‘Almost three years later, I continue to be impressed’

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Thirty months ago, I wrote a blog post (you can see it at blog.jodena.com) about a company called Six Month Smiles.

At that time, I was very enthused after attending a two-day course for general dentists that provided hands-on learning for short-term orthodontics (STO).

STO is defined as cosmetically focused orthodontic treatment performed in less than nine months with esthetic brackets and wires.

Five of my clients at that time attended the seminar with me, and all of them were thrilled. Since then, another 10 clients have attended the seminar.

A terrific and new feature is that you will very soon be able to use an intraoral scanner to send digital scans instead of traditional impressions. The company has also made major strides in progressive advertising and enhanced social media presence to make the general public aware of its name and what it does.

I was told that in the last 30 days, more than 5 million potential patients viewed Six Month Smiles advertising, 2.5 million potential patients viewed social media posts and 30,000 potential patients visited the patient education section of the Six Month Smiles website looking for a provider in their area.

As I said in my original post, if you are a restorative dentist who loves to create beautiful smiles and has an ability to visualize cases, this ortho technology can, and will be, a fabulous addition to your armamentarium. You will quickly be able to move teeth into proper position so that bonding, veneers and more traditional crown and bridge or implants can be performed.

Go online to www.sixmonthsmiles.com for more information — you will not regret it!

A new generation of core build-up material

By Kettenbach LP Staff

Visalys® Core, the new product from Kettenbach LP, represents the next generation of core build-up materials. The most recent addition to the Visalys family is a dual-curing core build-up material with unique active-connect technology (ACT) to ensure a reliable bond with all common adhesives — without an additional activator.

The product was first unveiled at this year’s International Dental Show in Cologne, Germany.

Visalys Core is the first core build-up material from Kettenbach. The fluoride-containing, dual-curing composite was developed for the fabrication of radiopaque core build-ups and core fillings and for cementing root posts.

The product incorporates ACT, which is unique in the market. This enables the material to bond actively with all common light-curing and dual-curing, single-step and multi-step adhesives, without an additional activator. The advantage for users is that it allows them to use the bonding agent they are used to — no matter whether it is a light-curing or dual-curing, a single- or multi-bottle system.

A firm foundation

According to the company, Visalys Core ensures easy and reliable handling with excellent positional stability. At the same time, it exhibits good flowability and low extrusion force.

The excellent compressive strength results in a stable monoblock and a secure bond.

Optional light-curing allows the procedure to be continued immediately, according to the company, and reliable self-curing provides for dependable strength even on the cavity floor and in root canals. Excellent polishing characteristics ensure precise preparation; even without light-curing, the smear layer is minimal.

The product is also free of bisphenol A and its derivatives.

Visalys Core is available in dentin and white shades in a 5 ml double syringe and in a 25 ml cartridge. For detailed information about Visalys Core, visit the Kettenbach website at www.kettenbachusa.com.

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Today, the company is an international producer of dental impression materials and is also known in other surgical areas of medicine.

Brands include Panasil VPS Impression Material, Identiun VXE Impression Material, Futar Bite Material, Silginat Alternative Alginate, Visalys Temp Material and Visalys Veneers.