Stories from the Front Lines: Teaching with Technology During COVID

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Session 5: Using Technology During the Pandemic: Computer-Aided Design and Manufacturing (CAD/CAM) & 3-D Printing in Dental Education

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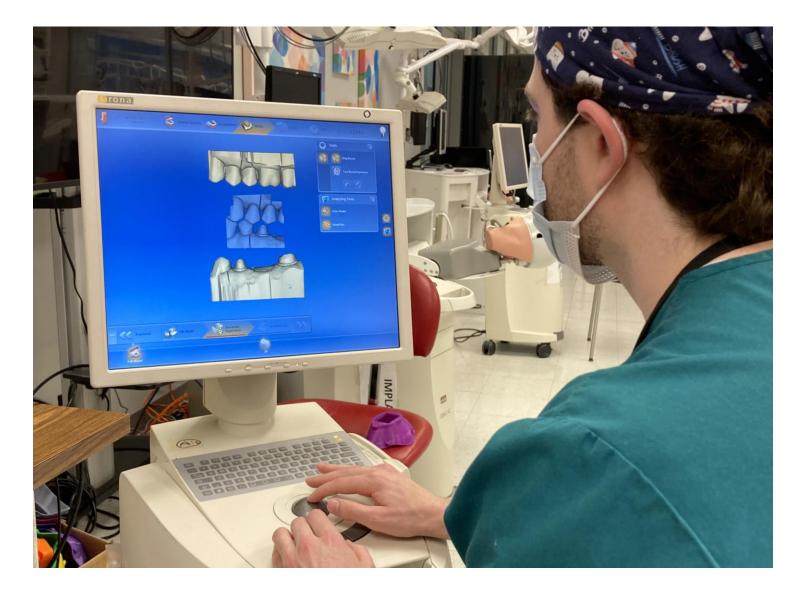
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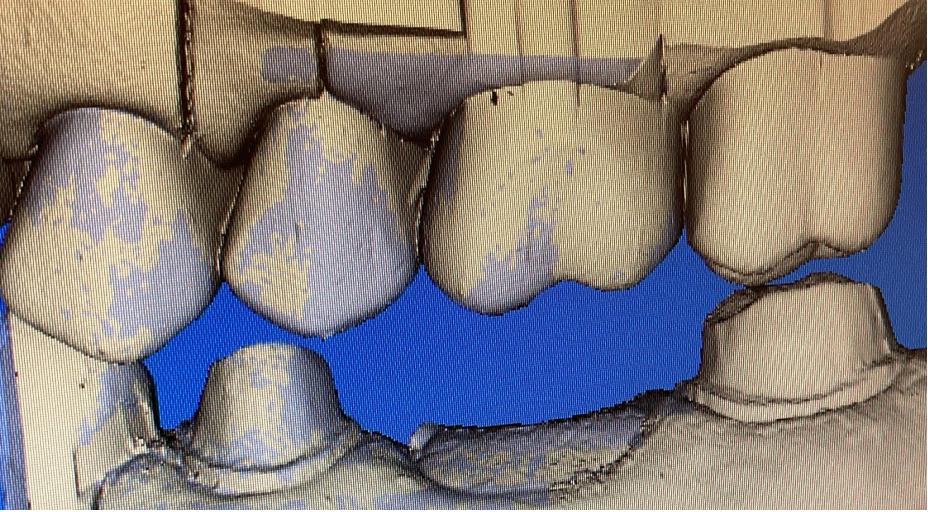
Scanning the Crown Preparations with an Intraoral Digital Scanner (CAD/CAM):



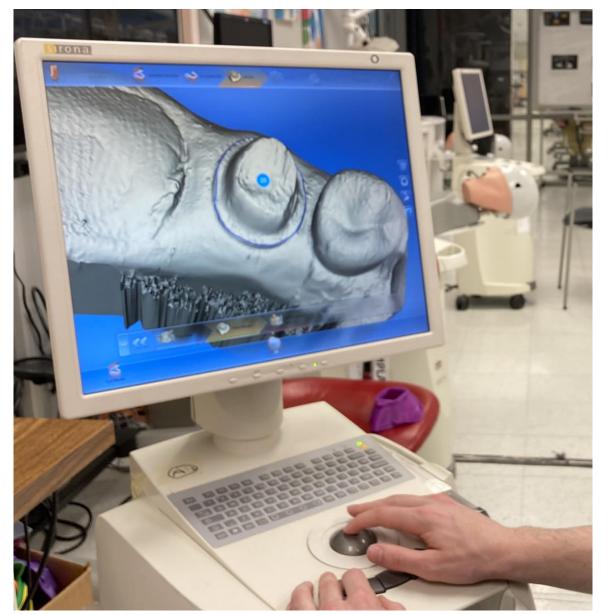
Manipulating the Digitally Scanned Images:



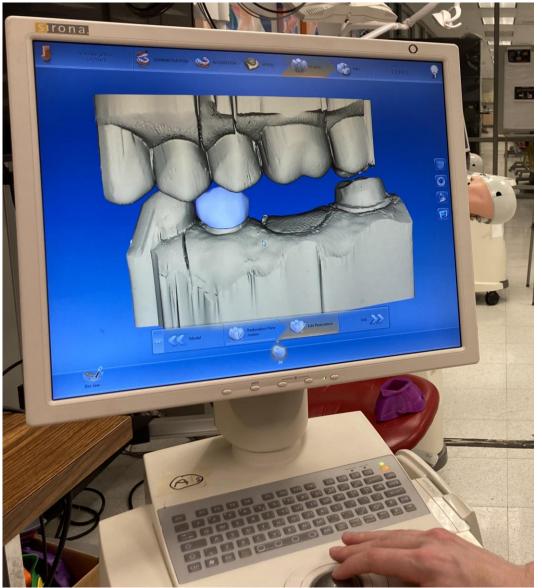
Computer Aligns the Bite:



Defining the Crown Margin Digitally:



Digitally Designing the Dental Crown:



Evaluation the Occlusion (Bite):

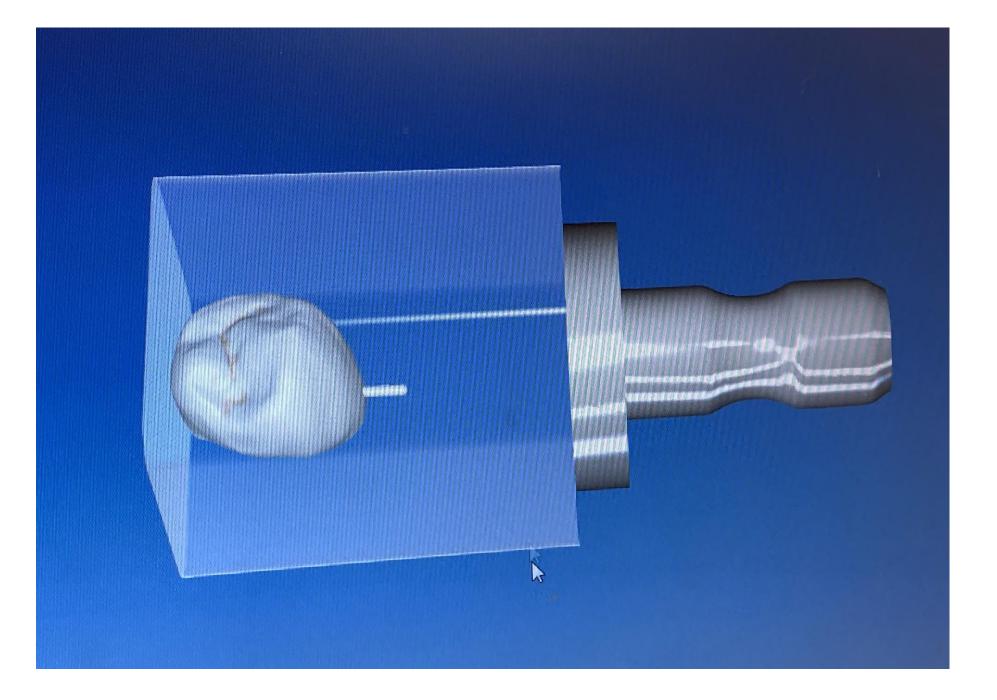


Material Choices for Computer Aided Manufacturing:

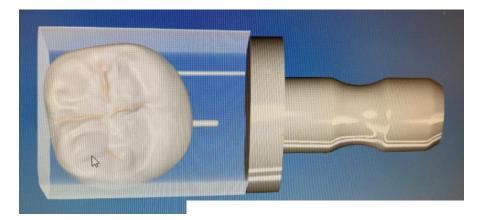


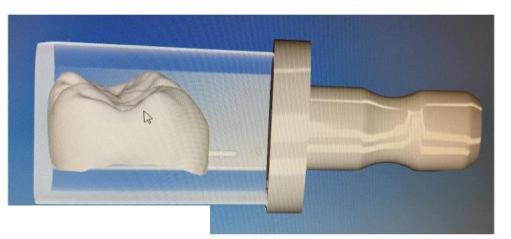
Make Sure that the Crown is Within the Block:

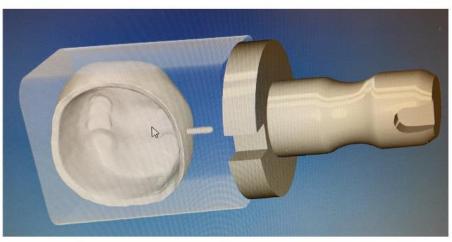




Ability to view Digital Crown from Different Views:



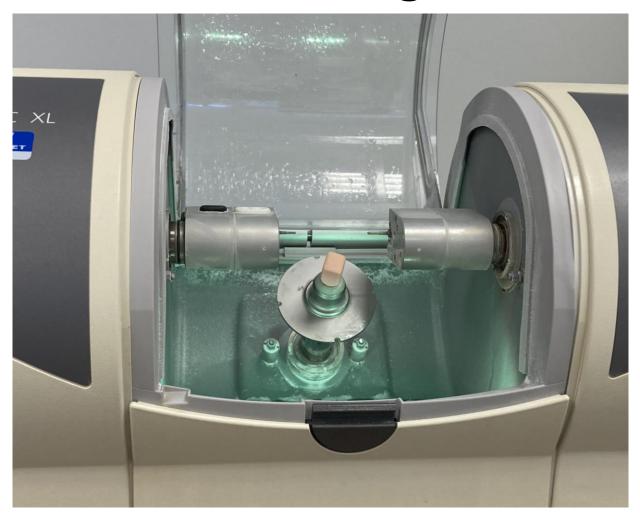




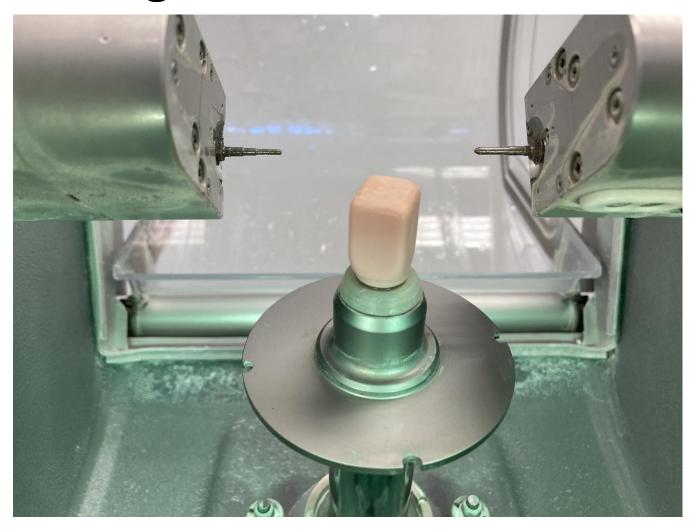
3-D Printed Acrylic Block from Digital Scan of Ceramic Block:



Block Placed in Milling Machine:

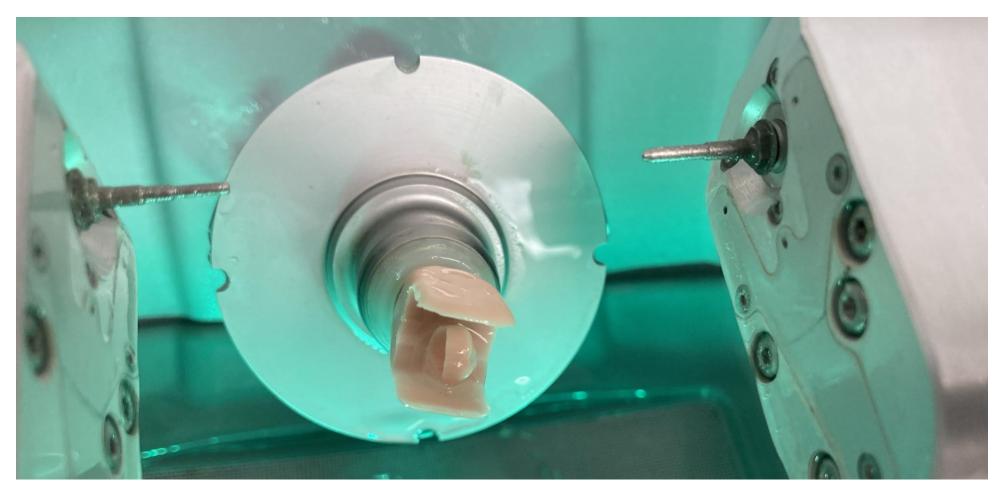


Diamond Burs Grind the Actual Crown from Digital Information:

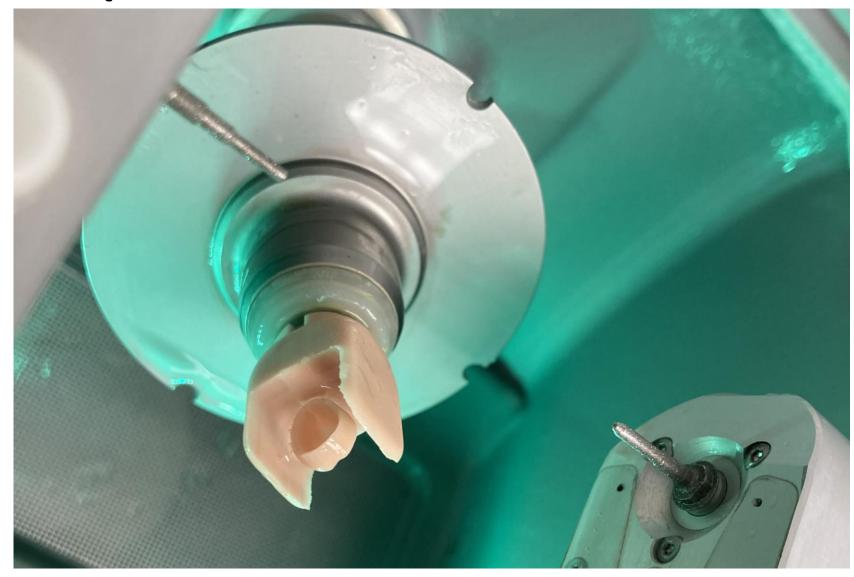




Computer Aided Manufacturing (CAM):



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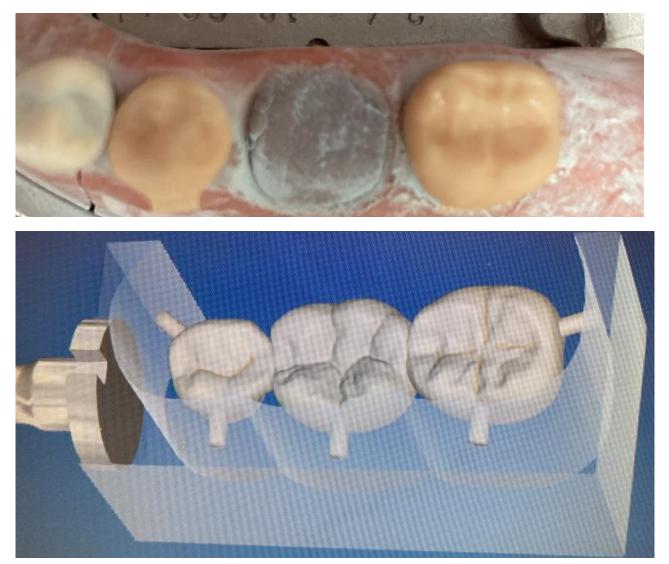
Before and After Grinding:



The Value of Incorporation 3-D Printing Technology:



2 Single Crowns or a Bridge:



Innovative 3D Printing:



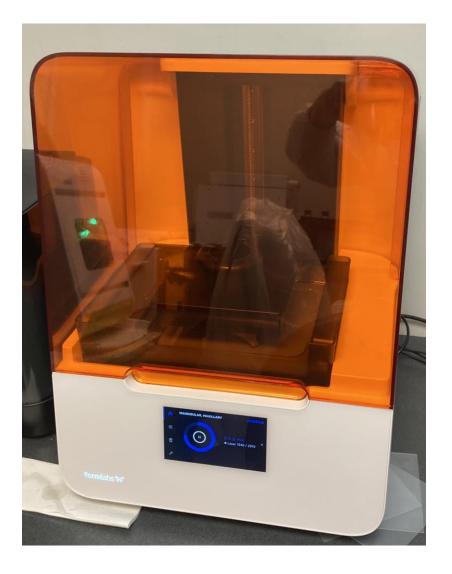
Bridge Block in 3-D Scanner:



3-D Printer:







Questions???









