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Shikosha Dental Lab Quarterly Newsletter: Winter 2017

Spotlight: Hideki Taniguchi, RDT, and the Ceramics Team

Hideki Taniguchi, RDT, supervises the Ceramic and Wax/Metal departments and has been with Shikosha for 10 years. He began his training 27 years ago at the Osaka Dental Institute College (Japan), where he took night classes while working as a dental technician. Hideki graduated with the prestigious “best honors” accolade and went on to continue his ceramic studies at the Osaka Ceramic Training Center.

Before joining the Ceramics Team at Shikosha Dental Lab, Hideki worked as a ceramist and lab supervisor in Japan for several years. He is a Registered Dental Technician who enjoys working on challenging full-mouth cases, and he’s one of our top requested technicians for highly esthetic and complex restorations.



Shikosha’s talented and highly experienced Ceramics Team also includes Christy Kim, CDT, who has been with us for 28 years; Miyuki McCloud, CDT, has been with us for 19 years, and Dang Tran, CDT, has been with us for 6 years.

CURRENT PROMOTIONS

FEEDBACK QUARTERLY DRAWING (NEW!)

In order to help you succeed in as many ways as possible, we want to go beyond quality products and provide you with valuable services like helpful resources, technical tips, and ongoing continuing education. In order to do this to the best of our ability, we need to hear from *you!* Send us your idea for a new service, product, CE topic, or website resource, and we’ll enter you into our quarterly drawing for a \$100 gift card! Please submit your feedback online (www.shikosha.com/contact/feedback) or talk to your sales rep or a lab manager.

EVALUATION CARD DRAWING

We want to offer our doctors the highest-quality products available. Every month, one evaluation card will be drawn at random from the prior month’s group, and the selected doctor will win a \$50 gift card! You should receive an evaluation card with every case—the more you send in, the higher your chances of winning!

CUSTOMER REFERRAL

Several doctors began using Shikosha Dental Lab after hearing about us from a colleague. To show our appreciation, we’ll buy lunch for you and your office if another practice sends us 5 or more cases as a result of your referral.



THE NEW WEBSITE IS HERE!

We are excited to share that our new website is here! It's important to us at Shikosha to go beyond quality products and services to become a go-to resource that helps you succeed in as many ways as possible. Our new website has detailed descriptions of our products and services, such as case turnaround times, and information about our current promotions and upcoming CE schedule. Additionally, we have a Technical Tips page with tips on shade matching and other topics. Please send us feedback on other tips and resources that you think would be helpful. Check out the website at www.shikosha.com!

ALL THE RAGE:

Tattoo crowns are becoming increasingly popular, and with several talented artists on our team, Shikosha Dental Lab is the place to send your tattoo cases to! Mini Mouse is one of our most recent hand-drawn, custom, and permanent crown tattoos—made by the amazing Miguel. Give us a call to learn more about our customizable tattoo options and to get a turnaround time estimate: 503-238-7117.



HYBRID OVERVIEW

Not everyone is a candidate for implant dentistry because of various health problems or poor bone integrity. Shikosha Dental Lab offers the below hybrid products as restorative solutions for edentulous patients.

IMPLANT-ASSISTED PROTHESIS (OVERDENTURE)

Overdentures are typically made with two to four implants and are held in place by locator attachments or a bar. Patients require a certain amount of bone and tissue integrity to help support the prosthesis.

Benefits: Removable by the patient; fewer implants means less surgery; lower cost and usually faster.

IMPLANT-SUPPORTED PROSTHESIS

These hybrids can be either fixed or attached and removable. Fixed and cemented options perform like natural teeth.

Milled Bar

Four-six implants are fabricated on a milled bar that's screwed into place, providing a solid design with no movement.

Benefits: Some milled bars have passive attachments that snap into place; greater stability; often don't require a flange.

All-on-Four

A minimally invasive, fixed full-arch solution that requires only four implants. Tilting the posterior implants avoids the need for bone grafting.

Benefits: Great for full-arch cases; patients receive the prosthesis on the day of surgery; greater stability; often don't require a flange.

Fixed Hybrid

There are several ways to make a fixed hybrid. In most cases, denture teeth are fabricated over a custom-milled titanium or zirconia bar.

Benefits: Small access holes cause minimal damage; less intrusive; more esthetic capability; greater stability; usually don't require a flange.

Shikosha Dental Lab is a certified, full-service dental laboratory that has served the greater Northwest for over fifty years. We offer a wide variety of restorations, from complex implant-denture hybrid systems to a single zirconia crown. Shikosha's products are made locally, in-house in Portland, Oregon.



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