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Remember this formula for "Peace Of Mind" (*freedom from worry, absence of stress or anxiety*) in your practice:

NP (or EP)+E+D+TP+TS+CA=PS

New Patient (or Existing Patient)+Co-Discovery Examination+Diagnosis+ Treatment Planning+Treatment Sequencing+Case Acceptance = **Predictable Success, Happiness,Fulfillment and Peace of Mind**

Thanks to Charles W Martin, DDS, MAGD, DICOI, FIADFE LeadershipMastermindCoaching.com for suggesting the enhancements to the above formula for success.

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This month 's inspirational quotes:

We have magnificent brains, but we use a great deal of our brilliance to keep ourselves stuck and ignorant, to keep ourselves from not shining. We are so afraid of our beauty and radiance and brilliance because it scared the adults around us when we were children.

Patricia Sun

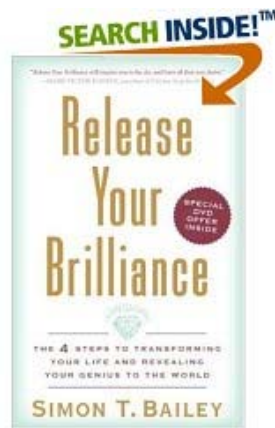
Before the beginning of great brilliance, there must be chaos. Before a brilliant person begins something great, they must look foolish in the crowd.

Anonymous

Thought For The Month - Articles For You And Your Team To

Discuss

Past "Thoughts For The Month" Are Now Conveniently Archived For Easy Review



Release Your Brilliance

Each of us is born brilliant. Then we spend the rest of our lives having our brilliance buried by people, circumstances, and experiences. Eventually, we forget that we ever had genius and special talents, and our brilliance is locked away in a vault deep within. So we settle for who we are, instead of striving for who we were meant to be.

Dentistry can be very rewarding yet it is a very demanding profession both technically and emotionally. Despite our successes, things can happen to 'put us in a funk' - an issue

with a team member, a miscommunication with a patient or specialist, a case not going the way we had planned. I have found [Release Your Brilliance](#) by Simon T. Bailey an excellent read and a great resource.

- [See The Book](#)

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LEARN TO IMPLEMENT THE PRINCIPLES OF A COMPREHENSIVE PRACTICE IN YOUR OWN PRACTICE!!

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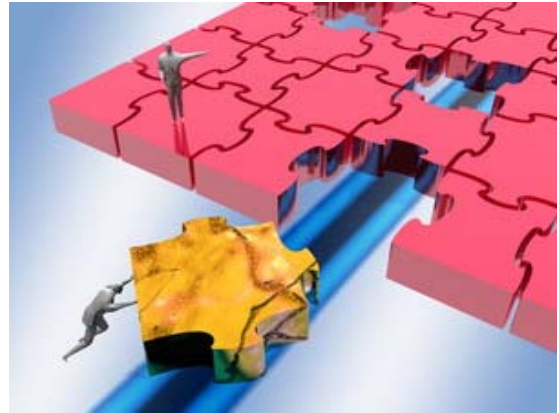
-**Complete masticatory system exams**—done in a way that's interesting and meaningful to both you and your patient

-**Bite Splint fabrication and insertion**—to help you get control of the system before you do the definitive porcelain

-**Diagnostic blueprint creation using articulated diagnostic casts**—an effective technique that allows you and your patient to see where you're going before you start prepping teeth

-**Creating effective, logical treatment plans and sequences**—in a way that's appropriate for your patients' circumstances

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FEBRUARY 08 CLINICAL TIP

Past "Clinical Tips" Now Conveniently Archived For Easy Review



Nice Porcelain...But

This month's clinical tip discusses a patient who recently had some nice looking porcelain restorations done. And very soon after placement start having sore teeth and porcelain fracturing. Several needed to be repaired with composite.

He did not have TMJ or muscle issues before or after but did develop an occlusal awareness.

Read on to see the occlusal exam and diagnosis, T scan analysis and how the case

was treated.

- [Read this month's CLINICAL TIP](#)

ASK THE TECHNICIAN

Enhancing the dentist-technician relationship

LOCATOR ATTACHMENTS

Locator attachments have become a very popular and successful mode of treatment for implant retained overdentures. Both laboratory and chairside procedures are very straightforward and predictable.

But what do you do if on the day of insertion, the overdenture does not seat to place?



Read this month's tip from Anthony Calonico of Artistic Dental Studio and how his experience in the removable field can give you a very simple but maybe not-quite-so-obvious solution to the issue. Anthony can be reached at anthony@artisticdentalstudio.net

[Go To The Article](#)

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS SUBMITTED FROM PAST ISSUES:

I have had some difficulties with VPS bite registration material for CR bite records. After analyzing the mounting, it is not the same as what I observed in the mouth. Any ideas?

VPS materials are very good materials. They are very accurate at capturing minute detail, which can be a problem as well as a blessing. It may flow into little cracks and crevices that may not be present in the study cast. So carefully groom the cast with good light and magnification and trim those little details from the bite registration.

Also, when using VPS, you need to make sure the mandible "stays put" at an open vertical short of the first contact in CR while the material sets. This can certainly be done with bimanual guidance but I find it a little easier fabricating an anterior bite stop first. You still want to guide to verify that the condyles are seated but now you have a "stop" to go back to. That anterior bite stop can even be a little composite temporarily bonded to the upper or lower anteriors. Again just be sure it is opened enough to clear the first contact with the condyles seated.

How do you get the patient to identify that first point of contact? Often times it seems that they don't feel the interferences. Then it is tough to get them to understand the rationale for treatment.

As I learned from the late Henry Tanner, a gentle touch goes a long way. Let your throat, face and chin relax. With your hands ever so gently placed, ask them to just let the lower jaw drop open ever so slightly. Then feather light, bring your teeth together till you just begin to feel them touch. I also just recently picked up a tip from a long time restorative dentist and mentor, Dr. Jack Seitlin. He 'dusts' a small amount of 50 microm aluminum oxide over the teeth before guiding them closed. As they just begin to touch, the grit of the aluminum oxide engages between those interfering inclines and makes them more noticeable to the patient. Works great! Always more to learn, huh?

What do you like to use for provisionals, especially longer term cases?

There are a lot of great materials to choose from. The composite type materials are quick, easy and beautiful. But I have found them to be a little too brittle for extended use and repeated removal/recementation often required with long term interdisciplinary cases. I've tried many things and always go back to Motloid ColdPac. It is strong, durable and tough enough to withstand grabbing with removers without cracking like composites can. If there are some edentulous areas, reinforcing it with Ribbond makes it virtually 'bulletproof'. When you need to relines or add to it, grind enough away to get to a fresh, clean surface and clean it again with Parkell Cavidry. These two steps will create a surface that fresh acrylic will predictably bond to.

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