
Patients Dental / Medical History

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Which criteria are important for the dental technician?

With regard to the patient input, it is worth investing more time in this than is generally the case. A great deal of important information is revealed by patients themselves; the attentive dental practitioner takes note of this. It is often the little things that can make the difference between success and failure. When the patient complains, for example, that his old dentures hampered him in some way or another, this can be taken into account and improved accordingly in the making of the new denture. In this way, one thing leads to another. What matters is that the patient is able to „experience“ or feel this progress.

The information communicated by the dentist to the dental technician should include the following:

- Surname and first name of patient
- Date of birth
- Length of anterior teeth, measured with the papillameter (ideally before fabricating the wax rims)
- Lip length, measured with the papillameter (ideal before fabricating the wax rims)
- Current position of the central incisors in relation to the incisal papilla (e.g. too far towards anterior? Too far towards posterior?)

- Width of the nasal wings (determination of anterior width according to Lee)
- Appropriate tooth characteristics
- Tooth shade
- Contour of the nasal base line
- Skeletal jaw situation
- Information on phonetics (e.g. difficulty in pronouncing the „s“ sound, etc.)
- Statements/information given by patient
- Additional information on the patient
- Further comments
- Description of patient's general state of health

If, for instance, a patient has muscular hyperactivity, it is essential to take this into account in the prosthetic planning of the occlusion concept and the posterior tooth selection with regard to the occlusal design.

The better the collaboration between patient, technician and dentist, the more satisfactory the end result will be for the patient. And in turn, successful teamwork motivates all involved.

Notes
