



Aesthetic Oral Arts

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DIAGNOSTIC WAX-UP

A diagnostic wax-up is the foundation for functional, cosmetic success and is instrumental in the fabrication of high quality provisionals! Diagnostic wax-ups are an invaluable tool for their ability to communicate and consider bite relations, occlusal schemes, vertical and horizontal planes. They also address the communication barrier encountered by many of today's laboratories and doctors. Nothing makes a job more difficult for the doctor and laboratory than not having adequate information.

The diagnostic wax-up is a communication catalyst and a blueprint for success. Not just for the doctor and laboratory, but also as a marketing tool to the patient. Once you the doctor receive a diagnostic wax-up, you can use the model to aid in the evaluation, diagnosis, and treatment of occlusal problems, as well as to advise the laboratory of needed changes. The key then, is to transfer the diagnostic wax-up to the patient and deliver what you see in the wax to the provisionals and then to the ceramic end result. Here at Aesthetic Oral Arts we have built a name by thoroughly educating ourselves in this area. The importance of effective communication cannot be emphasized enough, so any measure that facilitates discussion between the doctor and laboratory should be pursued.

Only the diagnostic wax-up can answer the vital questions and save valuable time. By working with the laboratory to evaluate or modify a wax-up before restoration fabrication, doctors can help reduce the need for follow-up phone calls and lengthy appointments. A diagnostic wax-up also enables the doctor to evaluate any changes to occlusion, phonetics and esthetics in the provisional stage. The laboratory can then use the patient-accepted provisional to develop incisal edge, labial and lingual matrixes that will later help verify that the finished product is exactly what was expected.

Our team at Aesthetic Oral Arts specializes in diagnostic case planning using Dr. Peter Dawson's philosophy to evaluate and to help communicate what is needed for the doctor, the patient, and the laboratory. We require diagnostic wax-ups for all cosmetic and full mouth reconstructions. Diagnostic wax-ups are the road map to achieve a predictable end result!