

Successful Gingival Retraction with EXPASYL Exact

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CASE 1: Three keys to a successful impression (digital or conventional) are visualization, retraction, and moisture control. In this case, it is evident that sulcular bleeding exists in the area distal to tooth #19 following preparation (Fig 1). In most all of my cases, I place a cord soaked in a hemostatic agent. In this instance, although it provided me with better retraction of the margins, it did not help my visualization or entirely control sulcular bleeding. EXPASYL was used (Fig 2) in addition to the cord, and within a few minutes, the bleeding ceased entirely which allowed me the ability to visualize, retract, and control the moisture (Fig 3). In the end, a perfect impression was achieved (Fig 4).



Fig 1



Fig 2



Fig 3

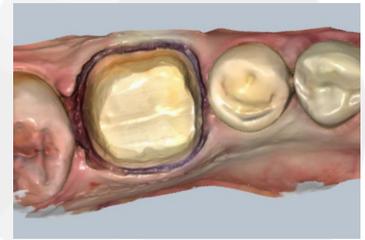


Fig 4

CASE 2: In some instances, bleeding occurs during the removal of cervical caries (Fig 1), especially in the elderly. Although packing cord helps in isolation, it does not always control the bleeding. EXPASYL (Fig 2) provides a great hemostatic effort that is efficient and predicatable in nature. The use of this allows us to control bleeding so that the prep is not contaminated with blood and a clean and visible bonding surface is available (Fig 3).



Fig 1



Fig 2



Fig 3



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