



On the Fly.....

Lead found in Porcelain Crown — [Made In China](#)

Dentistry is Changing...

by Jerry Ragle, CDT

...seemed to be the buzz throughout the week at the Chicago Midwinter Meeting this year. From Clinical to Laboratory "Digital" was mentioned, used, shown and demonstrated as the biggest change to hit Dentistry since Ceramco meant a porcelain crown. To those who are younger than I, Ceramco is a porcelain brand name but like Xerox is to copies, and Kleenex is to tissue, when Ceramco porcelain was introduced it became synonymous as a branded all-inclusive name for a PFM. As history seemingly repeats itself, we now attribute Lava as any type of Zirconia crown. "...It's just like Lava", today, is sort of like "...it's just like an IBM" of yesteryear. Proprietary names always consume the marketplace when new and innovative products are introduced. So who will grab the branded next digital product that will become synonymous in its own right? Time, of course, will tell. But in the meantime our product of choice has been RCad. I doubt if we win any awards, but it encompasses several products under one name. We could offer a dozen or so branded names for Zirconia, but zirconia is zirconia and all ceramic is all ceramic so why confuse our clients with all the marketing hype. It can be good for business, but it can also keep us from using the best product for a particular application. So our philosophy is simple. Let us choose the material that is the best restorative material for the job and not what is simply read on just about every page of Dentistry Today, Dental Products Report, and the vast majority of about every magazine out. These sell advertising and circulation or I should say circulation sells more advertising. We have used, and tested the majority of products on the market and yes there are some very good ones: but, there is not one that meets all needs clinically, or technically, and would take too much web space to explain them all, but feel free to call. So let's get into some of these products we currently use at Ragle Lab..... [Read more](#)

Digital Photography Tips

by Nick Ragle

Digital Photography is a great way to communicate to us. We use the Clear Match method of matching shades. Read more about it on our site by [clicking here](#). When sending pictures with the black and white tab we must receive the photos via e-mail to photos@raglelab.com or if you don't have e-mail send them on a USB drive. If you do not have a USB drive call us and we will provide one to you. We cannot do color mapping from already printed photos. Also, for tips on how to take great photos we have a short video demonstration on our website. Click [here to view](#).



Atlantis Abutments have discontinued the milling of the Zimmer **Spline** interface.

This has created quite a stir in our local community due to the Spline implant being so widely used. We have a couple other sources but time delays have become an issue and for that we apologize and continue to search out a center that can meet our needs and quality standard. We are currently looking into purchasing designing software but that will require time in doing the needed research. Until an option is found we offer three choices: — a **stock part**, which goes completely against our [business model](#), but is still available, — a **milled custom abutment from TDS**, time delays can be up to 10-18 working days to receive the abutment, — **hand fabricated custom abutment**, back to a few years ago in technology but works well just labor intensive. Cost is close to [\\$360-\\$400 per custom fabricated abutment](#).

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Newsletter Spotlight

Ragle now delivers cases in less time. Due to changes in the lab processes we are experiencing efficiencies that lead to delivering cases to our customers in less time than our competition.

- RCAD Esthetic 5 Days
- Gold Crowns 5 Days
- RCAD Zirconia 6 Days
- PFM & Captex 7 Days

We hope you enjoy the faster turnaround time



Ragle Lab in the News



Waxing without Wax

Nick Ragle, technique

Facing the Future

Jerry Ragle, CDT, inclusion



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Bruce Dodd, CDT will be leaving Ragle Lab after 15 years with the company. Bruce will be working exclusively with a group practice located in Decatur, IL. Bruce came to the lab directly out of college and with the assistance of our many clients, his technical wherewithal and being mentored early on by Harold Wilken has given Bruce the opportunity many young technicians are never able to realize. All of us at Ragle Lab wish Bruce the best. Click [Team](#) for more info.

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