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Network study: Successful Crowns

One of my biggest challenges as a restorative dentist has been ensuring the crowns I place fit well, function well and are successful long-term. I was excited to be part of the Successful Crowns study which looked at this issue on a large scale. The study motivated me to examine why I recommend the materials I do and think about their long-term success. A benefit of the study was it promoted the communication between the laboratory and the dentist and hopefully enhanced that relationship. The study reinforced the necessity of my questioning the accuracy and stability of my impression material and impression trays. The published results are evidence of a concerning trend that factors other than a restoration's proven long-term viability are driving the selection of a restorative material. The successful crown study was extremely valuable to me as a restorative dentist and to the profession as a whole.