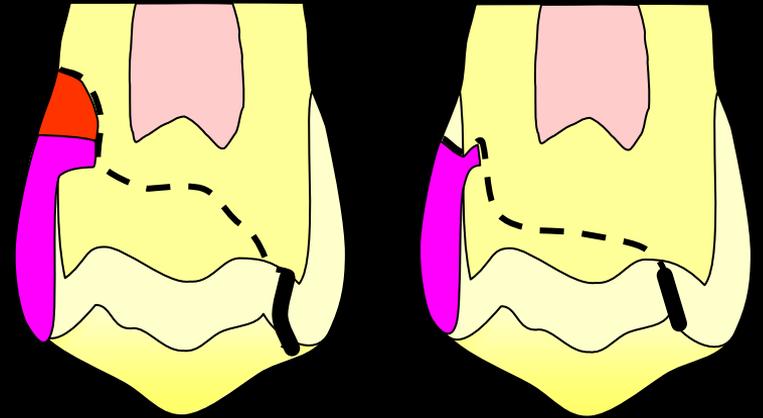
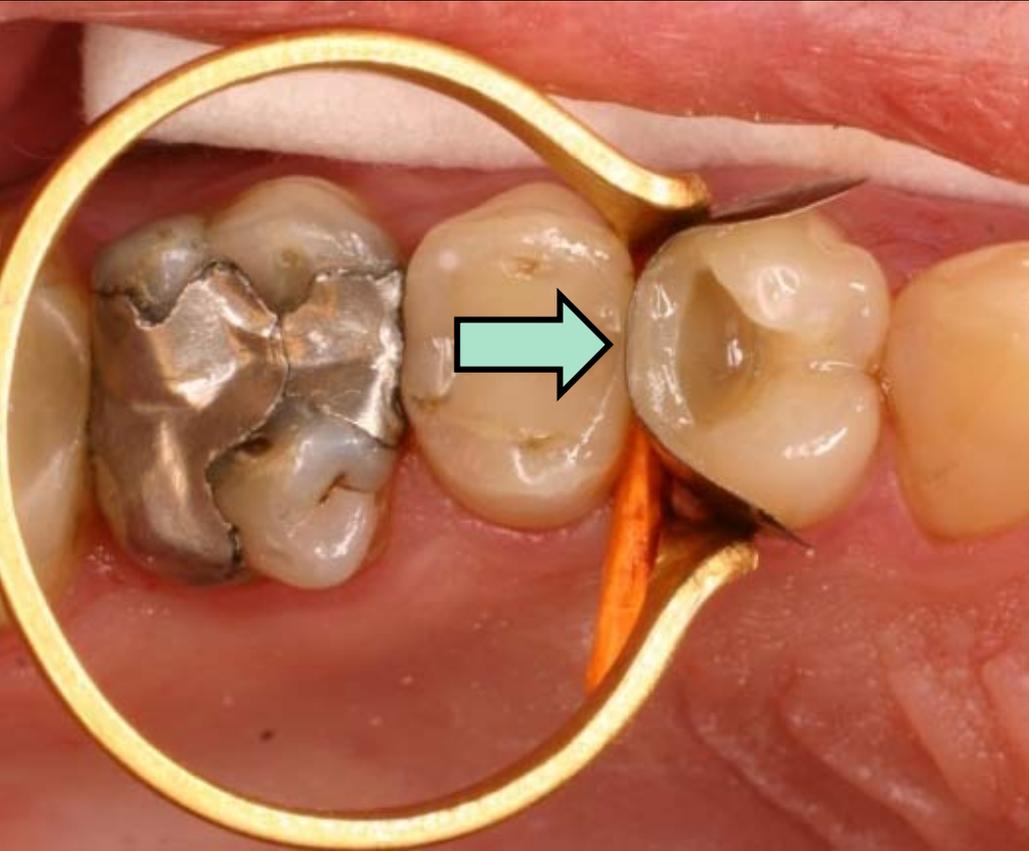
**Class 1: individual cusp technique**



**dentin layer(s)**  
**to level of fissure**  
**(or GIC)**



# Class 2 Centripital technique (outside in)

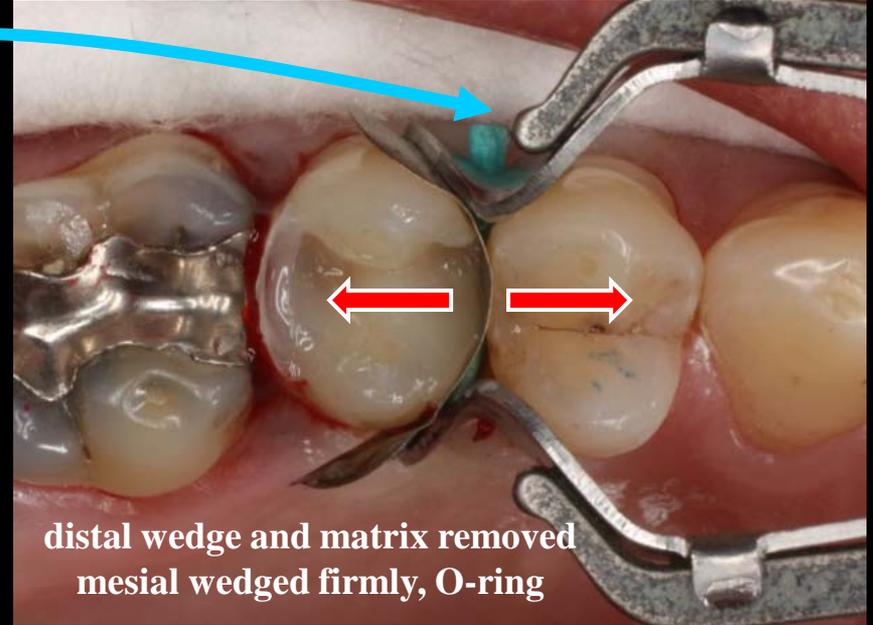
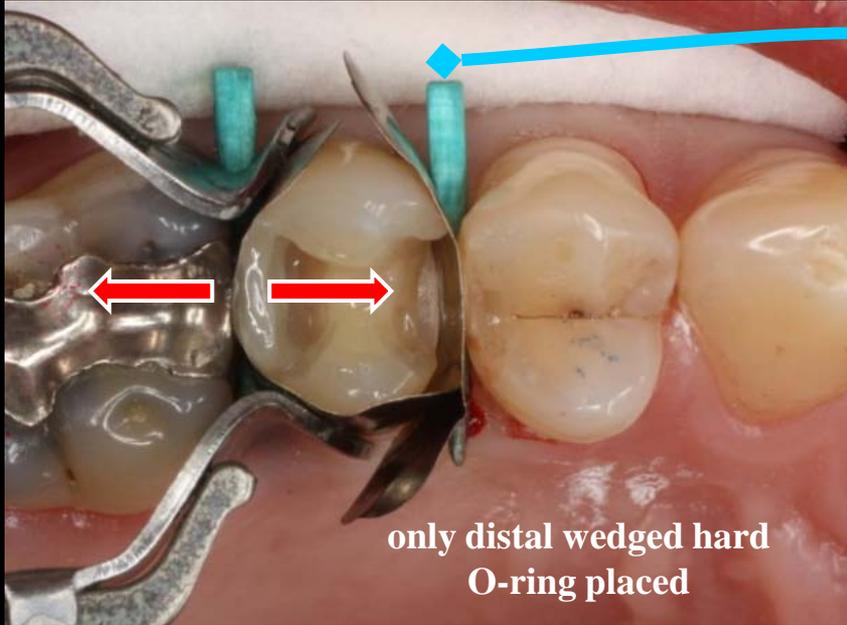


**thin layer applied against matrix**



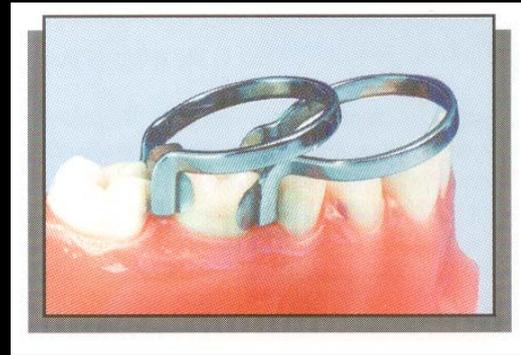
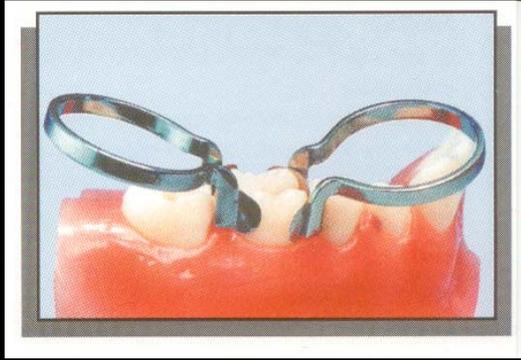
# Centripital Technique

MOD's, especially when I know it will bleed



Doing the entire restoration with a circumferential matrix or both sectional matrices in place frequently leads to light or open contacts

Wirsching E, et.al. J Dent 2009



or bond wedges with adjacent proximals

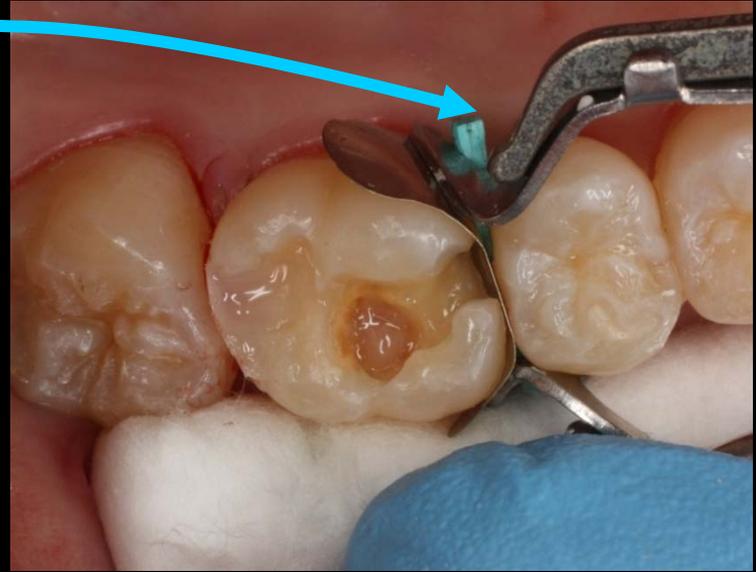


solution for contacts



**With MOD's  
I no longer place both rings at the same time**

## Distal then mesial



**Distal wedged hard and bonded,  
mesial wedged lightly**

**Remove distal matrix, wedge mesial firmly, O-ring**

## Limits?



**after removal  
of amalgam  
(most of it)**



**marginal  
finishing**



**finishing distal  
proximal margin**

**An indirect onlay would be better? but a crown would be worse**

**If remaining cervical  
wall thickness > 2 mm,  
you should not do a crown**

Krifka S, et.al. Oper Dent 2009



**etching enamel  
(self-etch adhesive)**

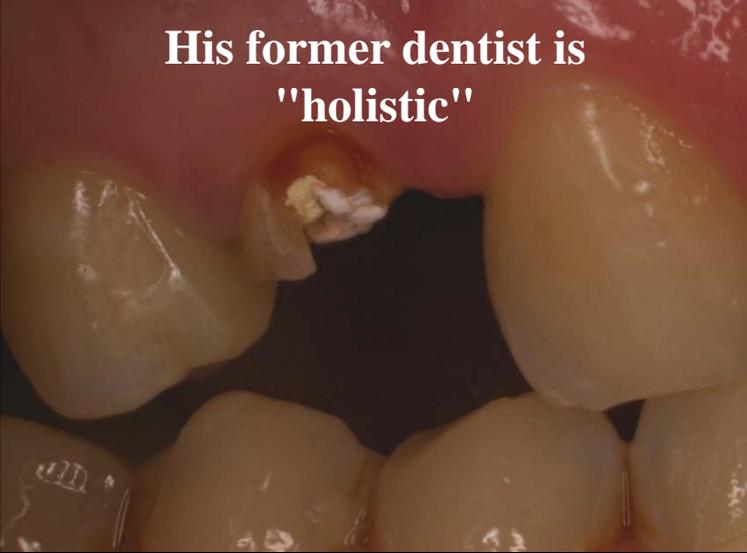


**Bond + flowable, then  
initial vertical layer(s)**



**final layer**

**His former dentist is  
"holistic"**



**22 year old male**

**Emergency: pain 14**

**The next appointment  
with his dentist was for  
extraction of 14, 16 and 46**

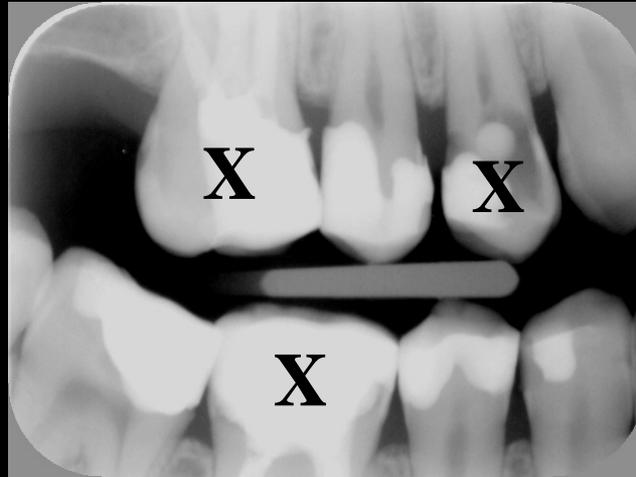
**had already extracted 24, 26, 27,  
35, 36 and 37 on the left side**

**The dentist's website**

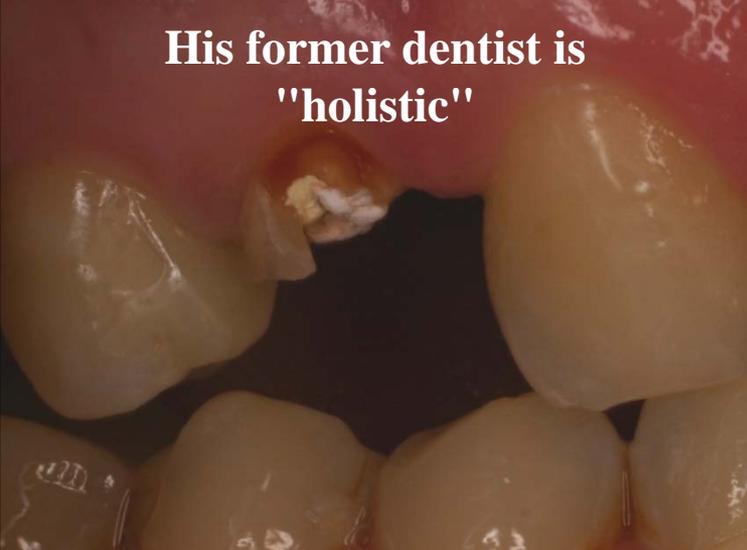
**Why would you want to keep  
something dead in your mouth?**

**Is enamel a living tissue?**

**Does ceramic respire?**



**His former dentist is  
"holistic"**



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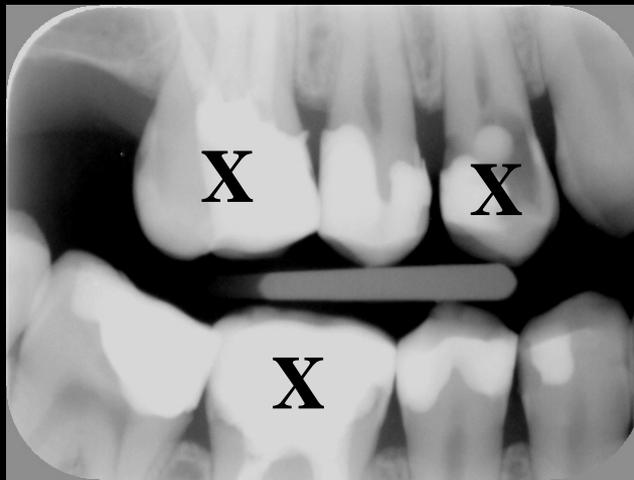


post preparation  
before obturation

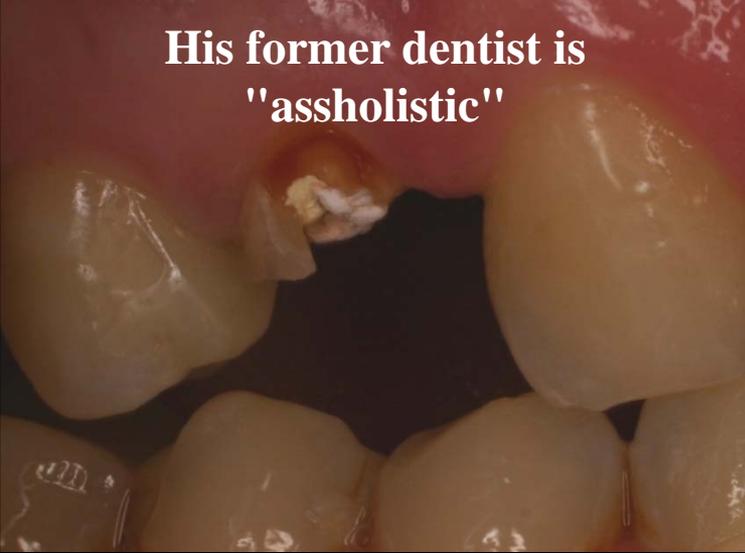
**The dentist's website**

**Why would you want to keep  
something dead in your mouth?**

**I don't know, maybe so that  
I can still chew my food.**



**His former dentist is  
"assholistic"**



**FRC posts 1.25 mm (buc+pal), Variolink-II, EvoCeram A2**

His former dentist is  
"assholistic"



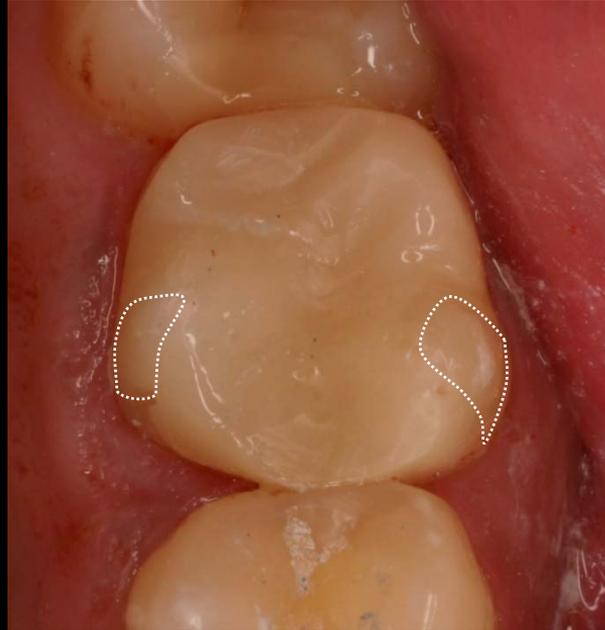
2 years



5 years



## Limits?



**Preparation is a compromise to simplify application technique**

**Thin cusps not reduced to provide a guide for modelling the occlusal anatomy**



**Ceramic inlay failed because of a stupid preparation**

**Inlays in general are not very sensible**

# **This is not easy dentistry**



**immediate**



**2 years**



**4.5 years**

**but it helps illustrate the quality  
of today's composites.**



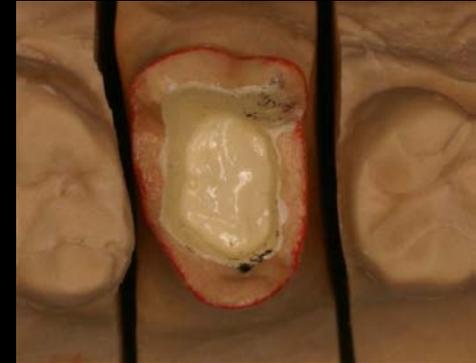
**In my opinion, crowning this tooth would be even dumber**



**the first layers must be done without a matrix**



**46 direct composite**



**Preparation Indirect  
"Monoblock"**





## **Conventional dentistry**

**Patient requested  
recementation of  
her "new" crown.**

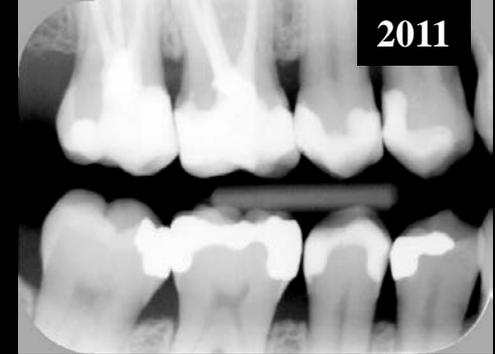
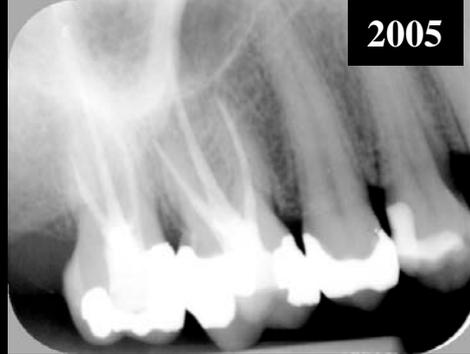
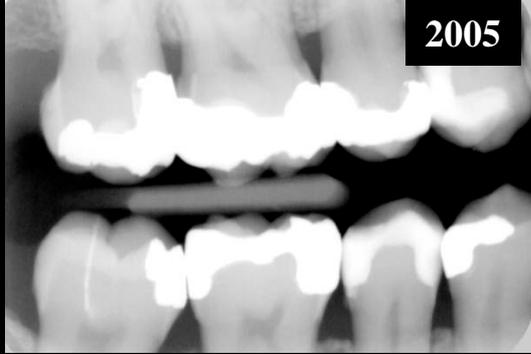
**Refused extraction  
to wait for her dentist  
to return from vacation.**



**A tapered metal post?  
Only a threaded post is worse!**

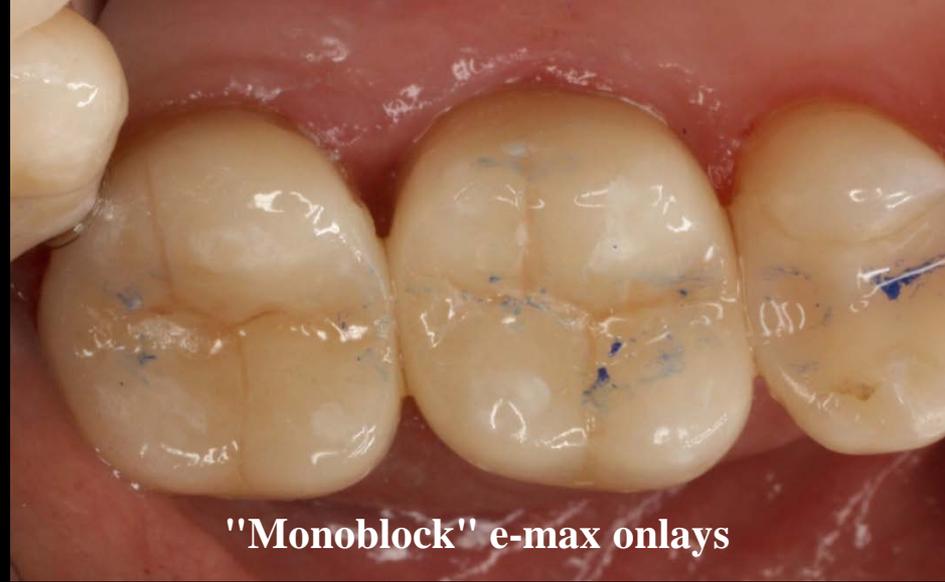
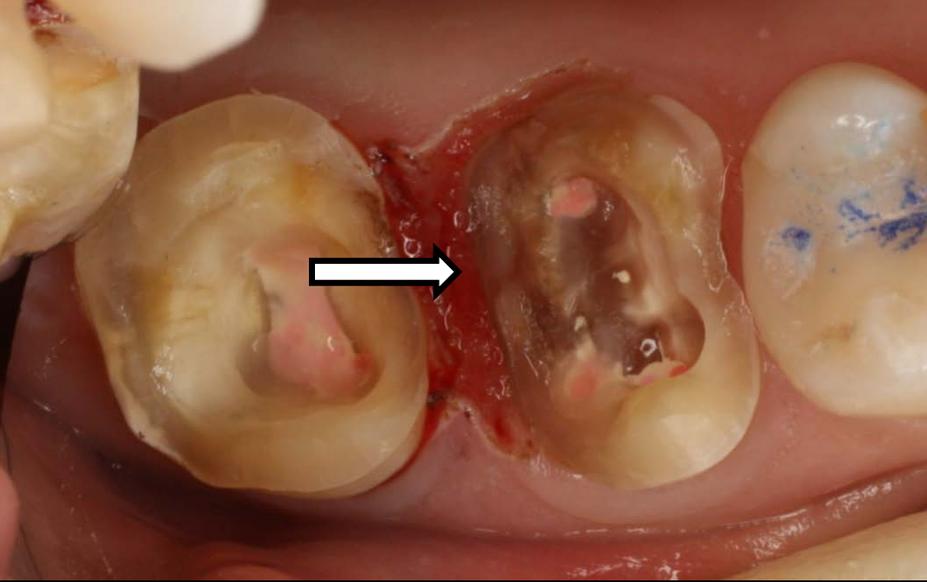
**"He must be incompetent if he can't even recement a crown."**

**Conventional crowns: failure rates without ferrule ca. 800% higher  
Sorensen JA, Engelmann MJ. J Prosthetic Dent 1990**



**Endodontics and large composites in 2005. palatal caries on 16 in 2011. Her marriage had eliminated all financial problems. Time for crowns?**





"Monoblock" e-max onlays

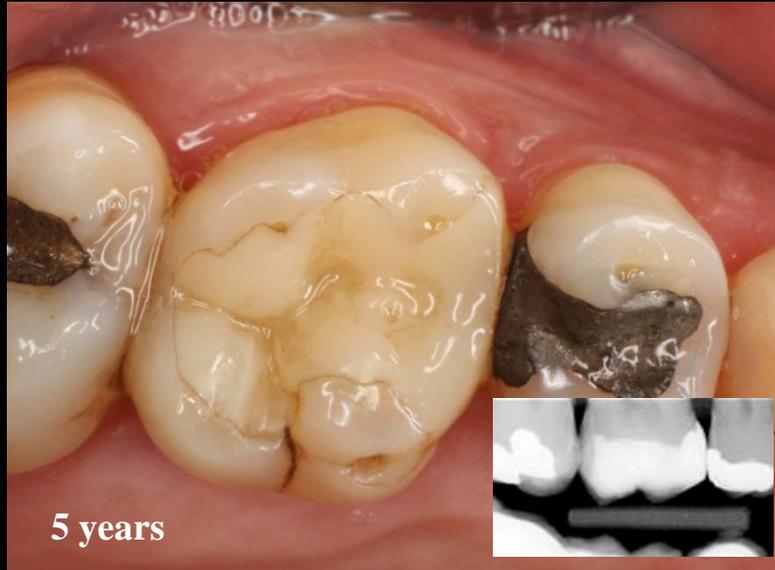
**Margin inaccessible with floss. The first molar must be cemented first!**

**An FRC post and core + crown for the first molar is an option, but not for the second molar.**



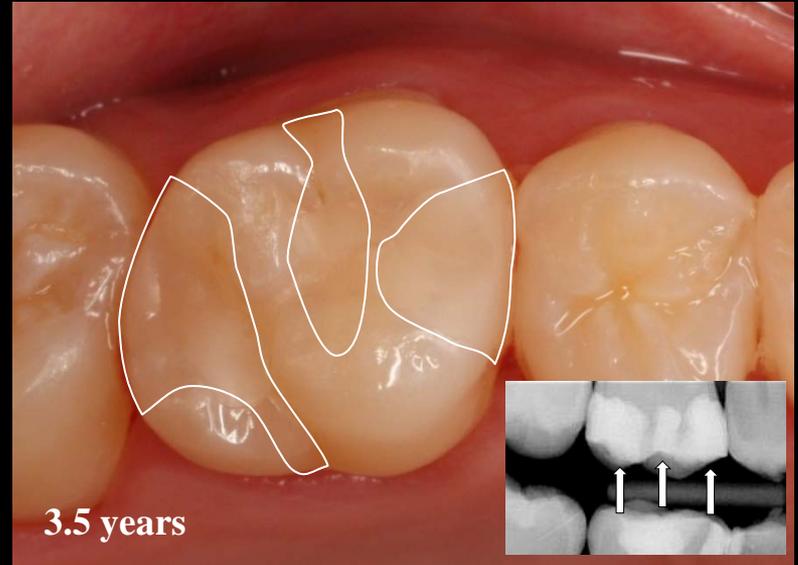
Resistance form

## We will always see changes over time: risk analysis



**This patient smokes, bruxes,  
and has  $\pm$  hygiene**

**Previously restored with amalgam,  
I made compromises with the preparation**



**Does not smoke or brux,  
good hygiene**

**Actually three separate composites  
(reduces cusp flexure from occlusal load)**



**Maxillary molars: save as much of the oblique marginal ridge as possible**



**Why do we see so many composites that look like this?**



**Poor preparation technique, inferior materials, contamination?**

# How long has the MOD restoration in 36 been in function?



**Replacement due to post-op sensitivity  
(and the patient had to pay me also)**



# Political Axis of Evil

North Korea

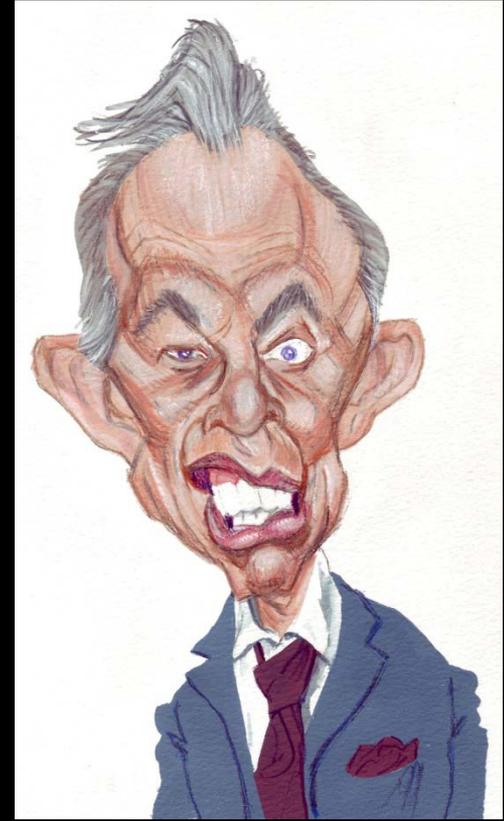
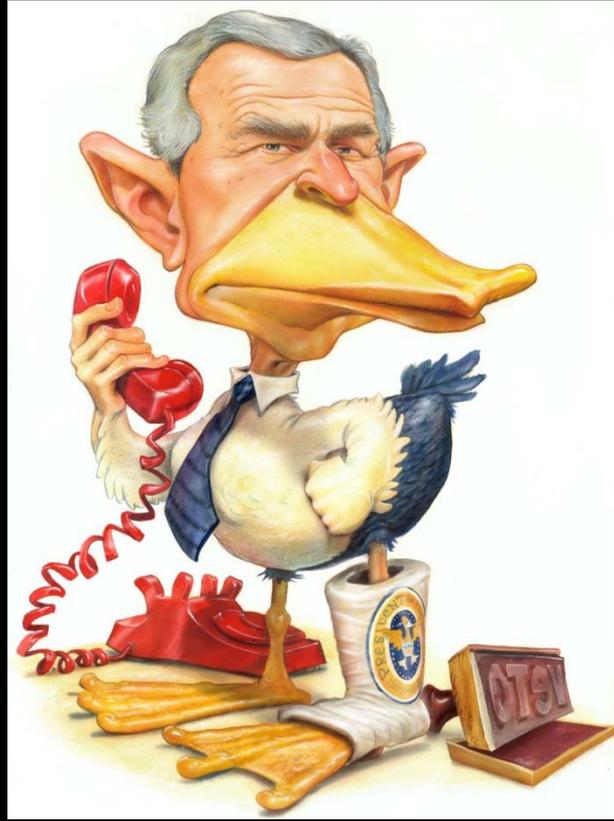
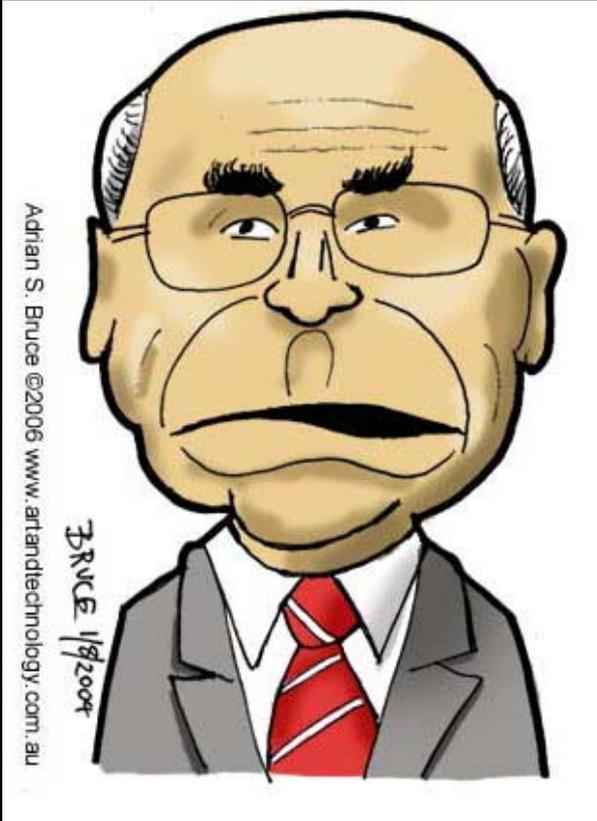
Iraq

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# Political Axis of Evil II

other political opinions may be equally valid





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# Dental Axis of Evil

lecturers

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Iran





**They pay very  
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restorative dentistry**



# Dental Axis of Evil

**lecturers  
insurance  
Iran**





the good, the bad, and the ugly

# Dental Axis of Evil

lecturers  
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companies



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A collage of dental product images, including boxes of BOND, QUIX FIL, and Maxcort Elite. A large red overlay with white text reads "FAST and EASY". Below this, a smaller white box contains the text "Fast and easy is fine, except when they are combined with bad".



the really ugly

# Dental Axis of Evil

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A collage of dental products and promotional text. The text "FAST and EASY" is prominently displayed in large white letters on a red background. Below it, a banner reads "Sponsor a lecturer who is ignorant or will lie for you". The collage includes images of dental products such as "QUIX FIL", "BOND", "Maxcem Elite", and "Evident".

# Indirect Restorations



**Inlay indications are limited (whether gold, ceramic, or composite)  
< 60% of ICD: direct composite,  
> 70% of ICD: adhesive onlay and not an inlay.**



**The "Robin Hood" indication for inlays**

**Rich patients when your bank account is empty**

**Direct composite placed in 2007 (first molar)  
Inlay done in 2010 in Singapore (second molar)**



**When I removed the rest of the inlay.**

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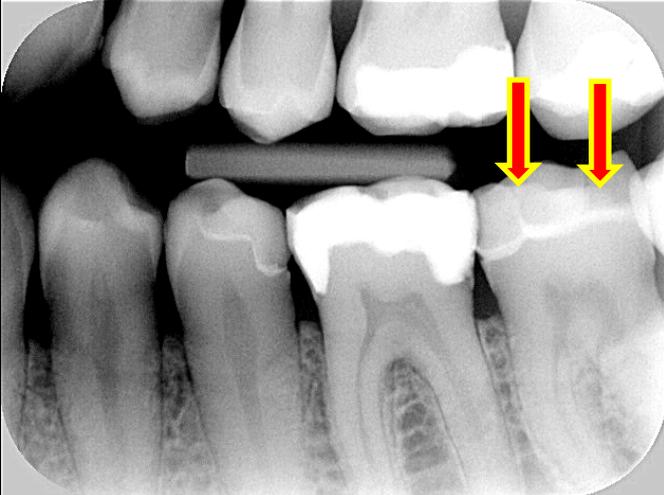
left 2007 and 2012

Two vertical fractures  
demands preparation of OM



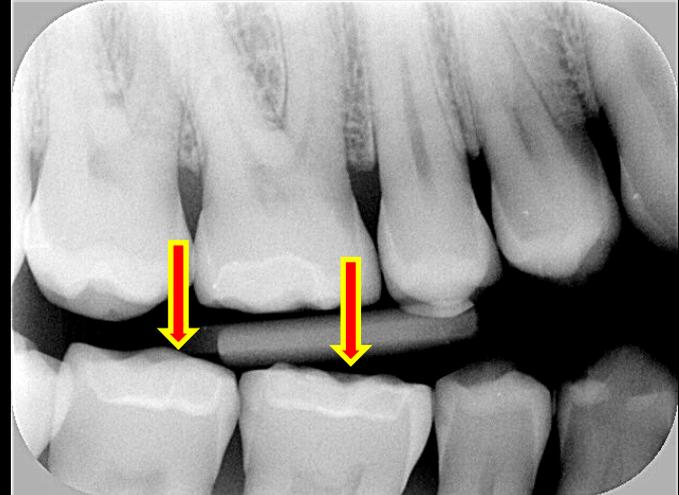
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left 2007 and 2012

These inlays fractured  
before or during cementation



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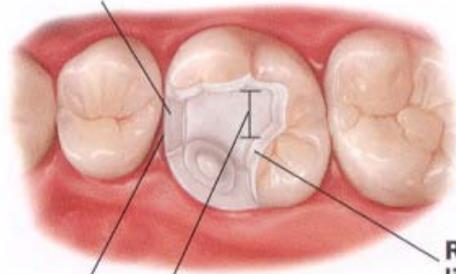


If we are not replacing an old crown,  
we usually do not have to do the first one.



### ONLAY PREPARATION FOR IDIOTS

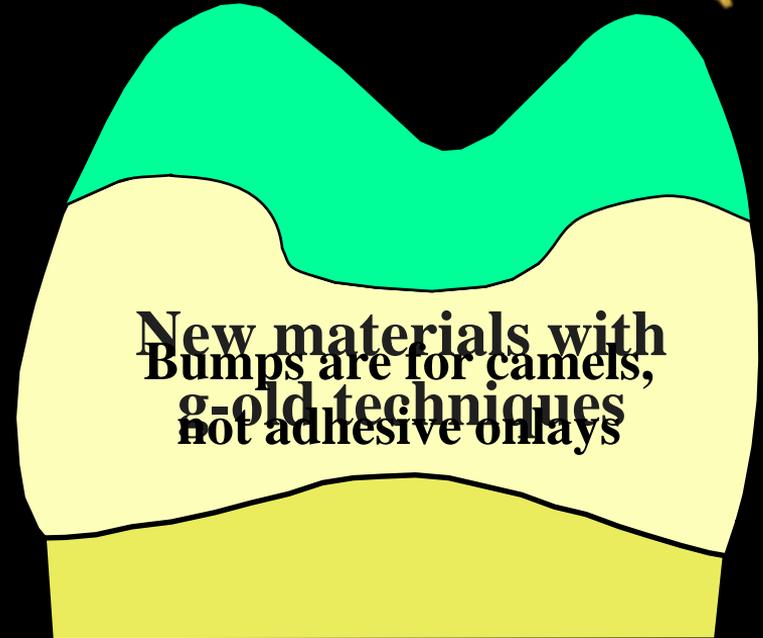
1.0-mm- to 1.5-mm-  
wide gingival floor



Rounded internal  
line angles

Butt joint  
margin

1.5-mm to 2.0-mm  
isthmus width



New materials with  
Bumps are for camels,  
g-old techniques  
not adhesive onlays

Ceramic onlays are frequently easier and certainly better



## Posterior teeth

if buccal and lingual  
enamel is intact  
and cervically  $> 2$  mm

**a crown is  
never indicated!**

In general,  
do an onlay  
when margins are  
near the cusp tips  
(depends also on occlusion)

**Would you think about crowning this tooth?**



**Failure rates are lower than with metal ceramic crowns!**

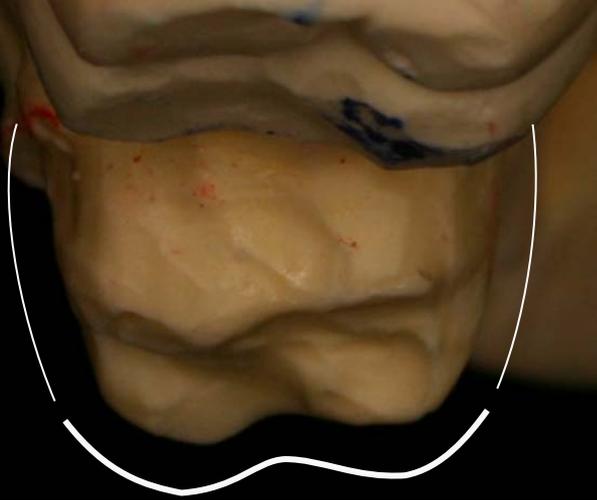
<b>Kraemer</b>	<b>8 yrs</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>1.0%<sup>1</sup></b>
<b>Proebster</b>	<b>5 yrs</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>0.6%<sup>1</sup></b>
<b>Guess</b>	<b>3 yrs</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>1.0%<sup>1</sup></b>
<b>Edelhoff</b>	<b>5 yrs</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>0.4%*</b>
<b>Guess</b>	<b>3 yrs</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>0.4%*</b>

<sup>1</sup> Empress      \* E-max press

## Replacement of metal-ceramic crown

If the margins are easily accessible,  
and there was minimal axial reduction,  
(anatomic occlusal reduction still possible)

Adhesive full ceramic is my choice



Deep subgingival margins or previously overreduced axial walls?

**Metal ceramic is the best option (not zirconia).**

# Zirconia demonstrates stress corrosion like all ceramics

	initial	stressed	
<b>Polished</b>	<b>1208 ± 97</b>	<b>748 ± 88</b>	<b>-38%</b>
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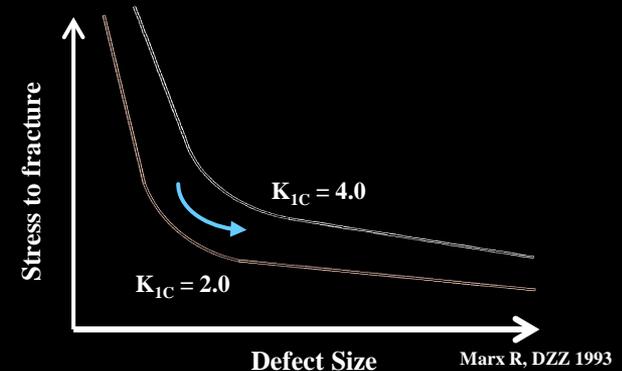
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## Flexural strength

**$K_{IC}$ : fracture toughness**  
(relates strength to defect size)

**"n": slow crack growth coefficient**  
(susceptibility to hydrolysis)

## Acid solubility



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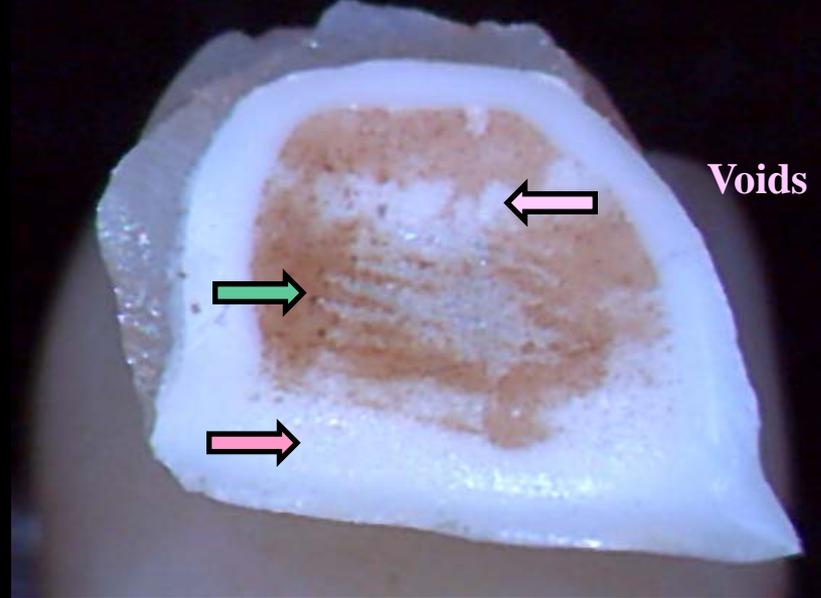
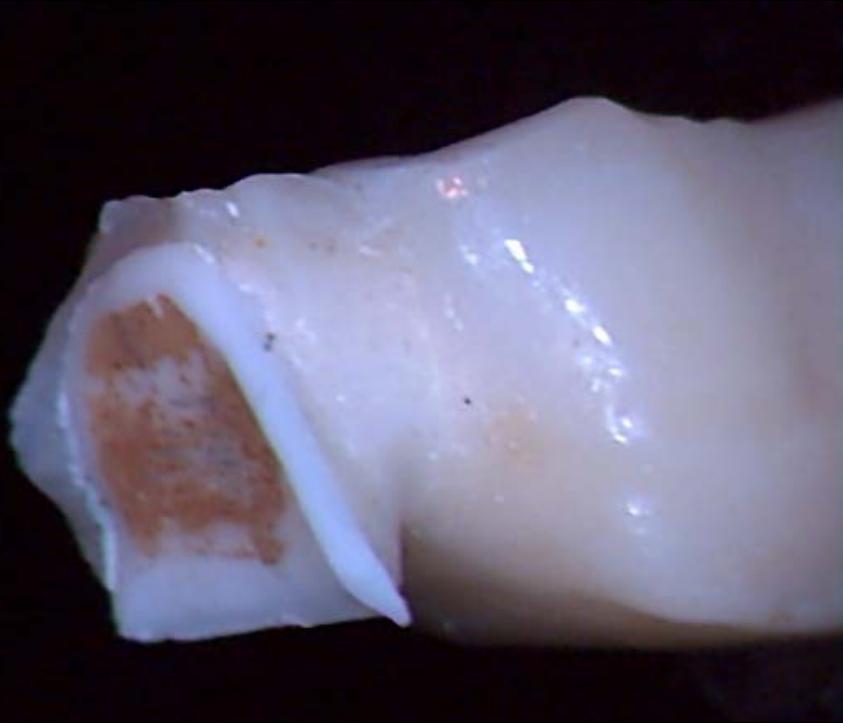
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**Internal adjustment at the cementation appointment  
and a hydrophilic cement give you this strength!**

Anyone who calls zirconia "white steel"  
should be banned from lecturing for their entire life.



**A "full-arch" FDP cemented about four years earlier  
(multiple veneer fractures prior to this framework fracture)**



**This brown stuff is the cement.  
At the margins the cement had dissolved.  
The scratches are from a blunt spatula.**

# Correct use of conventional cements; glass ionomer or zinc oxyphosphate

Maintain isolation during initial setting: ca. 10 minutes (high solubility)

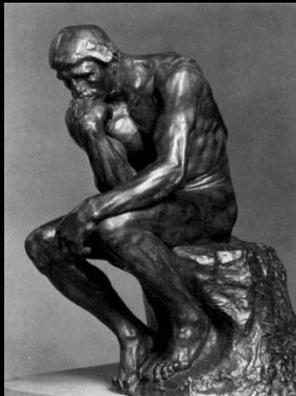
Wait an additional 5-10 minutes before checking occlusion (cement is still very weak)

Tooth Colored Restorations: Harry Albers

The technique is easy,



but not fast if done correctly.



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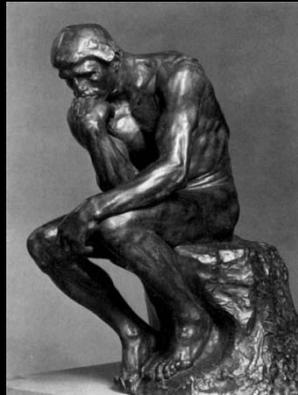
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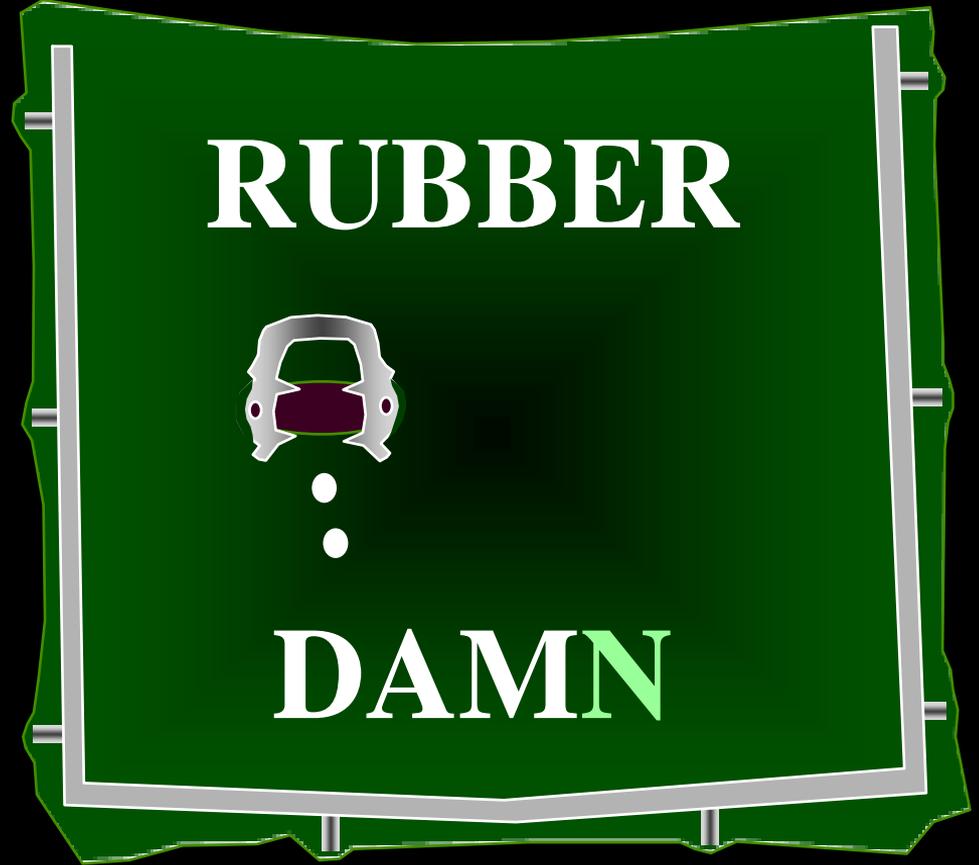
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Any wonder that failures like this occur?

The reason is the solubility of the cement!



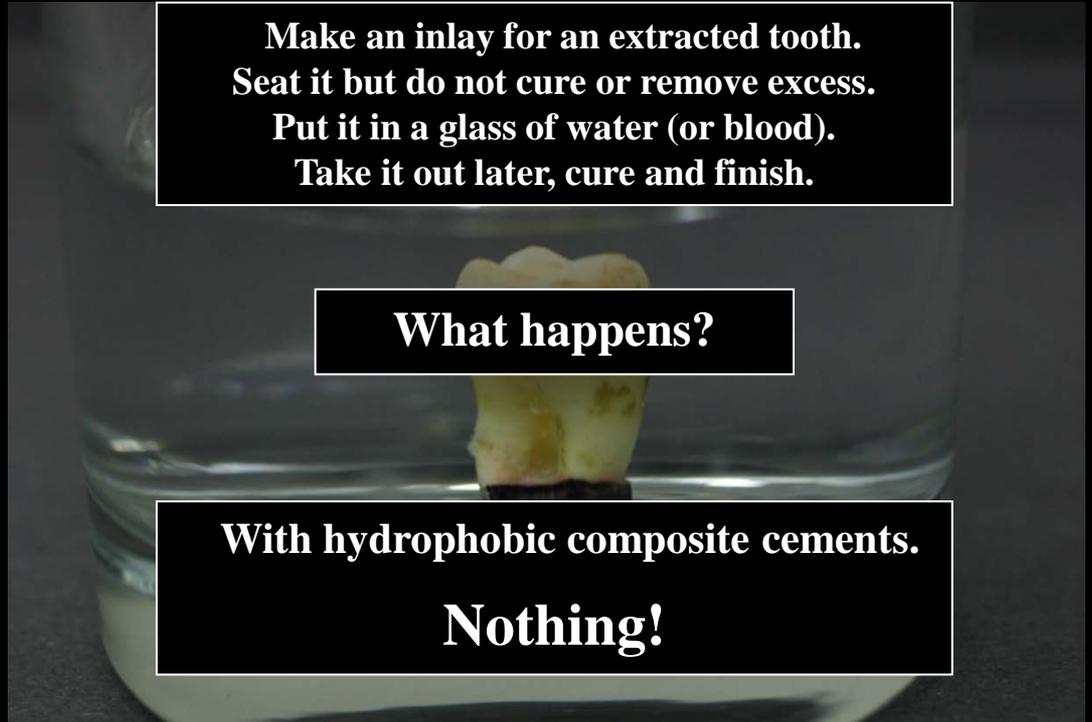
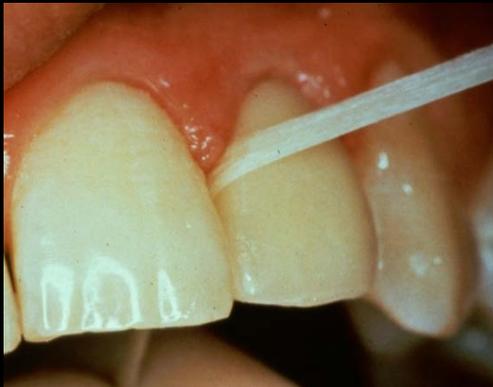


**Anyone who tells you that you cannot do adhesive dentistry  
without rubber dam is an idiot**

# Contamination with blood or saliva during cementation?



The only critical time is between etching and seating (two minutes)



**Make an inlay for an extracted tooth.  
Seat it but do not cure or remove excess.  
Put it in a glass of water (or blood).  
Take it out later, cure and finish.**

**What happens?**

**With hydrophobic composite cements.  
Nothing!**

**With conventional cements this is a problem!**



**Patient came immediately after fracture.  
I did not do anything but wash off the blood.**

**Where is the cement?**

**Yes, it took more than ten years,  
but the decision to use a conventional cement  
(and a tapered metal post) led to extraction.**

**Zirconia: a classic case of substitution marketing  
(do everything the same but with zirconia instead of metal)**

**What kind of dentists are cementing zirconia with conventional cements?**

**OLD FASHIONED ONES**  
*making believe they are modern?*

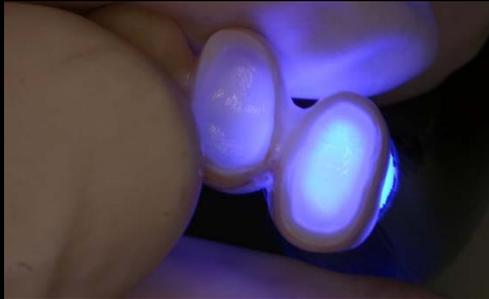


**OR**

**BRAIN DEAD**



# Adhesive cementation increases strength and reduces stress corrosion



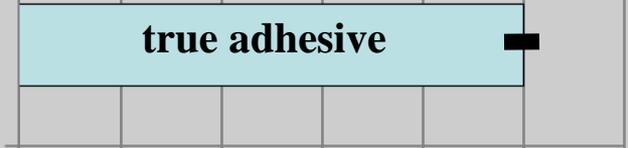
## Zirconium crowns: Fracture strength

Rely X Unicem



self-adhesive

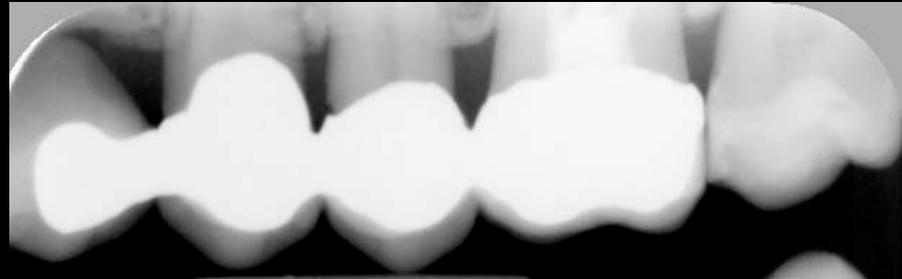
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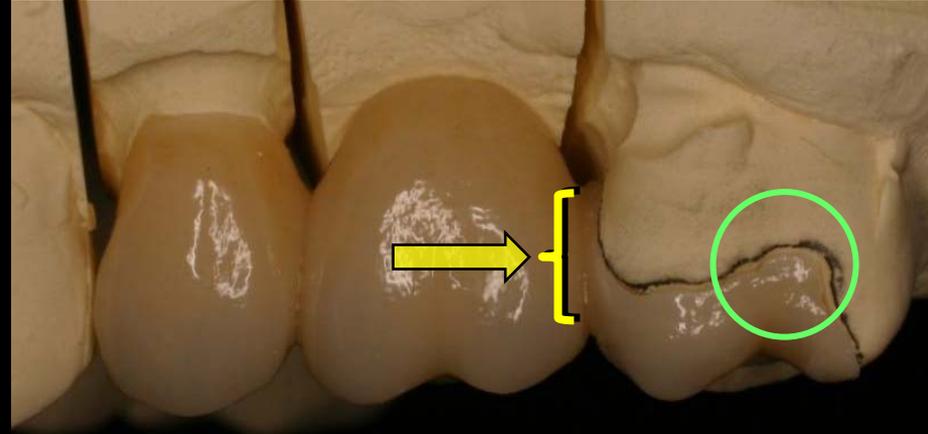
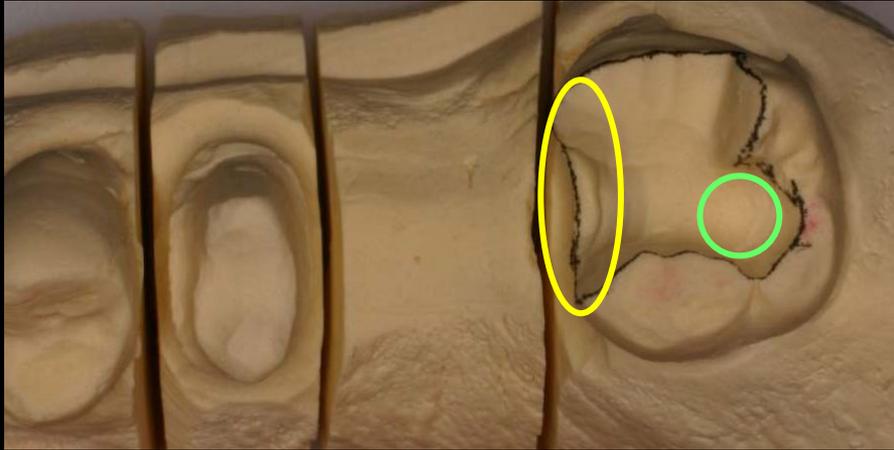
true adhesive

Goebel R, et.al.  
Q Zahntech 2009

0 200 400 600 800 1000 1200



**Implant suggested, patient decided on metal-free FPD  
Distal connector fracture is primary risk factor**



**Adequate connector dimension**

**Partial crowns**

**Deeper preparation distal (resistance form)**

(Yes, I know zirconium is a metal)





3 years



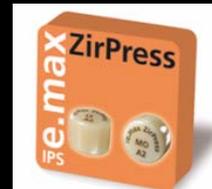
## ZirPress

**high strength, good aesthetics,  
and bondable!**

**ZirPress ca. 50% stronger than  
seven competitive products.**

Stawarczyk B, et.al. J Dent Res 2010

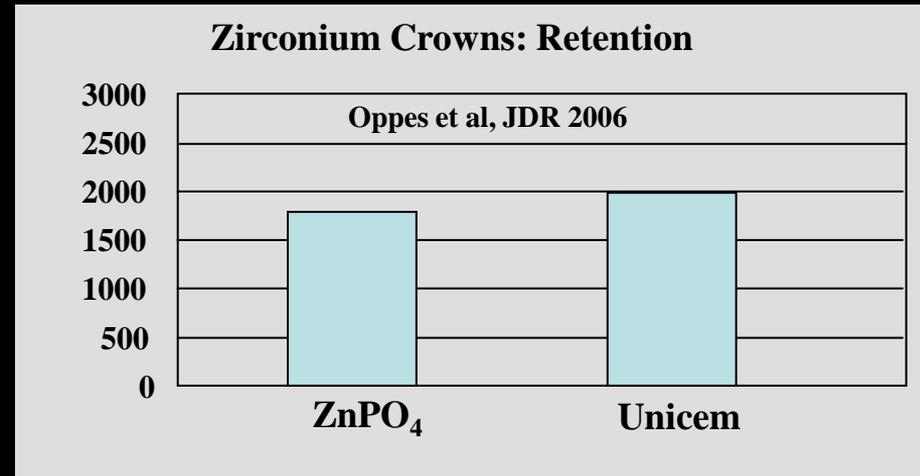
**Lower "chipping" rates  
in clinical studies with  
pressed veneering ceramics.**



**CAD-ON  
might be better**

# Loss of retention of a metal-ceramic crown: vital tooth. Can you get enough mechanical retention for conventional cementation?

What about RMGI or self-adhesive cements?



**Fatigue performance of gold crowns luted with resin cements.  
Calibra = C+B Opaque > Panavia F > Rely X Unicem = Zinc Oxyphosphate**

Uv JN, et.al. J Prosthet Dent. 2006

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## Indication

full coverage crowns  
with adequate mechanical retention  
and good accuracy

(in these cases, they are better than conventional cements)



Prepare subgingivally?  
Surgical crown lengthening?  
Elective endodontics and post?  
Hope the patient moves?



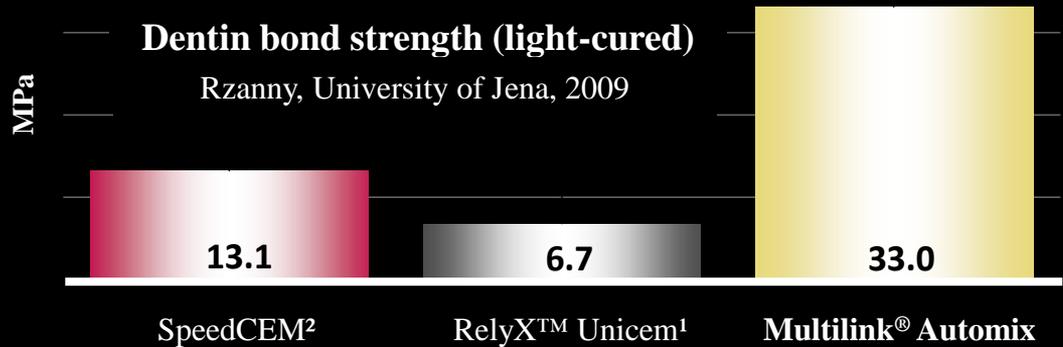
How many crowns do you do for low caries risk patients?

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## What about RMGI or self-adhesive cements?



Clinical technique for all three is similar:  
brief cure and fracture off the excess.

Why accept the lower bond strength?

Multilink:  $26.6 \pm 9.0$   
G-cem:  $3.8 \pm 3.4$

Ritter R, et.al. J Dent Res 2010

**Adhesive cementation reduces all of the risks.**

**Yes, you do need an adhesive and a silane. This takes about three minutes.**



**The rest of the technique saves you at least fifteen minutes!**



**No waiting on initial setting: brief cure, remove excess, finish curing.**

**No requirement for long isolation; low solubility immediately.**

**No risk when checking occlusion; very high early strength.**

**Significantly better retention.**

**Hydrophobic: helps prevent stress corrosion / long-term fractures.**

**Bonded gingival increment prior to impression  
(could not get floss below margin)**



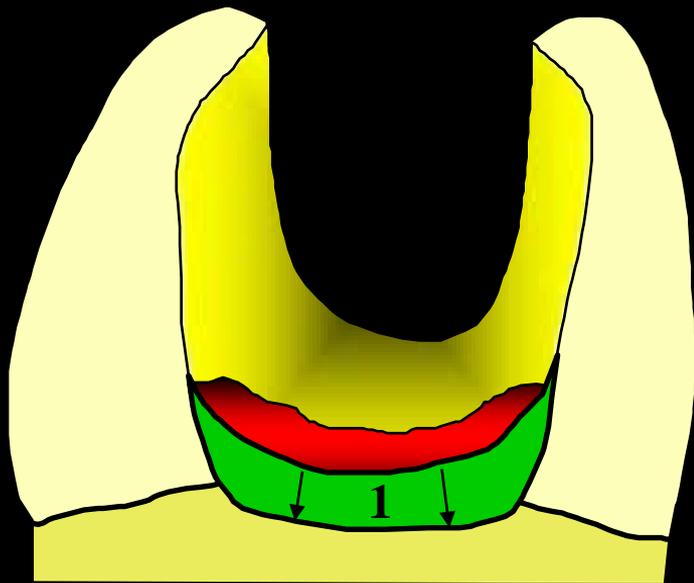
**Time for bond maturation and completion of shrinkage**

**Bond of composite cement to gingival increment  
depends on free radical decay, i.e. time**

**(A technique I suggested for Cerec in the early 1990's)**

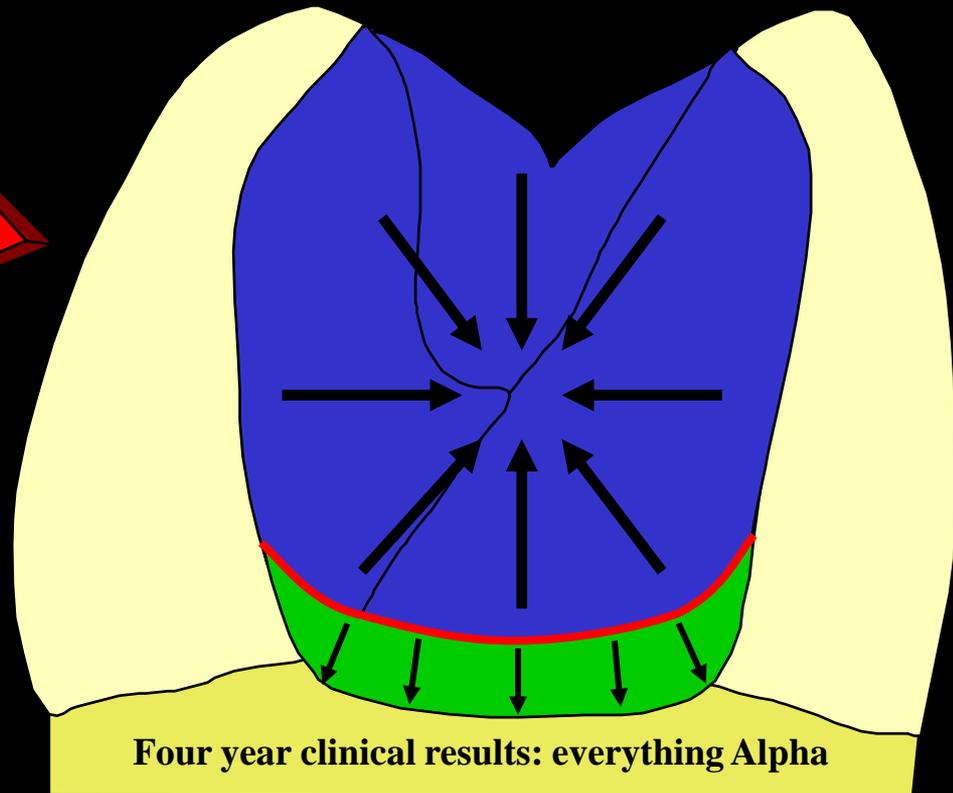
# Decoupling Technique

T Cowan, G Unterbrink, NHF Wilson. J Dent 1996



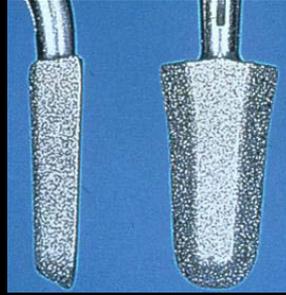
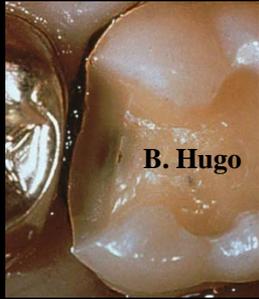
Application of  
"temporary separator"  
on gingival layer

Dentin Adhesit  
polyurethane varnish catalysed by water  
with setting expansion



Four year clinical results: everything Alpha

**No matter which cement you use,  
the requirements for a good result are the same.**



**A clear and sharp  
preparation margin  
and an accurate  
impression!**



**207 publications about dentist/technician cooperation during the last 30 years**

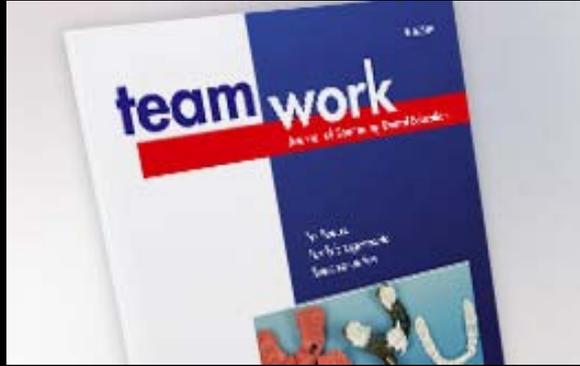
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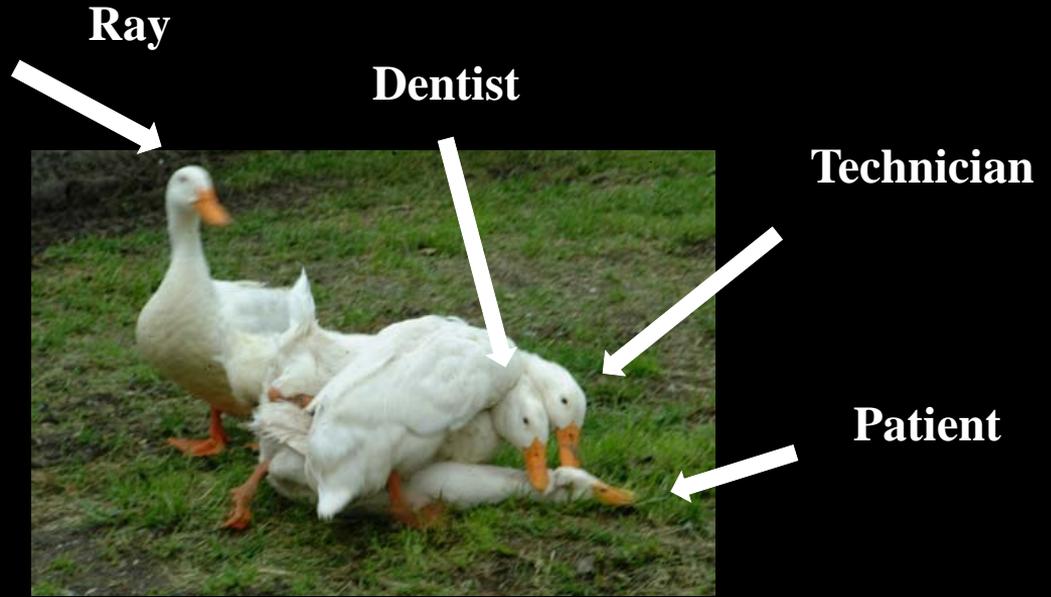
**Laboratory Evaluation**

**30% of impressions absolutely unusable**

**80% of models with at least one preparation with unclear margins**

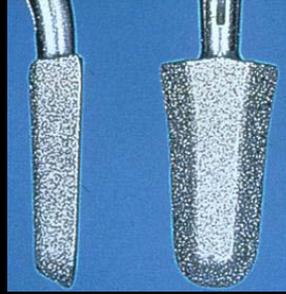
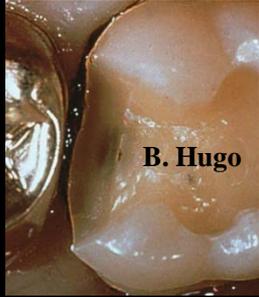


**How does it really look with dentist/technician cooperation?**

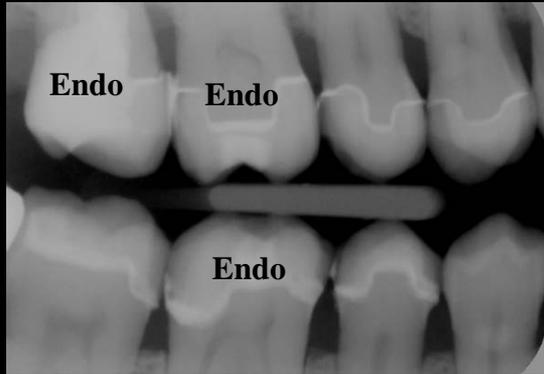


**Every job needs a supervisor**

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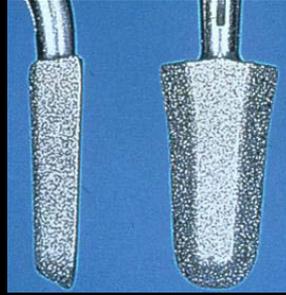
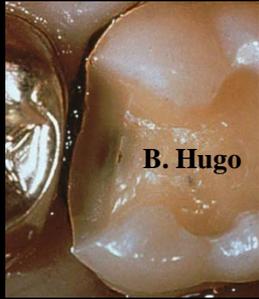
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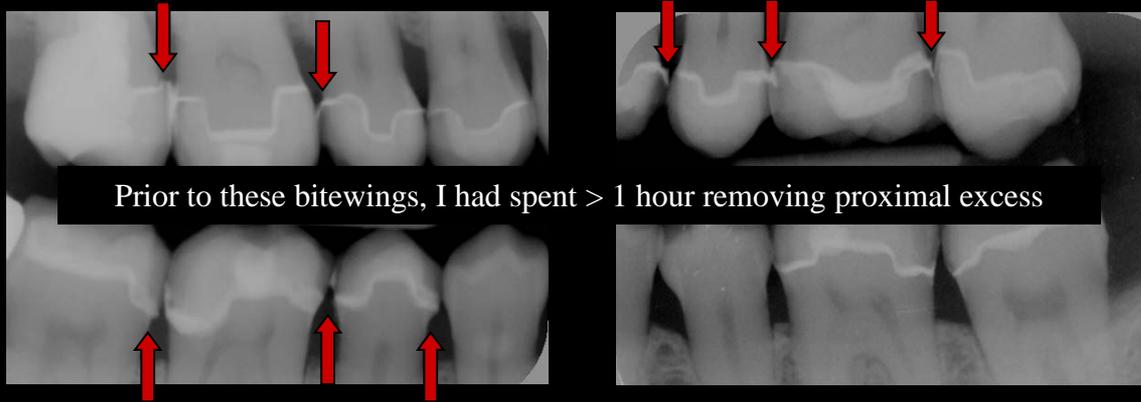
**Without accuracy,  
conventional cementation  
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but adhesive cementation  
is a real nightmare for both  
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**Emergency endodontics 17, patient decided to stay with our practice**

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**When the patient complained about problems with flossing, the dentist told her:  
"It's not necessary, we have eliminated the risk."**

University of Zuerich

# Acceleration of Setting Reaction

## Quantity of Adhesive



**Multilink / Multilink Adhesive**  
**Variolink-2 / Excite DSC**  
**Panavia F / ED Primer**



**Do not use a dentin adhesive from one system  
and a cement from a different one**

**All manufacturers are aware of this: read the instructions for use**



# Acceleration of Setting Reaction: Good or Bad?

Metal ceramic or opaque ceramic crowns



**Adhesive**



**Cement**



**Contact**

Initial contact with adhesive during seating.

**In this situation, acceleration of setting is an advantage.**

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FRC posts, inlays, etc.



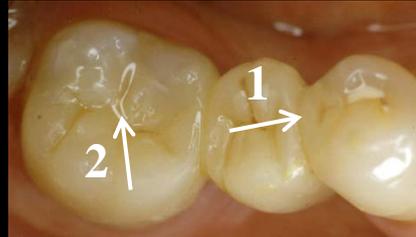
Acceleration is  
**BAD**



Whenever you will put the cement on or in the tooth first



Rotating path  
of insertion



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**Whenever you will put the cement on or in the tooth first**

**Use a combination without acceleration**

**or reduce the effect by extreme thinning of the adhesive  
(reduce further by adding a layer of unfilled resin and air thin again)**



Syntac

+



Variolink-II

# "Chipping" sounds pretty harmless

The bond of veneering ceramic to zirconia is 30-60% of the bond to metal

Guess PC, et.al. Dent Mater 2008  
Choi B, et.al. J Adv Prosthodont 2009  
Saito A, et.al. J Prosthet Dent 2010

Which sentence from this paper will be quoted?

Sailer I, et.al. Int J Prosthodont 2009

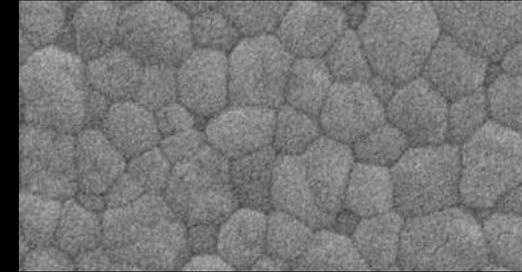
"The survival of both kinds of FDP's was 100%."

# Fractures of the veneer have been the main problem with zirconia

## Veneer failures / year

Nozaki	5 yr	0.8%
McLaren	5 yr	1.2%
Tinschert	5 yr	1.2%
Oden	5 yr	1.5%
Walter	5 yr	1.6%
Bind	3 yr	1.8%
Roediger	4 yr	3.0%
Sailer	5 yr	3.1%
Sailer	10 yr	3.2%
Edelhoff	3 yr	3.2%

phase transformation?  
lack of interdiffusion zone?  
thin core + thick veneer = stress inversion?



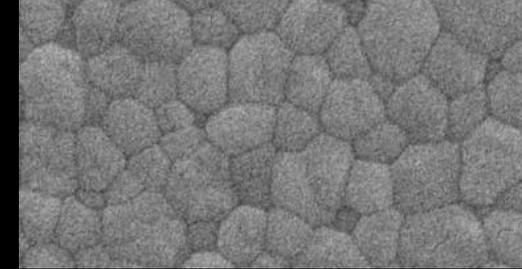
} A linear failure rate over ten years is frightening!

# Fractures of the veneer have been the main problem with zirconia

## Veneer failures / year

Nozaki	5 yr	0.8%
McLaren	5 yr	1.2%
Tinschert	5 yr	1.2%
Oden	5 yr	1.5%
Walter	5 yr	1.6%
Bind	3 yr	1.8%
Roediger	4 yr	3.0%
Sailer	5 yr	3.1%
Sailer	10 yr	3.2%
Edelhoff	3 yr	3.2%
Christensen	2 yr	26.3%*

phase transformation?  
lack of interdiffusion zone?  
thin core + thick veneer = stress inversion?



**\* Private practices**

**Cercon 32/18, Lava 32/19, Everest 33/14**

**Improper preparations? Adjusted and not polished?  
Non-anatomic frameworks? Slow cooling?**

*More brawn than beauty!*



**BruxZir**  
SOLID ZIRCONIA CROWNS & BRIDGES

- ◆ Ideal for bruxers & grinders who have destroyed other restorations thanks to its virtually chip-proof durability.
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For more information, visit [www.bruxzir.com](http://www.bruxzir.com).

This patient fractured a porcelain all-ceramic crown on the second molar and chipped the first molar. Both crowns were replaced with BruxZir.

This patient required an onlay to replace a broken crown. Our gold was suggested but the patient declined. BruxZir was used instead.

**Authorized BruxZir™ Laboratories**

LAB	LOCATION	PHONE	LAB	LOCATION	PHONE
Kelley Laboratories, Inc.	Fairfax, VA	800-525-3036	Provision Ceramics Dental Lab	Morristown, NJ	800-213-0302
Dental Art Laboratories, Inc.	Pasadena, CA	800-227-4142	Riverside Dental Ceramics	Riverside, CA	800-311-9943
Pacific Edge Dental Laboratory	Ridge California, CA	800-889-0023	South Shore Dental Laboratories	Orlando, FL	800-479-5000
303 Laboratories	Denver, CO	800-414-9123	The Lab Group	Galveston, TX	800-270-2667
Los Vegas Digital Dental Institute	Las Vegas, NV	800-626-1848	Goldwell Laboratories	Newport Beach, CA	800-844-7266
New West Dental Ceramics	Labee Nevada City, AZ	800-321-1014			

# In the land of aesthetic excess, zirconia without veneering it



**Naming it BruxZir is brilliant**  
**Veneer fractures are not our fault,**  
**you didn't do a proper diagnosis**

Nearly all companies have copied this concept,  
indirect proof that all of them have problems



Unfortunately, most cases presented  
in web sites look like this.  
Crowns were unnecessary,  
the result is frighteningly ugly,  
and does not even address  
the problem of parafunction.

What do dentists find attractive about "inverted tin can" dentistry?

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**Don't do veneered zirconium crowns for any patient with wear facets**



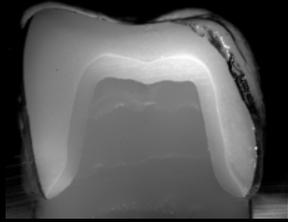
**Cercon FPD's on implants**  
**3 years**  
**No framework fractures but**  
**34% with veneer fractures.**

Larsson C, von Steyern V, Nilner N.  
Int J Prosthodont 2010;23(4):364



**Veneer fractures with 4 of 6 crowns**  
**< 2 years**

# Cyclic fatigue load to failure

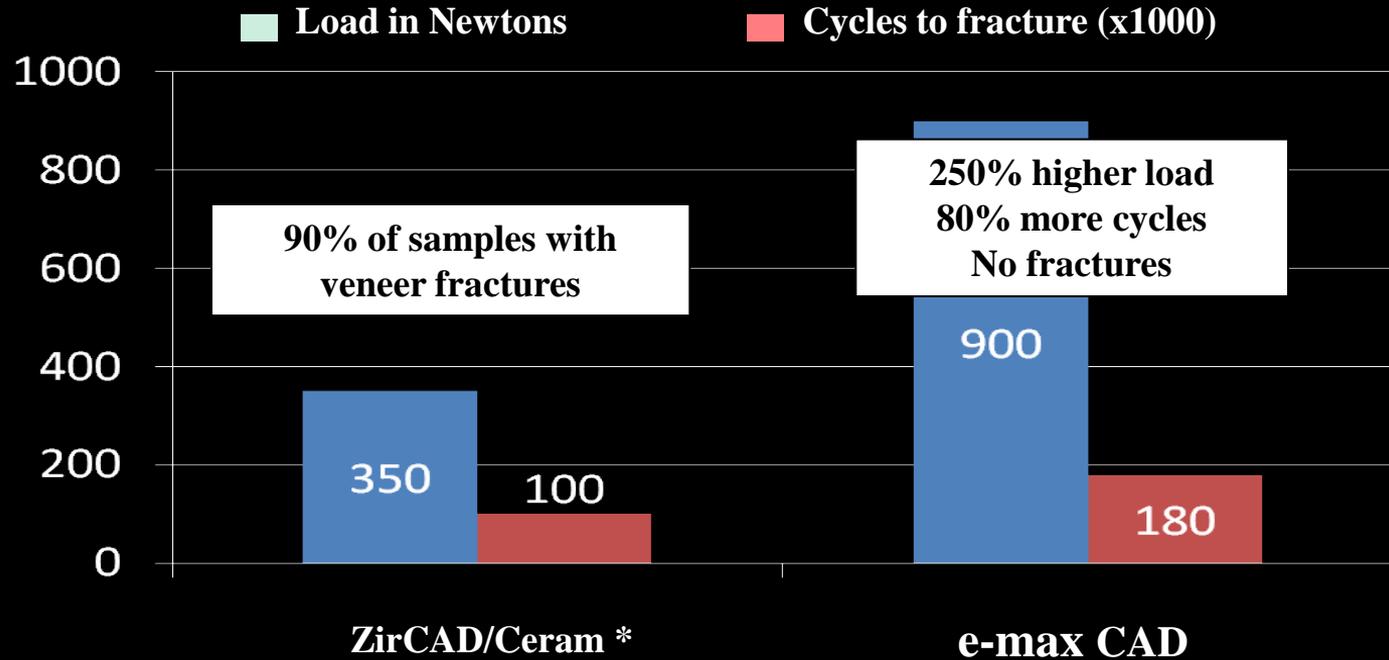


ZirCAD/Ceram

\* Same results with  
LAVA and Cercon

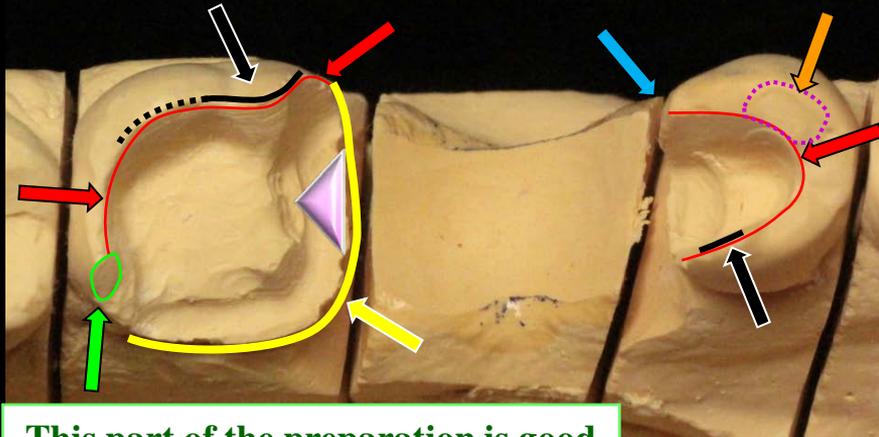


e-max CAD



Guess PC, Zavanelli R, Silva N, Thompson VP. J Dent Res 2010

# Website pictures from "America's holistic dentist" in CA



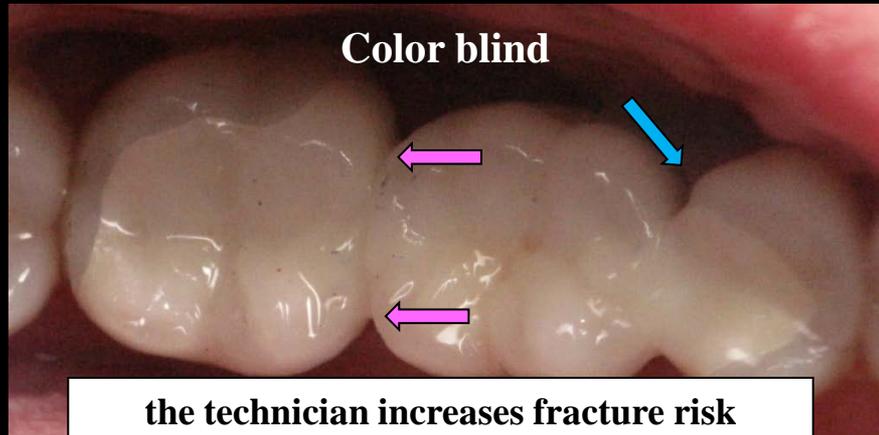
This part of the preparation is good

prepared but not restored?

margins ending outside cusp tips

wrong angles for bond to enamel

finished?  
(flat and fractured)



the technician increases fracture risk with deep embrasures

Balancing contact  
No resistance form



He thinks adhesive dentistry is magic

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It requires the same attention to detail as traditional techniques  
and is still dependent on classic mechanical principles.**

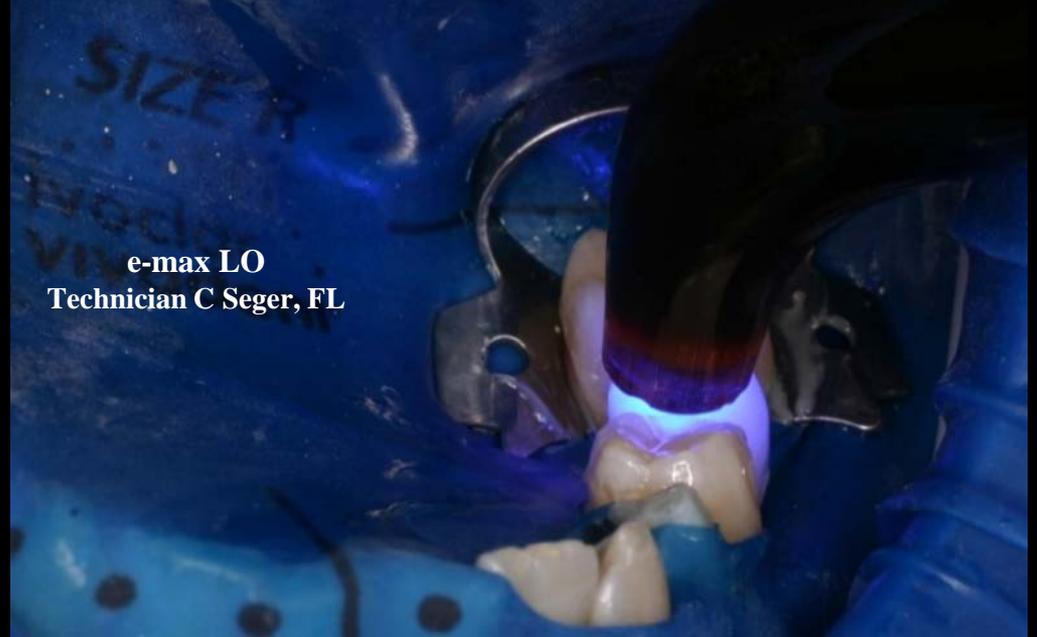


**Buying an adhesive should not automatically delete all brain files.**

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**Despite continuous attempts, fashion designers cannot ruin women.**



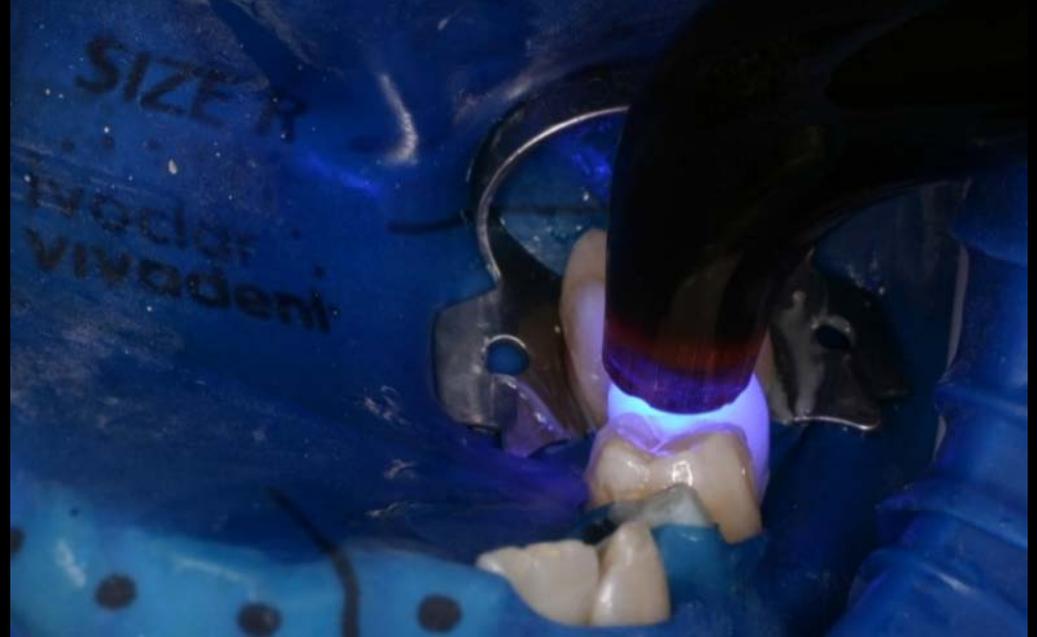
**Combining tradition with adhesive advantages**

**Adequate connector dimensions**

**Correct angles for bonding to enamel**

**Resistance form!**

**Preparing these teeth for metal-ceramic or zirconia crowns would be insane!**



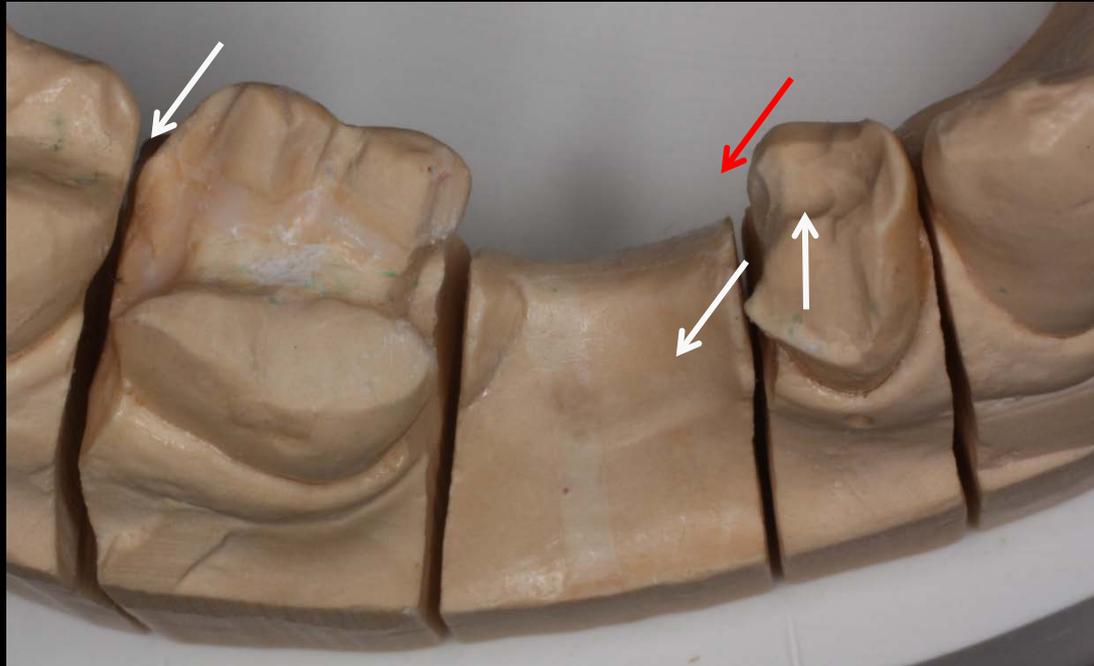
**This is not  
experimental  
dentistry!**



**So much simpler than preparing crowns,  
and much less traumatic for the teeth.**

**Fewer difficulties with gingival retraction  
and impression techniques.**

**Retention of temporaries can be a nuisance.**



**Crowned**

**ca. 2 years ago**

**Two weeks previously  
his dentist told him  
everything was fine!**



**Even if we ignore**

**the questionable endo, the poor fit of the crown,  
and the overhangs on the amalgams,**

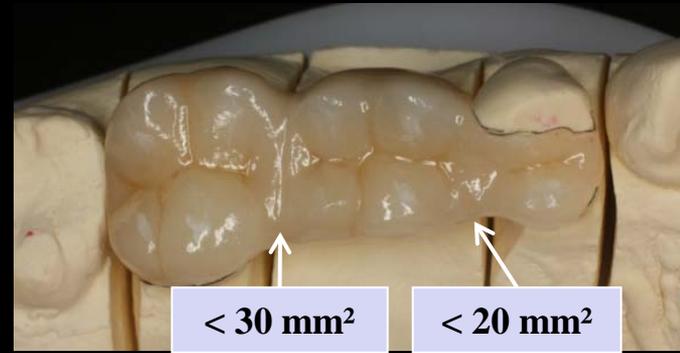
**how can any dentist still use threaded posts?**



**the palatal  
root is screwed**

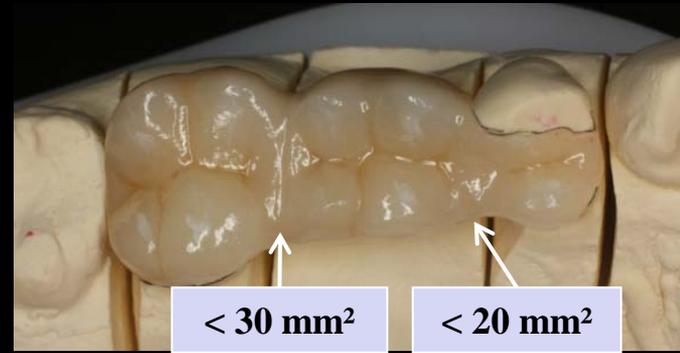


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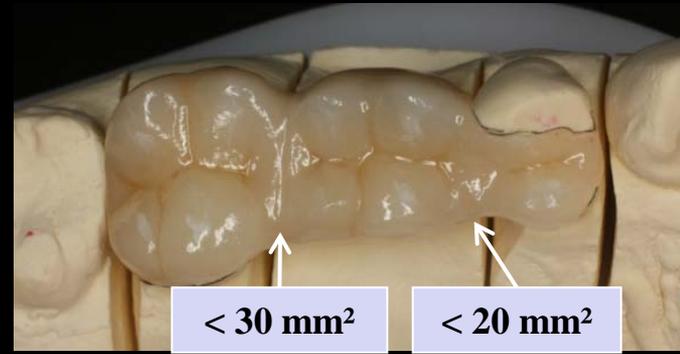
e-max LT. Technician M. Burgmeier, FL

**Who could seriously consider preparing either of these teeth for a crown?**



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she refused crown lengthening

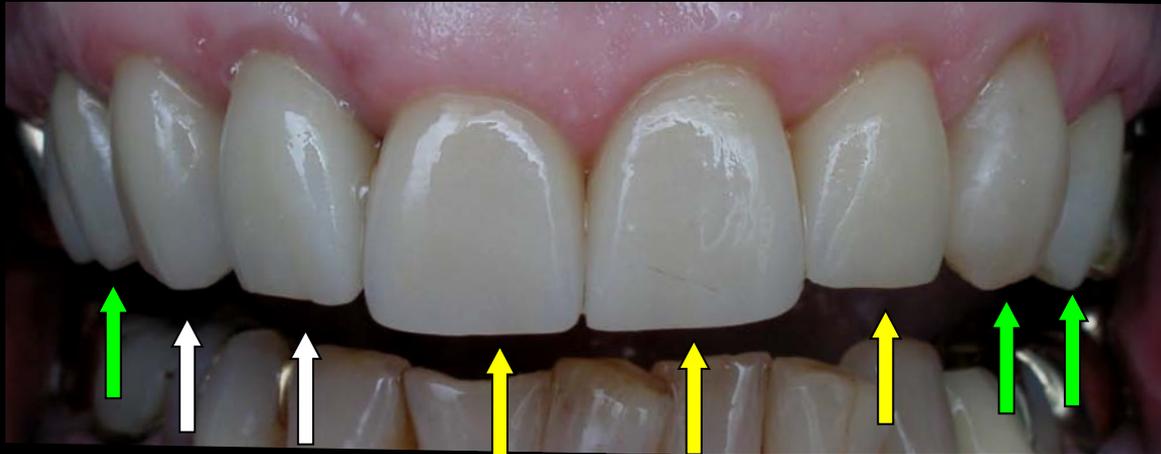


**66 years old**

**A perfect patient**

**I want nice front teeth and  
I don't care what it costs**

**Excellent hygiene  
Intelligent**



**Crowns: e.max press  
(adhesive)**

**Veneers**

**Empress Esthetic**

**Direct composites  
Artemis**



**8+ year recall**  
(March 2012)

## **State of the Art**

**The least invasive  
possible treatment  
which produces  
the desired result**



**At a political dinner,  
I suddenly realized that  
I was the only woman  
at our table with teeth  
that look like teeth.**



**8+ year recall**  
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**Take care of yourself.**  
I want a ten  
year recall picture

# A short list of things which a good dentist does not use

## Metal posts (especially "screw posts")



zirconia and carbon fibre posts are also pretty stupid

**If you have these posts in your practice, buy a garbage bag on your way home**

Fuss Z, et.a. J Endodontics 2001. F, Ferrari M, Watson TM. J Adhesive Dent 1999. Cormier CJ, Burns DR, Moon P. J Prosthodont 2001. Akkayan B, Gulmez T. Int J Prosthetic Dent 2002. Newman MP, et.al. J Prosthet Dent 2003. Fokkinga W, et.al. Int J Prosthodont 2004. Hayashi M, et.al. Dent Mat 2006. Salameh Z, et.al. J Endo 2007, Int Dent SA 2008. etc.

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**Metal ceramic or zirconium for anterior teeth**



5 years

**Think about the "daughter principle"  
(Do you want her to look like this in five years?)**



10 years

Courtesy of  
Dr. Kaneko

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**Single component bonding agents**

**(self-etching will work, but you must etch the enamel and add the flowable)**

**How can you ignore the experts and clinical study results?**



Van Meerbeek B. Ernst C-P. Frankenberger R.  
Perdigao J. Peumans N. Unemori M.  
etc.

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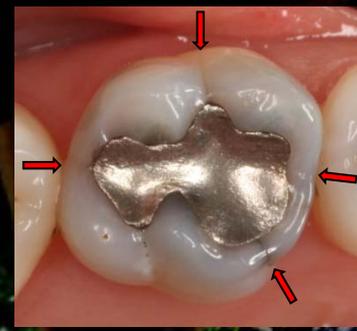
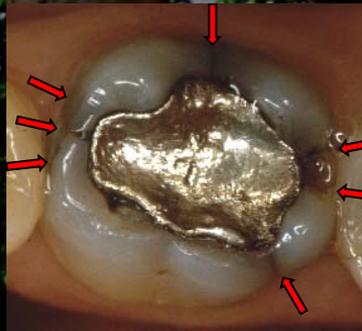
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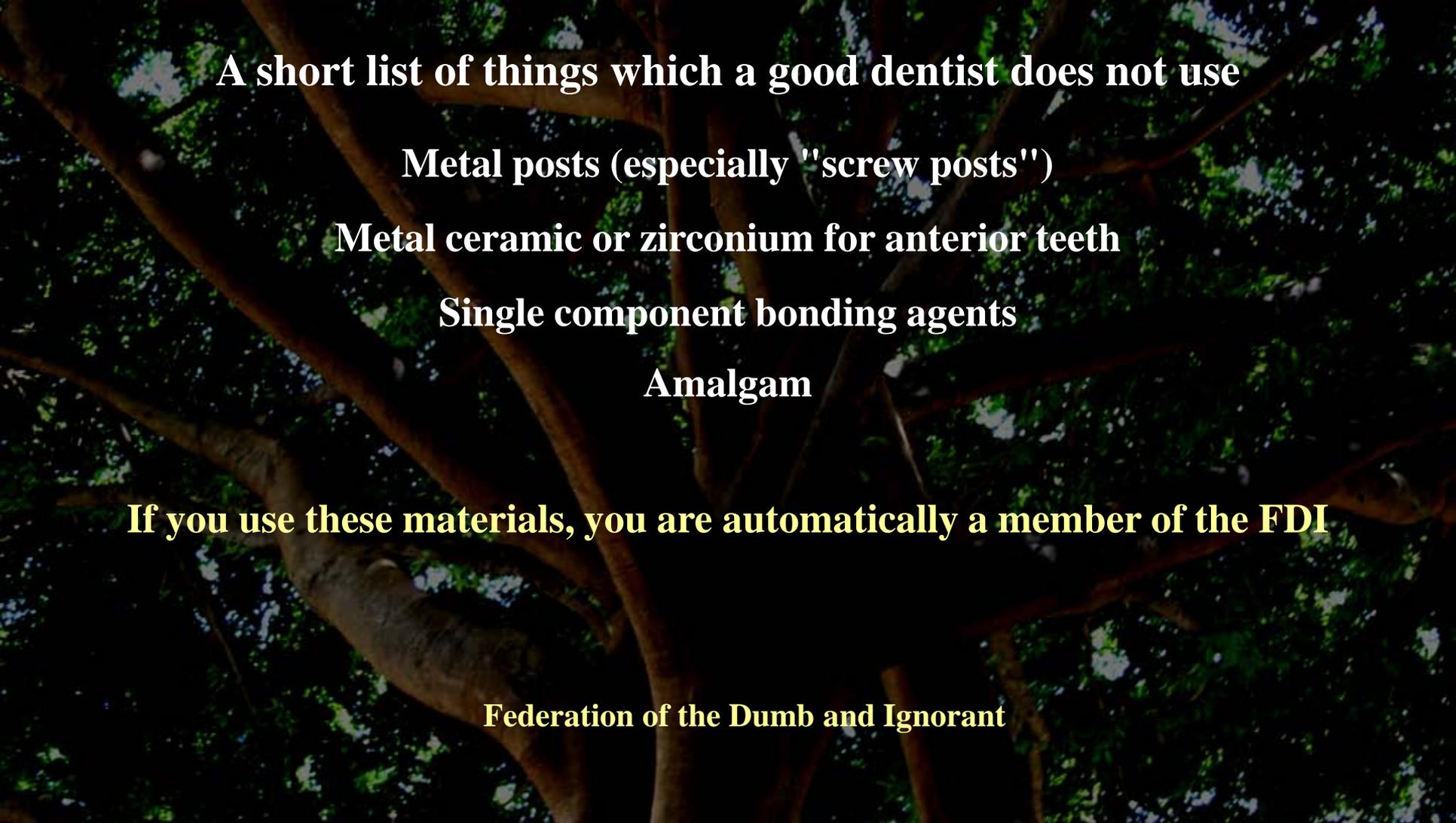
**Single component bonding agents**

**Amalgam**

**The "big bang" restorative**

**Gamma-1 to beta-1 phase shift and eternal expansion**





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**If you use these materials, you are automatically a member of the FDI**

**Federation of the Dumb and Ignorant**

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**Amalgam**

**And, a good dentist will try to avoid**

**Traditional crown preparations**

**Conventional cements**





**Dentists should hate  
doing crowns**

**because there is almost always  
a better alternative**

**Anyone doing more than a few initial  
crown preparations per month  
can award themselves two extra titles**

**Dr. Igno Ramus, MID, DTD.**

**Master of Iatrogenic Dentistry  
Doctor of Tooth Dust**

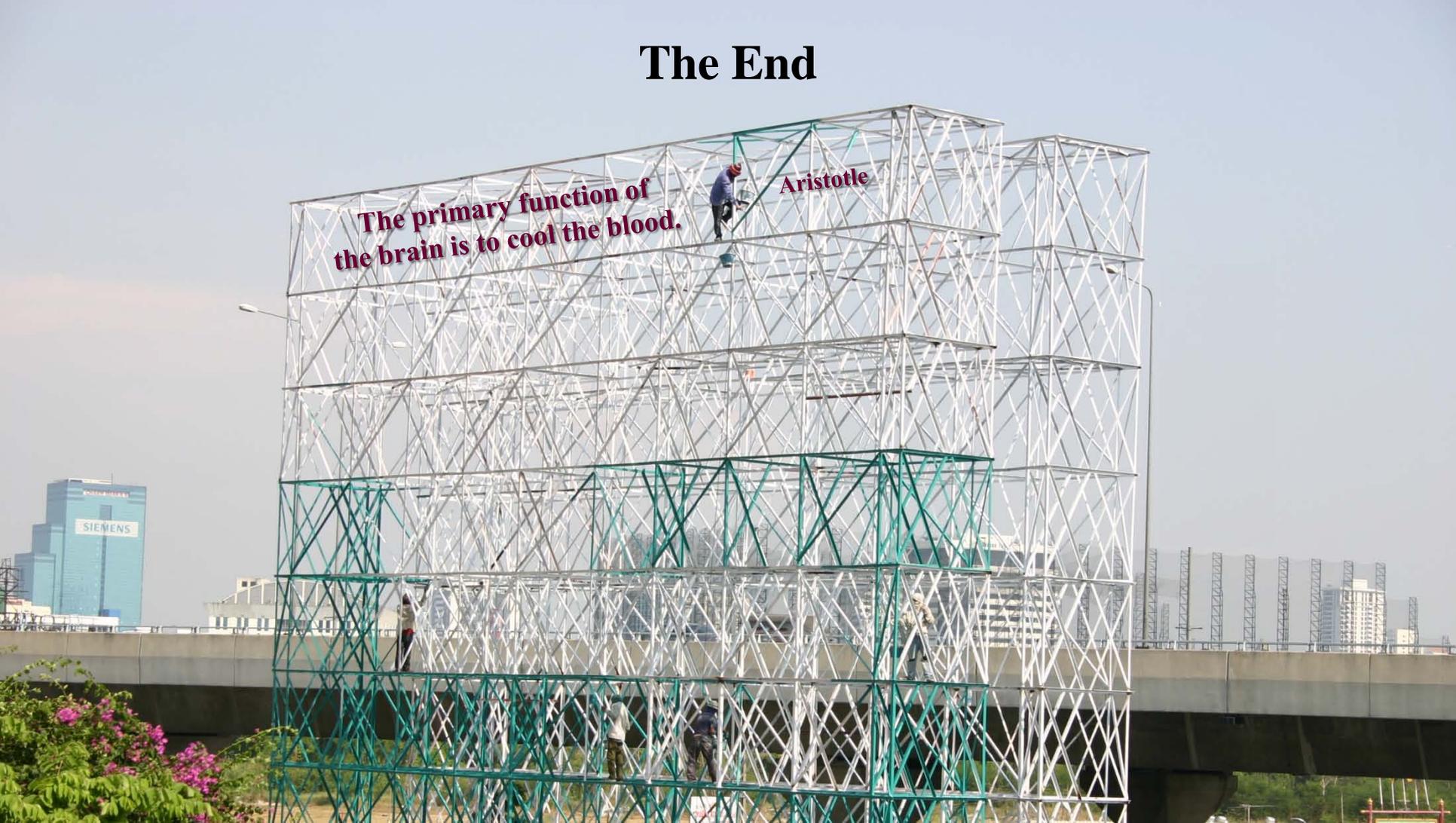
**Retrolunar Avenue 6  
Tradition Square, I-ma-Cretin**



# The End

*The primary function of  
the brain is to cool the blood.*

*Aristotle*



Maybe he had been at his dentist's office on the day he wrote this.



**Another way  
your garbage bag  
can contribute to  
quality in dentistry**



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*You cannot convince your opponents,  
you can only wait for them to die.*

*Max  
Planck*

*thanks for your attention*

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