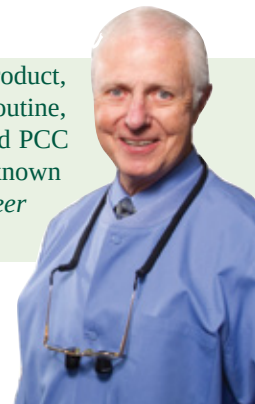




Twenty Essential Clinical Tips from Gordon

Gordon’s Clinical Observations: How often when talking to a peer dentist do you receive information about a product, technique, concept, or other dental information that you try in your practice and it is great? Such experiences are routine, and all of us lost most of this type of personal interaction during COVID-19. We are pleased to announce that CR and PCC have gone back to LIVE face-to-face presentations as of April 2021—of course with the normal spacing and other known precautions. *In this article, I provide 20 clinical tips to compensate in a minor way for the lack of you not receiving peer contact while unable to attend meetings in the past months. See if some of them fit your practice.*



Any new concept, device, material, or technique is not necessarily **BETTER** than the current concept you are using. A frequently stated CR goal is to locate, research, and disseminate those products that are **faster, easier, better, and lower cost** than those currently used.

In this article, Gordon lists and briefly discusses twenty tips, most of which are proven to satisfy the goals. A few of the tips are new and have a high potential to meet the CR goals.

Dental practitioners and team members have significant differences in their preferences for techniques, materials, and devices and the brands of products needed for each procedure. If you are pleased with whatever proven and successful technique you are using for any preventive or treatment procedure, especially those discussed below, don’t change until something comes along that you find markedly better than what you are currently using.

The reason or need for each of the following tips is briefly described followed by suggested products in BOLD PRINT.

Detail on many of the tips is available in previous Clinicians Reports, CR Dentistry Updates courses, or PCC videos or courses. The products may be easily found on the web by entering the brand name and the word dental following it. The numbers on the tips are for identification only and do NOT indicate prioritization.

15. Large-sized tooth build-ups do not have adequate retention.

- Most dentists have had a crown including the build-up come off the tooth prep during service. Unfortunately, some schools discourage use of pins.
- If one-half or more of the coronal tooth structure is gone, pins are mandatory! Stainless steel and titanium alloy pins can crack the remaining tooth structure. Pure titanium does not crack the tooth. **Filpin from Filhol** is a well-proven pure titanium pin.

CR CONCLUSIONS: Some of the tips in this article will fit your practice.

- COVID-19 is dying in some locations! **So now**—Attend **live** CE meetings and meet with peers, friends, manufacturers, distributors, and others. Glean tips from them, which has been impossible to do for over a year to date.
- Join study clubs and communicate with attendees.
- Read the *Clinicians Report* MONTHLY. You will find innumerable proven tips contained in every issue.
- Be inquisitive and creative in your own practice and tell others your findings.

❖ *This is only a portion of the original report.* ❖



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