



# Achieving Clinical Success with Photocured Resin Restorations

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5TH ANNUAL DCG DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES ON EVIDENCE-BASED CLINICAL TREATMENT

# Is Evidence-based Dentistry Possible

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# Who Am I?



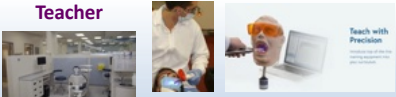
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YouTube  
**PriceCuringLab**





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**Teacher**




**Prosthodontist**



**Researcher**  
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<https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=EBvKaOUAAA&hl=en>



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**Stop messing around!**

**TELL ME WHAT LIGHT TO BUY I OWE \$300,000**






Average US dental school debt in the Class of 2023 \$296,500





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# Black Box Thinking

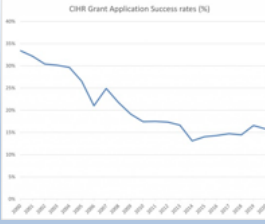



Learn from your mistakes



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The success rates for funding applications below 15% in 2018 (less than one in six successful applications).  
 Success rates under 20% means that the university wastes money writing & reviewing grant applications. AND  
 Current 15% funding level is only achieved by making drastic cuts to the budgets (often >25%).




<https://can-acn.org/science-funding-in-canada-statistics/#:~:text=The%20success%20rates%20for%20funding,one%20in%20six%20successful%20applications>

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### Granting Agencies are Basically Useless To Clinicians

With an Overall **15 to 28%** Success Rate and Even this \$\$ is at a **REDUCED BUDGET**




The university wastes money and resources writing & reviewing applications

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The chance of a **Clinical** Dentist or Hygienist being successful in today's research grant environment is simply **too low to be sustainable**

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**NOT ONLY ARE WE DROWNING IN LITERATURE THAT USUALLY DOES NOT TELL US WHAT TO USE ON OUR PATIENTS**



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**WE ARE DROWNING IN ADMINISTRATOR INSPIRED FORMS TO COMPLETE**



**OOPS!**

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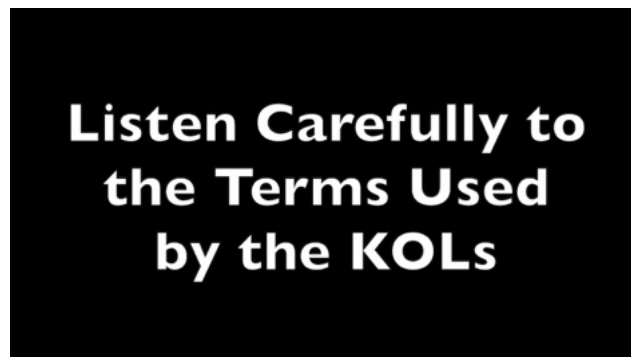
**COMPANIES AND CE COURSES FOCUS ON MAKING IT LOOK GOOD**



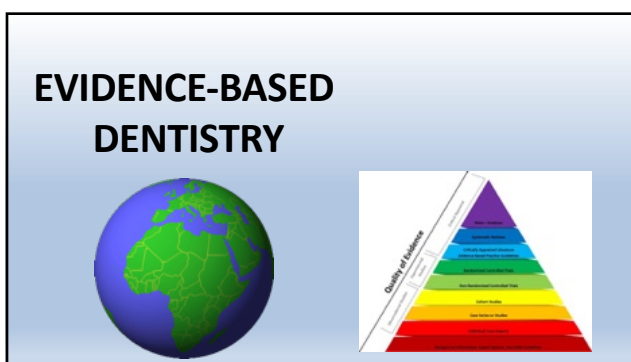
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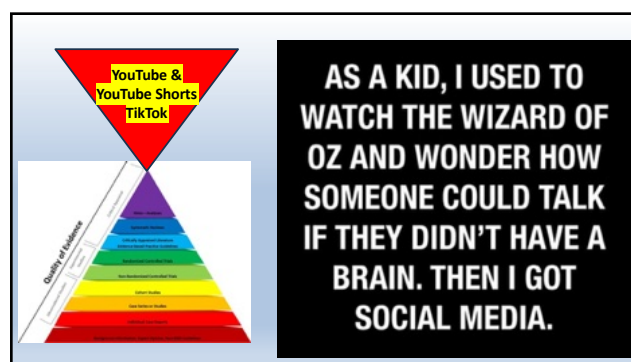
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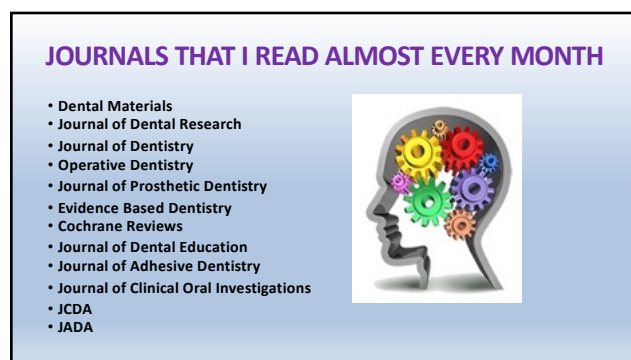
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### OTHER SOURCES

- **DENTAL ADVISOR**  
<https://www.dentaladvisor.com>

- **CLINICIANS REPORT**  
<https://www.cliniciansreport.org>


- **DENTAL CLINICAL PEARLS (FACEBOOK)**  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/DentalClinicalPearls>


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### Enhancing the Value of Dental Biomaterials Research: "Reducing the Noise"

Journal of Dental Research  
2018, Vol. 97(5) 466-467  
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DOI: 10.1177/0022041818775814  
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- For manufacturers and researchers, convene consensus development conferences to identify and disseminate the most appropriate and clinically relevant tests for evaluating new products and ideas.
- For in vivo studies, standardize evaluation criteria, separate survival and success rates, and address censored data, dropouts, and failure types.
- For in vitro studies, follow appropriate standards and guideline documents to identify the most important and clinically relevant properties and use the most appropriate test methodologies. Also, contribute to fundamental studies that offer improvements to these methods.
- When assessing journal articles, make value decisions about the work based on a complete reading with consideration of the validity of the methods and in relation to other publications.
- For mentors and key opinion leaders, teach and encourage new investigators to conduct high-quality, relevant, nonbiased, and scientifically sound studies.
- Whenever possible, researchers should submit their proposed study to a third party for review before commencing the study.

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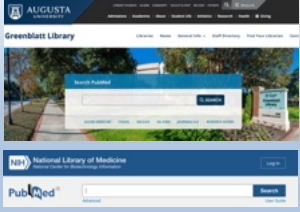


### What to Look for in the Literature

- Approach the article critically, question assumptions, consider alternative interpretations, and assess the strengths and weaknesses of the research.
- Look for the research question or objective. Is the problem relevant?
- **Read what the authors did. Do you do that?**
- Are the findings clearly presented and supported by the data?
- Look for any biases or conflicts of interest
- **Do not just read the abstract.**
- **Trust quality journals with a high impact factor: JDR, JPD, JERD, DM, JADA, Operative Dentistry, BDJ, Int J Prosthodontics**

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### How to Find Information

- Greenblatt University Library
- PubMed
- Chat GPT
- Colleagues
- CE Courses
- Google Scholar

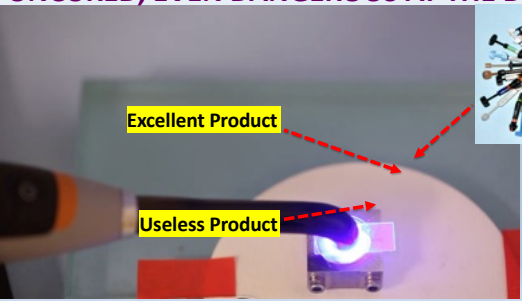
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## Lack of understanding that manufacturers are **SELLING** and dentists are **USING UNFINISHED PRODUCTS**



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### UNCURED, EVEN DANGEROUS AT THE BOTTOM




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# How Often Do You Hear?

**OUR BOND STRENGTH IS BETTER THAN?**



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# Most Research Articles on Resin Polymerization Overcure : WHY




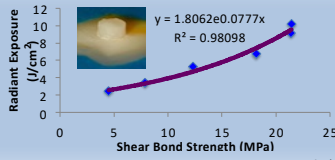
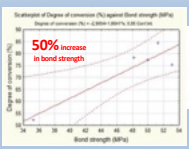

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# ZERO BOND STRENGTH



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# Good Bonding Requires Adequate Light Curing!







Xu, X., Sandraz, D.A., Burgess, J.O. Shear bond strength with increasing light-guide distance from dentin. J Esthet Restor Dent 2006;18(1):15-27

Correlation between degree of conversion, resin-dentin bond strength and microleakage of simplified-etch-and-bond adhesives. Hatz, et al. Dental Materials 29 (2013) 921-928

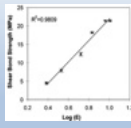
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# If You Light Cure Properly You Can EASILY Double Your Bond Strengths!

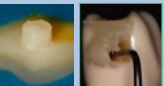


## Improve Bond Strength

Linear correlation between Bond Strength and Log of Radiant Exposure



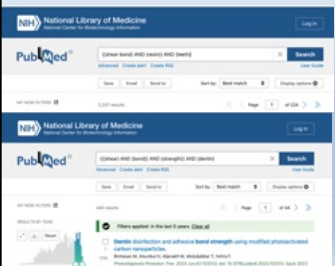
Exponential Relationship



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# Shear Bond, Resin and Teeth



2,237 articles

440 articles since 2019


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**BUT**

Analysis of dental shear bond strength tests, shear or tensile?

The adhesive formulation that scores best commonly makes it rapidly to the market, after which the superior laboratory performance of the product is **hopefully** confirmed in independent randomized controlled clinical trials.


**BUT, calculation of shear bond strength is inappropriate for these test methods.** The results of this investigation **and others strongly suggest that dental adhesion researchers** should be measuring the stress that initiates debonding rather than average stress.



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Investigating failure behavior and origins under supposed "shear bond" loading


“Shear bond” testing does not appear to test the bonded interface. Load/area stress calculations have no physical meaning.



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Brazilian Dental Journal (2017) 28(1): 16-23  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1590/0103-6440201700879>

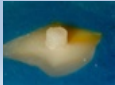
**Influence of Different Dentin Substrate (Caries-Affected, Caries-Infected, Sound) on Long-Term  $\mu$ TBS**





- (1) Bonding with sound dentin showed  $\mu$ TBS values significantly higher compared to caries-affected and caries-infected dentin.
- (2) 6 months and 1 year storage periods resulted in decreased bond strengths for all dentin conditions.
- (3) **Bonding to infected and affected dentin is not a suitable procedure compared to sound dentin.**

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**“Shear bond” testing is only a screening tool that tells you if the adhesive works. The test is flawed and should not be used as a test to discriminate between products.**



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<p><b>19th century scientist</b></p> <p>I must find the explanation for this phenomenon in order to truly understand Nature...</p> 	<p><b>21st centurt <del>scientist</del> academic</b></p> <p>I must get the result that fits my narrative so I can get my paper into Nature..</p> 
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# LIGHT CURING AFFECTS DENTISTRY

## Bonding Curing Overall Success

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## Opdam et al. 12 Year Study: 2010

- PhotoBond/SA Primer 93% of the restorations
- Clearfil PhotoPosterior (44%) and AP-X (32%)
- Differences between these two materials only emerge after more than 5 years.

Opdam et al.: 12-year survival of composite vs. amalgam restorations. JDR 2010:1063

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## 2016

### Variations in survival time for amalgam and resin composite restorations: a population based cohort analysis

S. Birch<sup>1</sup>, R. Price<sup>2</sup>, P. Andreou<sup>1</sup>, G. Jones<sup>4</sup> and A. Portolesi<sup>2</sup>

- Resin composite restorations performed no better than amalgams over the study period, but cost considerably more.
- Median survival times for resin composite and amalgam restorations respectively placed in 2009-10 **was 7.0 years**

*Community Dental Health* (2016) 33, 1-5

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## 2018

### The ultimate guide to restoration longevity in England and Wales. Part 4: resin composite restorations: time to next intervention and to extraction of the restored tooth

Type of treatment	Survival (%) at				
	1 year	5 years	10 years	15 years	n
Amalgam	91	66	51	41	7,292,564
Composite resin	87	59	43	34	3,504,225
Glass ionomer	84	53	37	28	1,592,566
Crown	93	77	63	53	1,202,005

BRITISH DENTAL JOURNAL, VOLUME 224 NO. 12, JUNE 22, 2018

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## 2023

### Longevity of composite restorations is definitely not only about materials

Flávio Fernando Demarco<sup>1,2</sup>, Maximiliano Sergio Cenci<sup>3,4,5</sup>, Anelise Fernandes Montagner<sup>6,7</sup>, Verônica Pereira de Lima<sup>8,9</sup>, Marcos Britto Correa<sup>10</sup>, Rafael R. Moraes<sup>11,12</sup>, Nikh J.M. Opdam<sup>13</sup>

**MAIN RESULTS**

**STUDIES CHARACTERISTICS**

**ANNUAL FAILURE RATES**

**OVERALL LIFE**

**MAIN REASONS FOR FAILURES**

**33 studies**

**AFR Ranged: 0.8 to 6.3%**

**Differences between composites play a minor role in durability, assuming they are properly used**

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## 2023 DENTISTS MAKE THE BIGGEST DIFFERENCE, NOT THE MATERIALS

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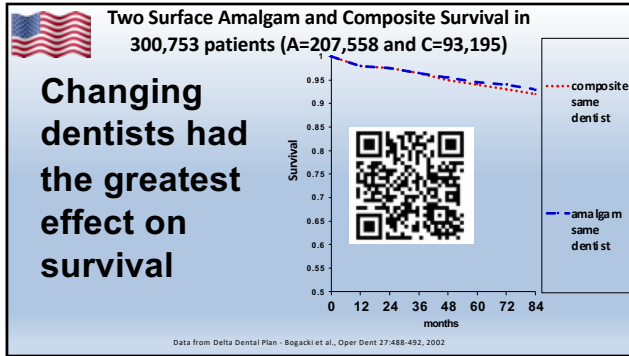
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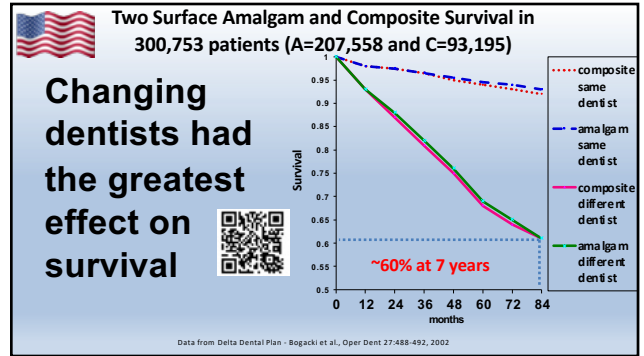
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**Every study has shown that many lights deliver an inadequate light output and are poorly maintained**

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**Dentist Time Vs. Real Time**


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**How often do you hear?**

**Save Time, Buy this One Second Curing Light?**

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**Irradiance (W/cm<sup>2</sup>)**




**X**

**Time (s)**

**=**



**Radiant Exposure (J/cm<sup>2</sup>)**



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**Do the Math**

A light emitting 1,200 mW/cm<sup>2</sup> for 20 s will deliver 24 J/cm<sup>2</sup> of energy

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**Do the Math**

To deliver 24 J/cm<sup>2</sup> of energy in 1 s the light must emit 24,000 mW/cm<sup>2</sup>

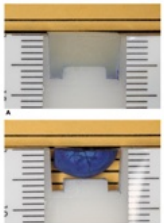

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**A Blinded Comparative Study of Four Commercially Available LEDs and a Laser Light Curing Device**

John C. Corio<sup>1</sup>, Cristiane Mavroski<sup>2</sup>, Jonathan P. Beller<sup>3</sup>, Kyle S. Dennis<sup>4</sup>, Richard B. Price<sup>5</sup>

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 For J Dent

**The 1 second laser curing device did not photo-cure conventional composites as did the LED curing lights used for 10 seconds**

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Journal of Dentistry

Depth of cure of 10 resin-based composites light-activated using a laser diode, multi-peak, and single-peak light-emitting diode curing lights

Marlene Garcia Rocha<sup>1</sup>, Cristiane Mavroski<sup>2</sup>, Jean-François Rodot<sup>3</sup>, Richard Bengt Price<sup>4</sup>

The dental laser used for 1 s always produced a lower depth of cure than when the single- or multi-peak LCUs were used for 10 s


The radiant exposure in the Total and Blue wavelength ranges delivered to the RBC are key factors required to achieve the claimed depth of cure



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Photopolymers exhibiting a large difference between glass transition and curing temperatures

J. G. Kluemper and G. F. C. M. Lippert  
 Polym. Prepr. (Am. Chem. Soc., Div. Polym. Chem.) 1992, 33(1), 100-101  
 Received 23 March 1991; accepted 24 April 1991



**Inverse Square Relationship Between Irradiance and Time**

**4x Irradiance to Reduce Time by Half**

$$\text{time} = \frac{\text{constant}}{\sqrt{\text{irradiance}}}$$

$$14\text{s} = \frac{345}{\sqrt{600}}$$

$$10\text{s} = \frac{345}{\sqrt{1200}}$$

$$7\text{s} = \frac{345}{\sqrt{2400}}$$

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**Rate of Photopolymerization**  $R_p = K [M](I_0)^{1/2}$

Kloosterboer & Lijten, Polymer (1990), 31 P. 95-101  
(double)

500 mW/cm<sup>2</sup> × 2 → 1,000 mW/cm<sup>2</sup>  
For 40 s = For 20 s ?

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500 mW/cm<sup>2</sup> × 2 → 1,000 mW/cm<sup>2</sup>  
For 40 s = For 20 s  
 $\sqrt{2} = 1.44 \times$

When intensity is doubled the R<sub>p</sub> increases 1.44 times only

$\sqrt{16} = 4.0 \times$

**To reduce time from 20 to 5 seconds, need 16x the irradiance!**

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Home Equipment Curing Lights LED Curing Lights

1 Second Led Curing Light, Dental Cordless Curing Light, Intensity adjustable from 1200 to 2400mw/cm<sup>2</sup>

**In 1 s, this light only delivers 2.6 J/cm<sup>2</sup>**

1 Second Led Curing Light, Dental Cordless Curing Light, Intensity adjustable from 1200 to 2400mw/cm<sup>2</sup>

FREE

1 Second Led Curing Light, Dental Cordless Curing Light, Intensity adjustable from 1200 to 2400mw/cm<sup>2</sup>

550.00

QR code

Image of a dental curing light

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KZN Dental Suppliers

1 Second Led Curing Light, Dental Cordless Curing Light, Intensity adjustable from 1200 to 2400mw/cm<sup>2</sup>

**One Second Curing Lights**

**2,600 Mw/Cm<sup>3</sup>**

Image of a dental curing light

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**BULK FILLING ≠ BULK CURING**

Image of a tooth with a filling

LIGHT TIP MISSES MESIAL BOX

Image of a curing light tip

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**INCREMENTAL FILLING: THE 'GOLD' STANDARD**

Horizontal  
Hilton & Ferracane, 1998

Buccal-Lingual  
Lutz et al., 1986

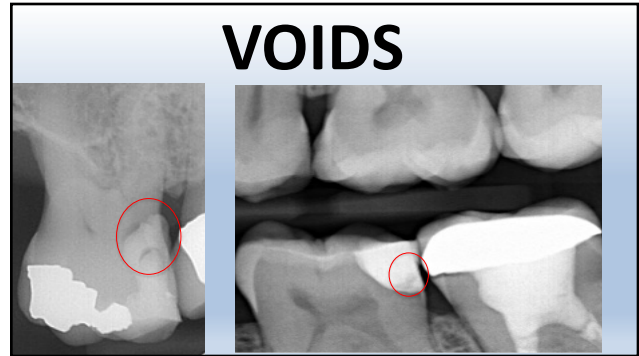
Oblique  
Pollack, 1987

Diagram showing three cross-sections of a tooth with different filling techniques: Horizontal, Buccal-Lingual, and Oblique.

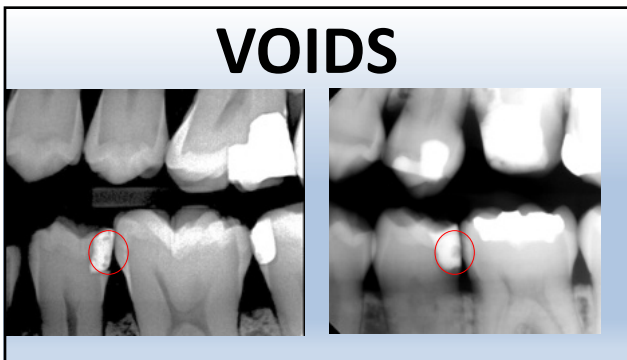
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**How Often do you Hear?**  
**Bulk Fills are Bad**

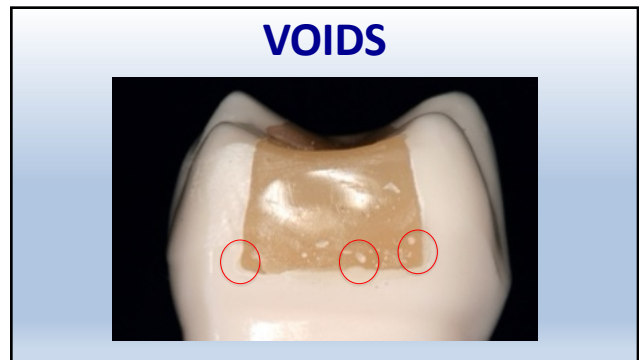
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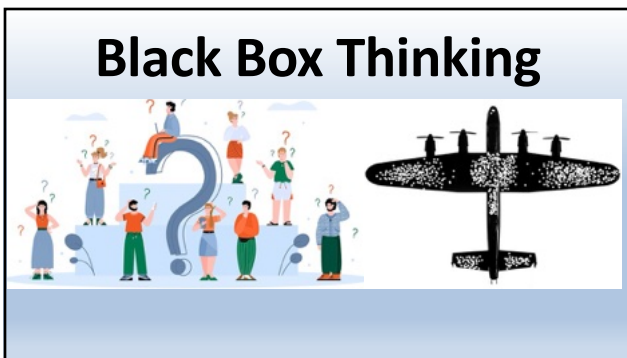
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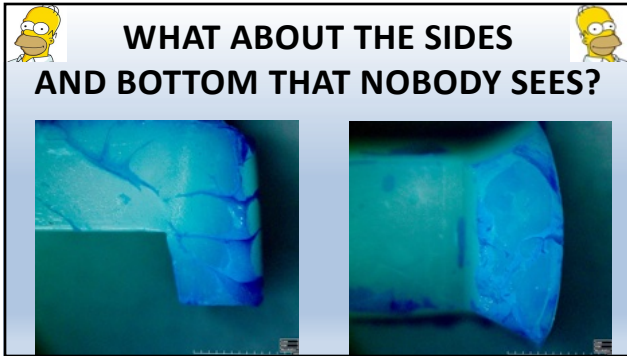


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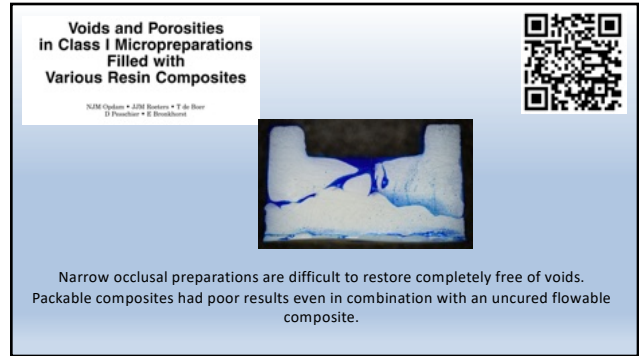
**Air entrapment between increments can occur when the incremental technique is used, causing sensitivity and degradation of the resin material**

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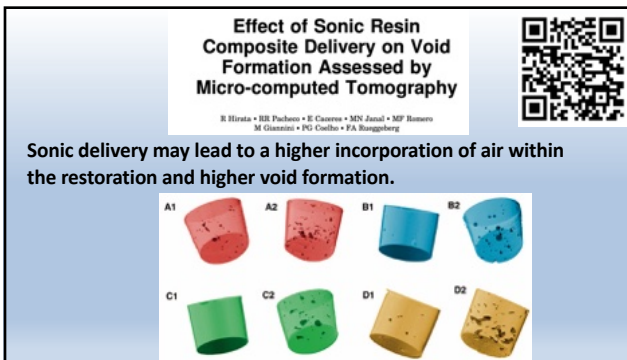
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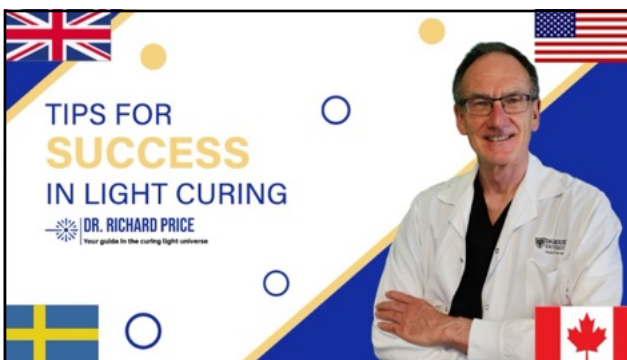
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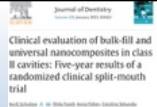
**Clinical time and postoperative sensitivity after use of bulk-fill (syringe and capsule) vs. incremental filling composites: a randomized clinical trial**

Incremental filling takes more than twice as long as bulk filling using capsules


	Mean Time (SD) seconds/mm <sup>3</sup>	Minimum–Maximum Time (s)
Incremental	28.42 (27.92)	2.04–117.50
Bulk Syringe	18.70 (20.43)	1.67–102.50
Bulk Capsule	12.32 (8.13)	2.18–44.75

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Clinical evaluation of bulk-fill and universal nanocomposites in class II cavities: Five-year results of a randomized clinical split-mouth trial




**60 patients 120 class II restorations**  
**Filtek Bulk Fill Posterior Restorative Filtek Supreme XTE Universal Restorative**  
 Overall survival of restorations was 92% in both groups at 5 years  
 Both materials showed acceptable clinical performance


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Longevity of Resin Composite and Amalgam Posterior Restorations: A Systematic Review



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Regardless of the restorative material, the successful results over more than 5 years are due much more to the correct application of the technique, the operator's skill/knowledge and factors related to the patient, such as the type of tooth, number of surfaces involved in the restoration and oral hygiene.


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Is the clinical performance of incremental and bulk-fill resin composite different?

Camilla Tirapelli<sup>1</sup>

A Commentary on:  
 Kuroi P V M, Wambier L M, Kaiser M D R, Correr C M, Melo A, Gonzalez C C.

Practice point  
 • From the practical point of view, considering clinical decision-making, practice-based studies would give information that is more reliable.



**A systematic review and meta-analysis with moderated quality of evidence bulk fill and incremental techniques showed similar clinical performance on posterior resin composite restorations.**


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The clinical performance of bulk-fill versus the incremental layered application of direct resin composite restorations: a systematic review

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- Out of the 1445 records two studies had an overall low-risk of bias, fourteen studies raised some concerns, and two studies exhibited high-risk.
- **CONCLUSION:** Bulk-filled resin composite restorations had clinical outcomes similar to those of incrementally layered resin composite restorations within a review interval of 6 months to 10 years.

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Can composite packaging and selective enamel etching affect the clinical behavior of bulk-fill composite resin in posterior restorations? 24-month results of a randomized clinical trial


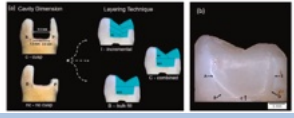


295 class I or class II restorations were performed on 70 patients  
 Filtek Bulk-fill Posterior Restorative in syringes, Filtek One Bulk-fill in capsules, or Filtek Supreme Ultra in syringes  
 At 24 months, no differences between survival rates  
 Composites in capsules showed better marginal adaptation after a 24-month recall than composites in syringes  
 Shorter clinical time required to restore them compared to bulk-fill in syringes, but time not stated

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Journal of Applied Oral Science

Fatigue and marginal adaptation of bulk fill restorations: Effect of the layering technique and cavity extension of restoratively damaged teeth

- The effect of the layering technique on the success of restorations depends on the cavity extension.
- The combined technique favors the adaptation and the longevity of extensively damaged teeth, while the bulk fill technique produces restorations with more predictable fatigue behavior.
- Restorations produced with the bulk fill technique had similar performance to the conventional incremental technique regarding fatigue survival and success, and marginal adaptation.
- A shorter time is required to produce the restoration with the bulk fill technique.

**So WHY LAYER?**

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**Volumetric polymerization shrinkage and its comparison to internal adaptation in bulk fill and conventional composites: A  $\mu$ CT and OCT in vitro analysis**

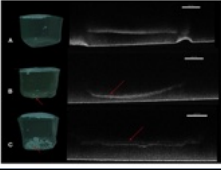
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Voids were observed in most of the RBC fillings

Micro CT and the OCT detected gaps in the pulpal floor of Class I restorations

Flowable bulk-fill resin composite (FBF) had a similar volumetric polymerization shrinkage to Z100

Bulk fill resin composites had less volumetric polymerization shrinkage compared to Z100



**Table 1 – Means (%  $\pm$  SE) of volumetric shrinkage determined for each resin composite material, observed through  $\mu$ CT.**

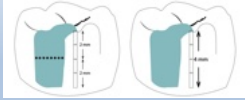
	Volumetric shrinkage (%)
G1 – Filtek Z100 (Z100)	3.96 (0.30) A
G2 – Tetric EvoCeram Bulk fill (TEC)	2.31 (0.14) B
G3 – Tetric EvoFlow Bulk fill (TEF)	2.75 (0.32) AB
G4 – Filtek Bulk fill (FBU)	2.40 (0.28) B
G5 – Filtek Bulk fill Flowable (FBF)	3.50 (0.37) AB

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**The influence of different placement techniques on the clinical success of bulk-fill resin composites placed in Class II cavities: a 4-year randomized controlled clinical study**

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A double-blind and split-mouth randomized controlled clinical trial was to evaluate the clinical success of the placement technique (bulk-filling and incremental techniques)



**The 4-year clinical success of X-trafil and FiltekBulkFill composites is not dependent on the placement technique used.**

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**Bulk-fill versus layering pure ormocer posterior restorations: A randomized split-mouth clinical trial**

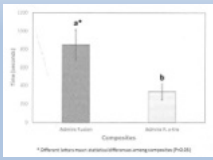
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The time necessary to perform the insertion of the restorative material was 2.5 times faster with the bulk application.

30 subjects

After 24 months of intraoral service, no difference between bulk fill and incremental fill composites. The bulk-fill material (Admira Fusion x-tra) required significantly less chair time to apply than the layering one (Admira Fusion).



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**Microleakage of Class II Bulk-Fill Resin Composite Restorations Cured with Light-Emitting Diode versus Quartz Tungsten-Halogen Light: An In Vitro Study in Human Teeth**


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- Class II restorations with bulk-fill resin composite in IV-A and IV-B shades
- Light-cured with QTH (Litex 680A Dentamerica®); B, LED (Bluephase N° 3rd generation); and C, LED (Valo® 3rd generation).
- The third generation LED lamp and QTH showed no significant differences in microleakage when compared in both occlusal and cervical areas.
- More microleakage was found at the cervical level when a darker shade of resin composite was used and light-cured with the QTH unit.

**Insufficient energy results in a poor result**



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**Effects of radiant exposure and distance on resin-based composite polymerization**

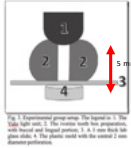
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Filtek Z250XT, Filtek One Bulk Fill, Filtek Bulk Fill Flow

1 mm distance (control-group) or through a 3 mm buccolingual extension and 2 mm mesial extension slot preparation in an ivorine tooth at a 5 mm distance

In the experimental group, where light-polymerization was conducted through the Class 2 slot cavity, at 5 mm distance, the mean RH ratios of tested RBCs were significantly below the 0.80 ratios.

Double the manufacturers' recommended exposure for the initial RBC increment in deep Class 2 interproximal slots.



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## Heating and preheating of dental restorative materials—a systematic review

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## Clinical Investigation

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### RESEARCH

Various ways of pre-heating a bulk-fill thermoviscous composite in restoration in non-carious cervical lesions: 12-month randomized clinical trial

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- 120 restorations Caps Warmer (CD) or VisColor Caps dispenser/warmer
- For the CD group, heating was carried at 68 °C. For the VD group, pre-heating was performed at 68 °C using a heating gun for 30 s. After that, pre-heated bulk-fill composites were directly inserted in the NCCLs. The total working time was recorded.
- The restorations evaluated after 6 and 12 months according to FDI criteria.
- Restoration time was shorter for VD: 36.5 min (± 2.5) for CD and 14.3 min (± 2.3) for VD
- The retention rates were 96.7% for CD and 98.3% for VD.
- **The 2 heating ways did not influence the 12 month clinical performance.**

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## Effect of Repeated Preheating Cycles on Flexural Strength of Resin Composites

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- Enamel Plus HFO (Micerium) (HFO), Enamel Plus HRI (Micerium) (HRI), Opallis + (FGM) (OPA)
- Preheating to a temperature of 45°C
- For all three composites, **flexural strengths were not affected after 20 preheating cycles in comparison with the control groups (No preheating), but were, significantly decreased after 40 preheating cycles**


Heating cycles	Groups			Total
	HFO	HRI	OPA	
0	110.00 (10.75)	100.00 (20.25)	121.00 (20.00)	110.00* (20.15)
20	110.70 (20.70)	100.70 (14.30)	110.00 (27.00)	110.47* (20.63)
40	90.21 (24.00)	90.00 (20.00)	90.00 (30.01)	90.07* (24.74)
Total	100.28* (24.00)	100.23* (20.40)	100.00** (27.17)	

\* Significant compared with control group (p < 0.05) for ANOVA (Duncan's p < 0.05).

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## 36-Month Randomized Clinical Trial Evaluation of Preheated and Room Temperature Resin Composite

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- 35 patients were selected. Every patient received one pair of class I nanofilled resin composite (RC, Filtek Z350 XT) posterior restorations (n=70)
- **After 36 months, preheated nanofilled RCs showed an acceptable clinical performance similar to that of the nonheated ones in class I restorations, but with better resistance to marginal staining.**
- **Considering that postoperative sensitivity was reduced over time, its use in routine care can be considered a good practice.**

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Influence of preheating on mechanical and surface properties of nanofilled resin composites

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**Filtek Z350 XT 24°C and 68°C for 5 min to reach the temperature of the warming device. Heating procedure did not negatively affect microhardness, fracture toughness and surface roughness of nanofilled resin composites**

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**Composite pre-heating: Effects on marginal adaptation, degree of conversion and mechanical properties**

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The pre-heated composite showed better margin adaptation than the room-temperature composite. More gaps were observed in the room-temperature groups, mainly in the axial wall (p<0.05). Composite pre-heating did not affect the DC, FS and PCL (p>0.05). **SIGNIFICANCE: Pre-heating the composite prior to light polymerization provides enhanced composite adaptation to cavity walls.**

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**Effect of preheating on the viscoelastic properties of dental composite under different deformation conditions**

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**Preheating of Filtek Z350 might be helpful in clinical practice both to increase the slumping resistance when minimal manipulation is used (e.g., during the build-up of a missing cusp tip) and to increase flowability when manipulation entailing high shear strain is applied (e.g., when uncured composite resin is spread on a dentin surface)**

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**Effect of Preheating on Microhardness and Viscosity of 4 Resin Composites**

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Vit-I-essence, Tetric Ceram HB, Filtek Supreme Ultra, Filtek LS

Preheating to 68°C increased the microhardness and decreased the viscosity. resin composite material was inserted into the mould within 45 seconds after removal from the heating device. Filtek Supreme Ultra had the highest mean microhardness, and Vit-I-essence resin composite had the lowest viscosity. **The effects of preheating resin composites allows easier placement of restorations and greater hardness**

Material	Time after end of preheating, temperature (°C)				Decline in temperature (°C)
	0 s	15 s	30 s	45 s	
Vit-I-essence	64.6	57.9	55.1	46.1	17.5
Tetric Ceram HB	54.9	52.7	50.1	46.1	8.7
Filtek Supreme Ultra	55.3	55.1	50.1	46.0	1.3
Filtek LS	55.6	53.1	49.9	45.1	6.5

Material	Mean microhardness ± SD (KHN)		% increase with preheating
	Not preheated	Preheated	
Immediately after light-curing	40.36 ± 1.91*	46.76 ± 1.20*	15.36
Tetric Ceram HB	43.70 ± 1.80*	49.07 ± 2.33*	12.29
Filtek Supreme Ultra	65.60 ± 1.03	76.62 ± 2.24	16.52
Filtek LS	42.38 ± 1.03*	53.90 ± 2.02	27.18
24 hours after light-curing	52.02 ± 1.91*	57.22 ± 2.29	9.82
Tetric Ceram HB	52.31 ± 2.05*	53.07 ± 1.95	1.45
Filtek Supreme Ultra	78.81 ± 0.83	76.01 ± 2.24	-3.32
Filtek LS	49.81 ± 1.26	61.14 ± 0.91	23.74

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**Prewarming effect on adaptation, porosities, and strength of a composite resin**

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**Restorations made with prewarmed composite had significantly fewer large voids and better adaptation to cavity walls and between layers (P < 0.05). Strength of prewarmed composite was higher than room temperature composite, and was significantly higher in monolithic specimens (P < 0.05). It was concluded that prewarming conventional composite can improve its handling, making it handle more like a flowable composite without jeopardizing physical properties.**

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**Effects of Preheating and Sonic Delivery Techniques on the Internal Adaptation of Bulk-fill Resin Composites**

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- Preheating produced fewer gaps compared to conventional placement (p<0.05).
- For conventional placement, the lowest gap percentage was observed with the incremental resin composite (CMP, p<0.05).
- The lowest gap percentages were for preheated VCB followed by sonically inserted SF2 (p<0.05).
- The best internal adaptation was observed in sonically inserted SF2 and preheated VCB

Figure 2. Representative micro-CT images of cavities restored with different insertion techniques. Yellow arrows indicate the internal gaps of the resin composite-cavity interfaces. Abbreviations: Conventional; Conventional Placement; SF2, Filtek One bulk-fill restorative; SF2, SonicFill 2; VCB, VisCeler bulk.

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### Effect of composite warming on shear bond strength

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14 Empress Direct Cavifill D1 shade composite specimens prewarmed in an incubator to 54°C and 14 used at room temperature 22°C. Bonded to bovine enamel and dentin and photopolymerized with a Valo for 20s. After storage in water for 24 hours, all specimens were subjected to shear bond testing.

**There was no difference between the shear bond strengths of the prewarmed and room temperature composite resin specimens.**

**The warm composite resin seemed easier to place in the Ultradent jig and was less adherent to the placement instrument.**



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### Pre-heating time and exposure duration: Effects on post-irradiation properties of a thermo-viscous resin-composite

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**Pre-heating did not increase the DC(24h), relative to no pre-heating (p>0.05). Increasing irradiation time from 20 to 40s did not affect DC, RP(max) or PS, but increased VHN(top). Composite pre-heating had no adverse effect through any premature polymerization.**

Materials	RP <sub>max</sub>	
	20 s	40 s
Viscalor (no heat)	1.85 <sup>ab</sup> (0.42)	1.79 <sup>ab</sup> (0.32)
Viscalor (T3-30s)	1.90 <sup>ab</sup> (0.11)	1.70 <sup>ab</sup> (0.48)
Viscalor(T3-3min)	1.96 <sup>ab</sup> (0.12)	1.78 <sup>ab</sup> (0.30)

For each exposure duration, the same lower case superscript letters indicate homogeneous subsets among the materials. For each material, the same CAPITAL superscript letters indicate homogeneous subsets among different conditions.

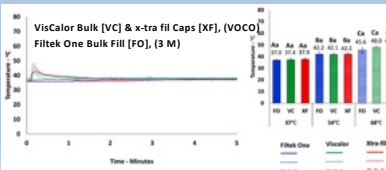
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### Effect of pre-heating methods and devices on the mechanical properties, post-gel shrinkage, and shrinkage stress of bulk-fill materials

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- The temperature fell rapidly after the RBC was inserted into the cavity.
- Pre-heating the RBCs did not affect the mechanical properties.**
- FO had the lowest E, DC, and KH values, VC had intermediate values, and XF achieved the highest values.
- The DTS and CS values were not affected by the various pre-heating methods, the temperature, or RBC.
- At 10 min after light activation, VC pre-heated to 65 degrees C produced the lowest values.



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### The light-curing unit: An essential piece of dental equipment

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### Light curing in dentistry and clinical implications: a literature review

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**Abstract:** Contemporary dentistry literally cannot be performed without use of resin-based restorative materials. With the success of bonding resin materials to tooth structures, an even wider scope of clinical applications has arisen for these lines of products. Understanding of the basic events occurring in any dental polymerization mechanism, regardless of the mode of activating the process, will allow clinicians to both better appreciate the tremendous improvements that have been made over the years, and will also provide valuable information on differences among strategies manufacturers use to optimize product performance, as well as factors under the control of the clinician, whereby they can influence the long-term outcome of their restorative procedures.

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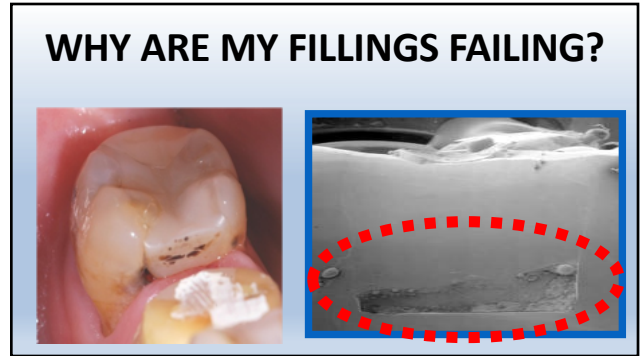
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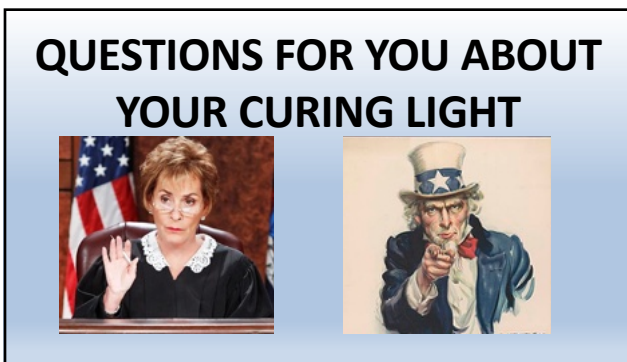
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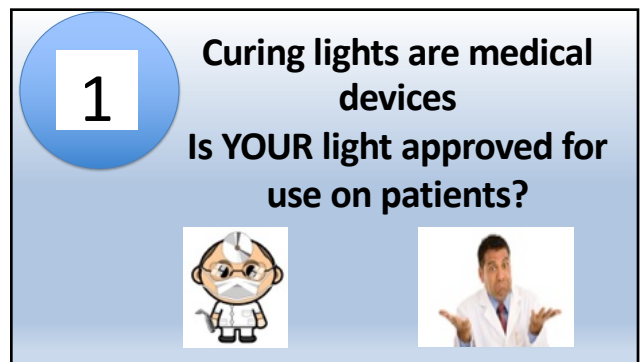
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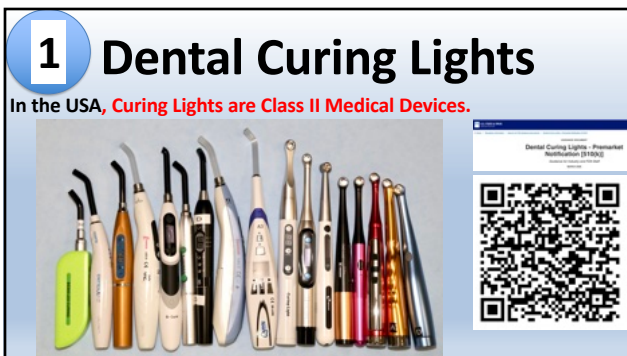
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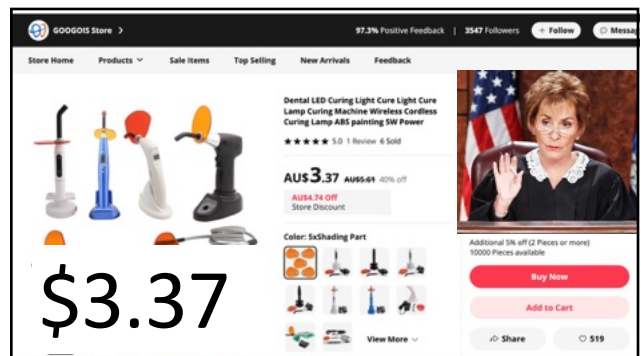
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**Dentists who import products from Amazon, Alibaba etc, are responsible for the licensing process**

If unsure if a product is licensed, contact Medsafe: <https://www.medsafe.govt.nz/other/contact.asp>




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**AVOID GREY MARKET PRODUCTS**

**Do You Know if You Are Using Gray Market or Counterfeit Products?** (Continued from page 1)

**What is a gray market or counterfeit product?**  
 These products are usually brand-name products that you recognize, purchased at low cost by U.S. dental supply companies usually from out of the U.S. and imported into the U.S. for sale. Estimates are that about 15% of current products sold in the U.S. are in these categories. These products range from excessive purchases of U.S. products by distributors in other countries that were not sold there, to early generation products no longer registered in the U.S., to outright counterfeit products of unknown composition.

**How do you identify gray market or counterfeit products?**

- **Low cost:** This is the best clue! Most legitimate dental distributors in the U.S. agree that products selling for more than 15% under the normal retail price are likely to be gray market or counterfeit.
- **Packaging that is suspicious:** Poor printing on the package, company name not the currently used name of the company, bar code blocked out, statement clearly stating the product is for use in a country other than the U.S., language on the product not English, and other suspicious characteristics.
- **Expired date:** Check the expiration date. Has it passed? Is it smeared or blotted out?


**Avoiding gray or counterfeit products:**

- **Use authorized distributors.** The major, well-known distributors in the U.S. can be trusted to avoid such products. Also, you may call the manufacturer in question and see if the distributor selling the product is authorized to do so.
- **Avoid "too good to be true" prices.** Legitimate products can't be sold for extremely low prices.

**CR CONCLUSIONS:** The U.S. FDA and your trusted local distributors are trying to ensure that you treat your patients with legitimate products. We suggest that you avoid these relatively easily identified gray or black market products.

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Join 3M to Protect Patient Safety and Dental Practices against Gray Market & Counterfeit Products



**A Serious Threat to Patient Safety**

**Gray market is a serious threat to patient safety**

Gray market has grown as the internet and online purchasing venues have provided easy opportunities for unauthorized products to enter the marketplace, with little scrutiny.

These products can be difficult to distinguish from authentic ones and are tempting to buy because they're often priced lower than products sold through a secure supply chain. But there's a huge potential downside when using them. Every gray market product raises the risk of product failure due to improper storage, shipping orphony expiration dates -- not to mention the risk of using an inferior quality, counterfeit product.



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**Warranty Who do I contact in case of a problem?**



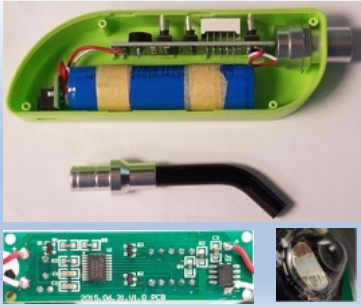

**\$15.99**  
**91 sold**  
**1500 mW?**

<https://www.ebay.com/itm/232076352223>

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**2**

**Battery Soldered to the Board**



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**Has the Battery/Charger Been Approved for Use?**



**Rising number of lithium battery incidents on airplanes worry pilots, flight attendants**



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### Problem: Batteries

- Sensitive to how they are used (NiMH)
- Take a long time to recharge (60-180 min)
- Lose capacity quickly (DoD)
- Expensive to replace (up to \$320)
- When a curing light doesn't work  
**DENTISTRY CAN'T HAPPEN!**

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**Battery Life/Corrosion Is A Concern Especially If Not Removable By User**

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## BATTERIES

<p>3pack GTL 16340 3.7V 2300mAh Rechargeable Lithium Batteries Red 36-01</p> <p>Available from these sellers.</p>	
<p><b>Elipar DeepCure-S Li-Ion Battery Ea</b> (5843157)</p>	<p>1 @ \$435.00</p>
<p><b>Demi Plus Battery Pack Ea</b> (1231435) Kerr (921918-1)</p>	<p>1 @ \$346.49</p>
<p><b>Bluephase Style Battery Ea</b> (9450403) Ivoclar Vivadent (637692)</p>	<p>1 @ \$239.59</p>

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## BUDGET LIGHTS

**Emission Characteristics and Effect of Battery Drain in "Budget" Curing Lights**

Source: Dentistry Today, 2016, 4(4), 397-408

**Effects of Declining Battery Voltage on Light Intensity and Power Consumption of Light-Curing Units**

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**Battery Charge Affects the Stability of Light Intensity from Light-emitting Diode Light-curing Units**

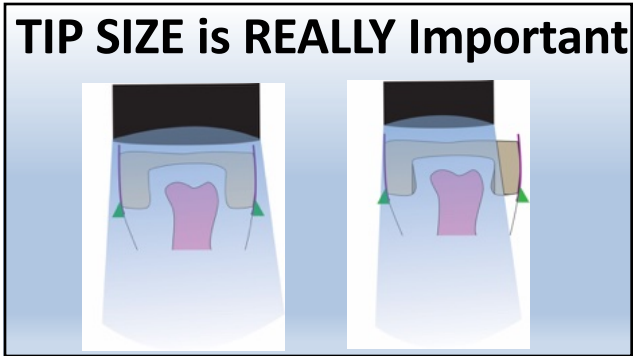
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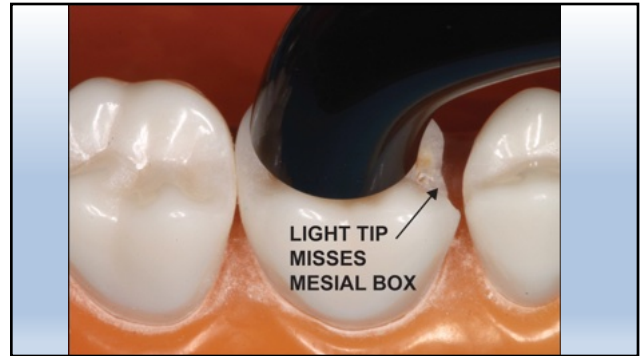
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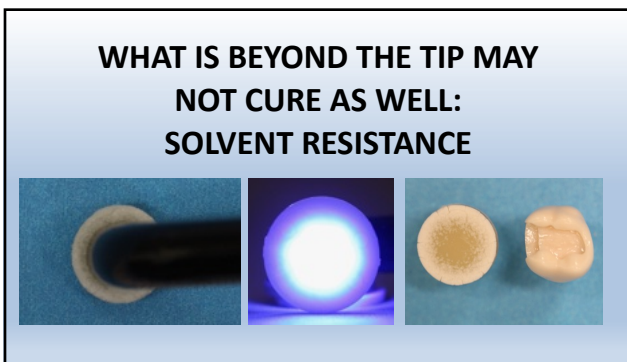
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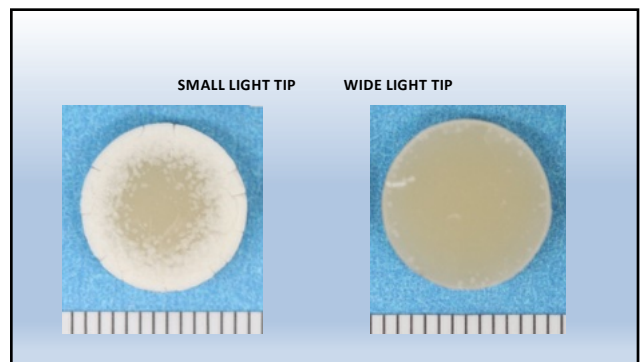
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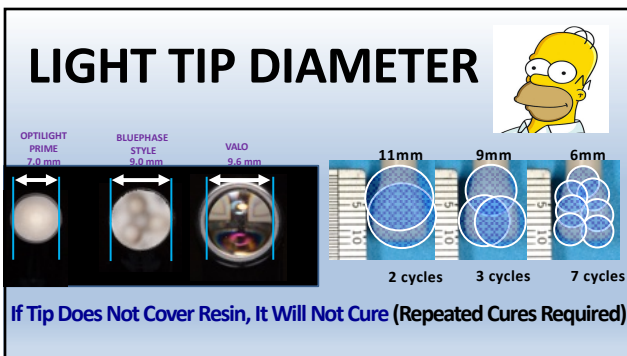
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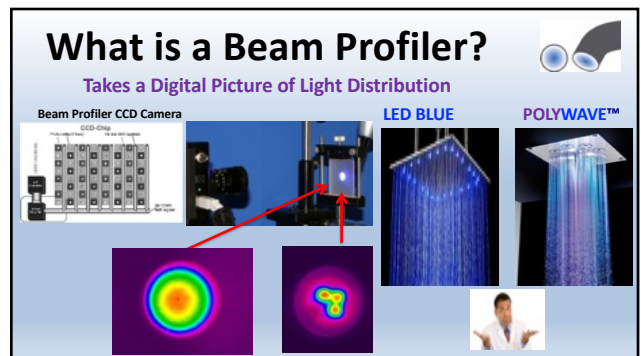
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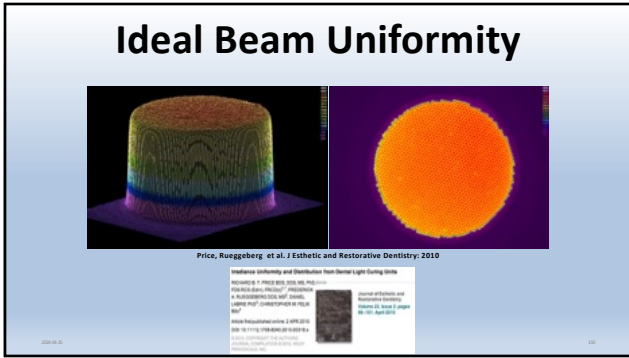
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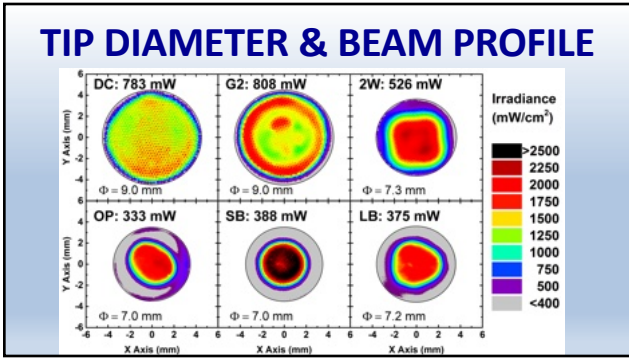
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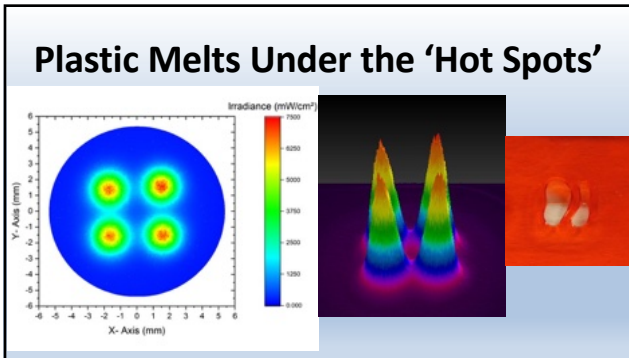
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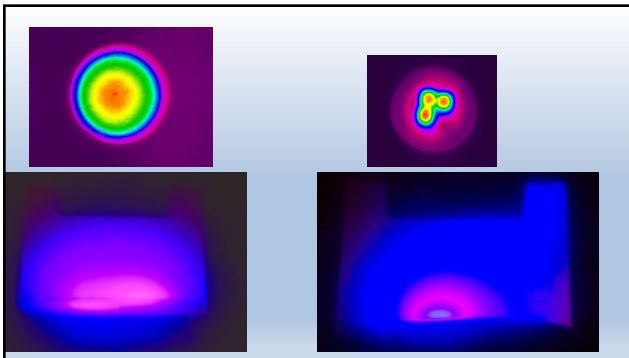
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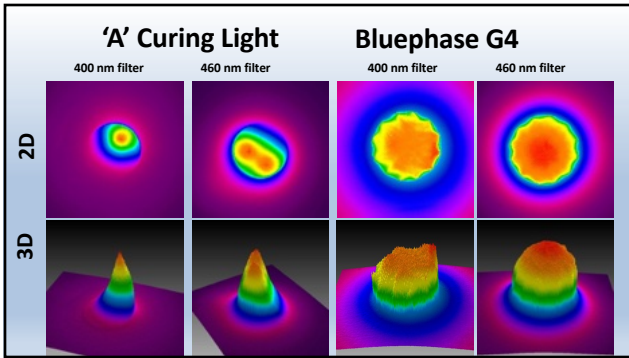
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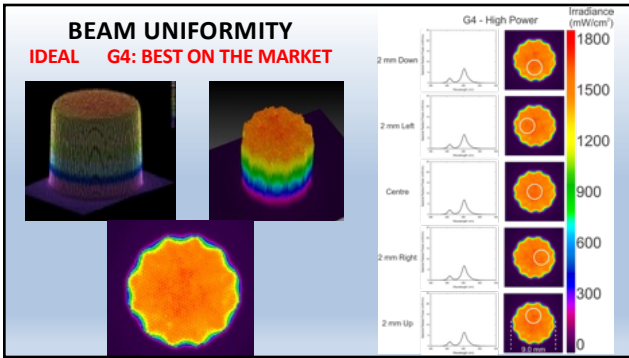
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**applied optics**  
 Three-dimensional beam profiling used to characterize dental light-curing units  
 S. M. JONES, B. SULLIVAN, I. KAPLAN, R. B. PEARL, and D. LANGE

# THIS IS RIGHT

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## Radiant Exposure THIS IS WHAT IS IMPORTANT

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## INFECTION CONTROL BARRIERS

How Infection Control Barriers Impact Curing Light Performance

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## Barriers Can Affect Beam Profile

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## Do Not Position Seam Over Light Tip

### WANT IT SMOOTH

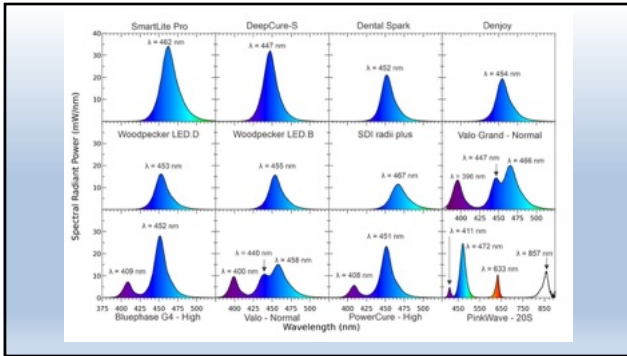
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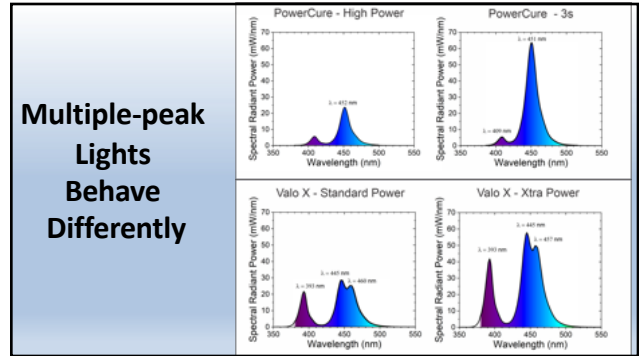
## WHAT IS THE OUTPUT FROM THE LIGHT?

Emission Spectrum  
 Irradiance

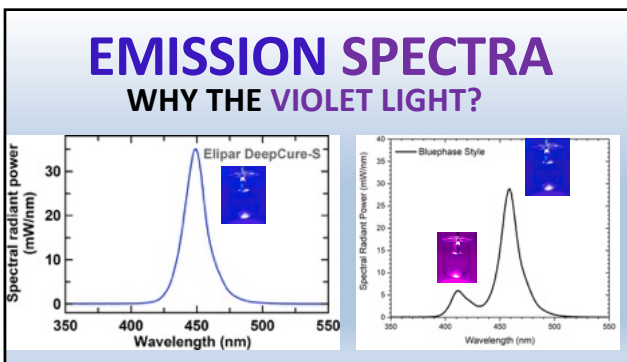
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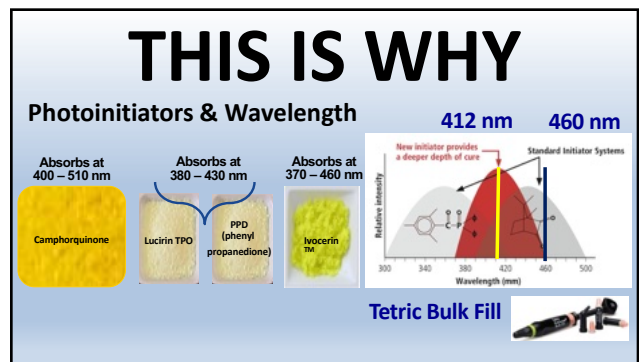
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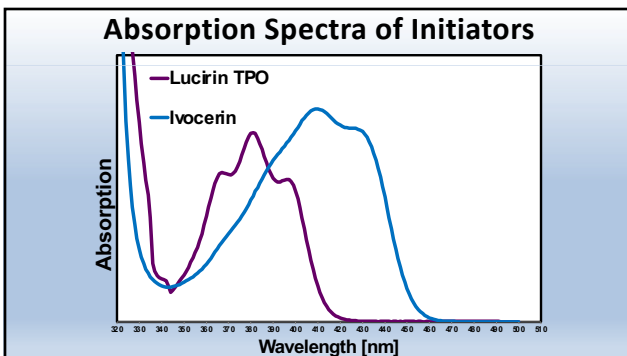
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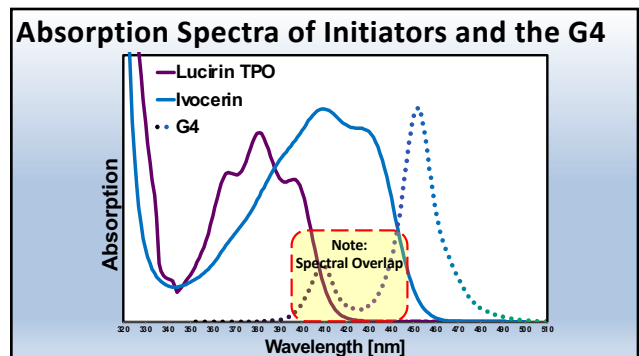
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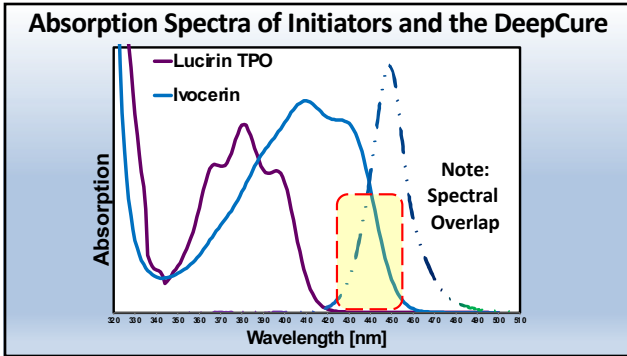
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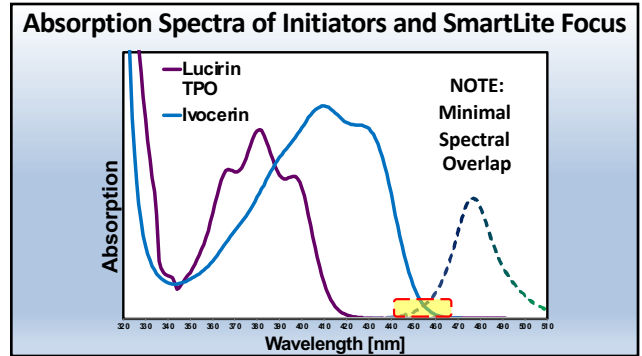
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**Power: Watts (mW)**  
**Power/Area (mW/cm<sup>2</sup>)**



 = 

**Irradiance (mW/cm<sup>2</sup>)**

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**POWER, DIAMETER: Irradiance**

9mm: 63.6mm<sup>2</sup>      6mm: 28.3mm<sup>2</sup>

             $\pi r^2$

**Same Power Irradiance?**  
1,100 mW/cm<sup>2</sup>      2,476 mW/cm<sup>2</sup>

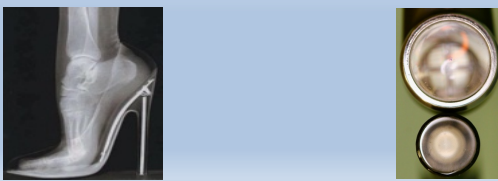
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**Equate Lbs to Watts**

Equate Low Pressure: Low Irradiance  
Equate High Pressure: High Irradiance

**Same Weight**

Different Pressure/Irradiance




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**Same Lbs: Same Watts**

Small Area/High Pressure/High Irradiance  
Large Area/Low Pressure/Low Irradiance

**Same Weight**

Different Pressure/Irradiance



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### Changing Tip Diameter From 10 to 7 mm

**Halves the Area**

Diameter	Area (cm <sup>2</sup> )	Power (mW)	Irradiance (mW/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Diameter	Area (cm <sup>2</sup> )	Power (mW)	Irradiance (mW/cm <sup>2</sup> )
10	0.786	1000	1273	10	0.786	1000	1273
7	0.385	1000	???	7	0.385	1000	2597

**DOUBLES the Irradiance**

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### 3,000 mW/cm<sup>2</sup> DOES NOT MEAN IT IS A 'POWERFUL' LIGHT

It may just have a small tip **Just Like High Pressure**

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### Irradiance (mW/cm<sup>2</sup>)

**X**

**Time (s)**

**=**

### Radiant Exposure (mW/cm<sup>2</sup>)

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Time = 10s or 20s, Depending on the Product AT 1,250 mW/cm<sup>2</sup>

Power: Watts (W) x Time = ENERGY: (J)

Irradiance x Time = Radiant Exposure (J/cm<sup>2</sup>)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Radiant\\_exposure](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Radiant_exposure)

**12.5 - 25 J/cm<sup>2</sup>**

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### FILTEK SUPREME

Shades	Increment Depth	All Halogen and LED Lights (with output of 400-1000 mW/cm <sup>2</sup> )	3M™ Elipar™ LED Curing Lights (with output 1000-2000 mW/cm <sup>2</sup> )
Body, Enamel, Translucent	2 mm	20 sec.	10 sec.
Dentin, A68 and B58	1.5 mm	40 sec.	20 sec.

Minimum Irradiance x Time = Minimum Radiant Exposure

Body 400 mW/cm<sup>2</sup> x 20s: 8-10 J/cm<sup>2</sup>

Dentin 400 mW/cm<sup>2</sup> x 40s: 16-20 J/cm<sup>2</sup>

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Power: Watts (W) x Time = ENERGY: (J)

Irradiance x Time = Radiant Exposure (J/cm<sup>2</sup>)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Radiant\\_exposure](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Radiant_exposure)

To deliver **16J/cm<sup>2</sup>** of energy in 10s, the light would have to deliver **1,600 mW/cm<sup>2</sup>**

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To deliver  $16\text{J}/\text{cm}^2$  of energy in 1s, the light would have to deliver  $16,000\text{ mW}/\text{cm}^2$

$2.6\text{ J}/\text{cm}^2$

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## How often do you check your curing light?

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### bluelight - Free Light Assessment

Book your free curing light evaluation today by following the QR code below!

Scan and Get Started Today

Don't Let Your Curing Lights Disrupt Your Restorative Workflows

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### Power and Irradiance Meter: Measuring tolerance of $\pm 10\%$

- Detects the light power for all kind of sources
- Independent of the size of radiating surface

1. Use to test the curing light.
2. Make sure there is no debris between the light tip and the LEDs.
3. Select the diameter first!
4. Pay attention to the tolerances.
5.  $\pm 10\% 1000 = 900-1100\text{ mW}/\text{cm}^2$

Light tip diameter template

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### Bluephase Meter II

Measures Power and Irradiance

Overall mean  $\pm$  S.D. difference between the power values from the same LCU recorded by the two examples of the Bluephase Meter II was  $3.8 \pm 1.5\%$

DOI ONE: <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0267359> July 8, 2022

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### EFFECT OF CHANGING TIP DIAMETER

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**5** DID YOU READ THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE?

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**FOLLOW MANUFACTURER'S INSTRUCTIONS**

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**USING THE MOLD TO SHOW THE EFFECT OF DIFFERENT SHADES**

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**Good Bonding Requires Adequate Light Curing!**

$y = 1.8062e0.0777x$   
 $R^2 = 0.98098$

50% increase in bond strength

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**BUT A Powerful Light Used For Too Long Can Deliver Too Much Energy**

**Position Light to Minimize Thermal Damage to Soft Tissues, Air Cool if Needed**

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**BEWARE of BURNS**

**If 10s is max time, then use light for 10s, then allow 5s to cool down, before turning on again**

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**BEWARE OF OFF LABEL USE OF DENTAL PRODUCTS**

**A SAFER DENTAL VISIT**

The significance of the US Food and Drug Administration for dental professionals and safe patient care

**2017**

However, if you decide to use a product off label, this decision should only be taken if there is **ample scientific evidence supporting the efficacy and safety of that product.**



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**BEWARE OF OFF LABEL USE OF DENTAL PRODUCTS**

**ACADEMY of GENERAL DENTISTRY**

**OFF-LABEL USE OF DENTAL PRODUCTS**

The Academy of General Dentistry believes that dentists may prescribe or administer legally marketed medical and dental products for an off-label use within the Practice of Medicine Exception, **if they believe that such an application is in the best interest of their patient.**



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**3M LIGHT CURING GUIDELINES**

**EVEN say that short exposure times may compromise the properties**

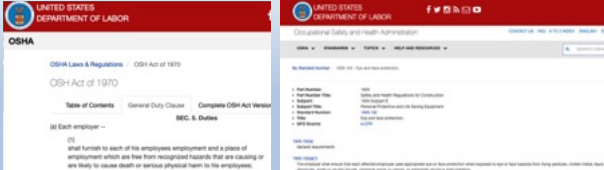








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**OSHA GENERAL DUTY CLAUSE**

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**David: You failed to provide adequate eye protection, now I have retinal issues**

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**THE BLUE LIGHT HAZARD IN DENTISTRY**

**YouTube Video**





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### THE BLUE LIGHT HAZARD IN DENTISTRY

Blue Light Hazard IS A CUMULATIVE HAZARD

**The Blue Light Hazard**

**Potential Risk of Retinal Damage from Blue Light:** Google Blue Light Hazard

1. Premature aging of retina
2. Macular degeneration
3. Photoreinitis
4. Altered sleep patterns

JADA

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### Dentists and Lights: ADA 2020

**15% Use No Eye Protection**

**USAGE**

**TECHNIQUE**

**EYE PROTECTION USE**

Frazier K, et al. (2020) Dental light-curing units: An American Dental Association Clinical Evaluation Panel survey

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### EMISSION SPECTRUM FROM DENTAL HEADLAMPS

LED LIGHTS

**HALOGEN LIGHT**

**LED LIGHTS**

**iPad emission at 0 mm**  
Total Power = 0.41 mW

**iPad 1000x less**

$\lambda_p = 441 \text{ nm}$

$\lambda_p = 441 \text{ nm}$

Spectral Radiant Power ( $\mu\text{W}/\text{nm}$ )

Wavelength (nm)

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anses French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety 2019

### LEDs: recommendations for the public

- Limit exposure to blue light from LED displays before bedtime and at night, especially for children and adolescents.
- Choose "warm white" domestic lighting and opt for indirect lighting or lighting with diffusers.
- Strengthen regulations to limit light pollution, while ensuring the safety of individuals

<https://www.anses.fr/en/content/leds-blue-light>

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### 7 Effect of Distance 6-10 mm Away

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (mm)

CEJ

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### EFFECT OF DISTANCE

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**7** Did you train your assistant on the importance of distance & aim?

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**8** CAN YOU EVEN ACCESS THE RESTORATION IN THE MOUTH?

Worst Budget Light Must Open: 65 mm

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**CLINICAL REALITY**

Valo has a low profile head

**Light Design is Important**

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**POOR DESIGN**

Angles = Shadows = Inadequate Cure

**ZERO BOND STRENGTH! POOR PROPERTIES & MORE TOXIC**

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**SO PLEASE**

THINK: WHAT YOU ARE PUTTING IN?      THINK: WHAT ARE YOU CURING?

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**Regularly Check OVEN/Light Output**      **Check For Damage or Debris on Light Guide**

**How Many Restorations Will You Replace If You Discover Your Light Has Malfunctioned?**

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## LARGE TIP vs. SMALL TIP

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### FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVES YOU AN EVEN BAKE

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## ANY QUESTIONS?

- [rbprice@dal.ca](mailto:rbprice@dal.ca)
- YouTube: PriceCuringLab
- GoogleScholar

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## KULZER LIGHT CURING GUIDELINES

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# IVOCLAR LIGHT CURING GUIDELINES




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## The importance of proper light curing

In direct restorative therapy, while the top of the restoration might be cured, can you be sure that the bottom is sufficiently cured?

### Side effects of improper light curing



### What can you do to avoid it?

- Look for approved medical devices: Use an IVD-cleared device to measure light intensity.
- Choose a broad emission spectrum light: Not all LEDs emit deep red and blue light spectra.

### Follow these tips

- Check instructions for use
- Ensure light source is used as intended
- Monitor light use without touching the patient's teeth
- Hold the light tip directly over the tooth and light for 20 seconds per 2mm
- Use orange protective glasses for operator eye protection
- Check the light output regularly with a lux meter
- Use good oral hygiene

**#7** Use good oral hygiene

- Use of chlorhexidine mouthwash after curing light can reduce the risk of secondary caries.
- Do not use over-the-counter whitening toothpaste.
- Check that the area of curing light tip does not rest on the gingiva and use a light shield if necessary.
- Use a light shield that is certified for protecting light.
- Use a light shield over the light guide when the light is on.

Source: Making People Smiles

**ivoclar**

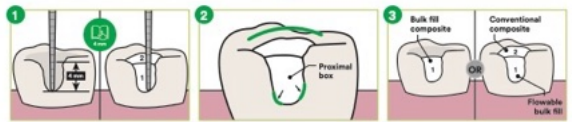
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## 3M GUIDELINES



### Before you start ...

- Measure the depth of the preparation
- Do not exceed product maximum increment thickness
- Follow manufacturer's recommended guidelines for light curing
- Incremental filling and light curing each increment separately may be required for large restorations
- Refer to the Instructions for Use for more details

### Before you fill a Class II ...

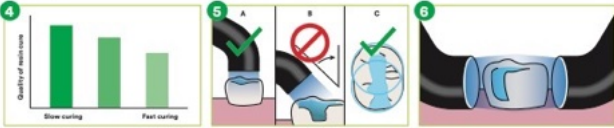
- Ensure you have a good matrix contour and adaptation, especially at the bottom of the proximal box

### When you fill ...

- Fill carefully to avoid trapping air
- Some bulk fill composite resins should be covered with a conventional composite to improve aesthetics, reduce wear and to help create occlusal anatomy

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## 3M GUIDELINES




### When you light cure ...

- Short exposure times using high-output curing lights may compromise the properties of some resins
- Cure each increment of composite according to product manufacturer's guidelines
  - A) Keep light tip close to the restoration
  - B) Avoid creating shadows
  - C) Use multiple exposures to fully cover the restoration
- Light cure from the buccal and lingual directions after removing the matrix
- Avoid overheating the tooth and gingiva (Directing high-volume suction across tooth during light curing helps)


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## YouTube Videos:


### Tips to help you choose a curing light



### Filling a cavity with a poor technique



### How to avoid knit lines in your composites



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