

COMMENTARY

TEMPORARY CROWNS: REPOSITIONING KEY AS A NEW TECHNICAL APPROACH IN THE CLINICAL RELINING PHASE

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The quality of temporization in the management of complex fixed prosthodontics is of critical importance, not just with regard to appearance and fit, but also regarding occlusion. For most routine restorative procedures, many different techniques result in an acceptable temporary that can be adjusted in the mouth to establish correct occlusion. As the authors point out, however, certain patients benefit from having a more accurate occlusal relationship immediately upon placement of the temporaries. These include patients with specific occlusal needs owing to temporomandibular disorders and those in whom references such as the gingival margins are altered through surgery.

The approach presented by the authors is well documented and is a simple solution to ensure that the occlusion created in the diagnostic wax-up on the articulator is accurately transferred to the patient. As a side benefit, it also minimizes the frustration and chair time of occlusal adjustment.

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