

## Post-Cementation Review of Ceramic Veneers



Dr. Attilio Sommella

Dr. Attilio Sommella is an internationally recognized dental professional whose career bridges advanced clinical practice, dental technology, and academic contribution, with a primary focus on aesthetic fixed prosthetics. Trained initially as a Dental Technician, he graduated from IPSIA Casanova in Naples in 1985, establishing a strong technical foundation that would later distinguish his clinical and research-driven approach to restorative dentistry.

Building upon his technical expertise, Dr. Sommella earned his degree in Dental Medicine in 2016 from the Instituto Superior de Ciências da Saúde-Norte in Portugal. This dual qualification as both technician and clinician has been central to his ability to integrate laboratory precision with minimally invasive clinical outcomes, particularly in high-aesthetic fixed prosthetic rehabilitations.

Throughout his career, Dr. Sommella has played an active role in academic education, delivering lectures and supporting educational programs at multiple Italian universities. His commitment to education extends beyond the classroom, as he is a frequent international speaker, widely recognized for his expertise in dental aesthetics and ceramic systems.

He is the author of numerous articles published in both national and international scientific journals and has made significant contributions to professional literature. His first major publication, "The incisal margin, a strong point in the expression of an incisive," was published in Italian by Teamwork Media Srl and later released in English by Palmeri Publishing Inc. (Canada), reflecting the global relevance of his work. He is also co-author of the multi-language textbook "Veneers. Minimally invasive reconstructions. Clinical-technical aspects," published by Teamwork Media Italia, a key reference in contemporary veneer dentistry.

Innovation has been a defining theme of Dr. Sommella's career. In 1999, he filed a patent for "The engraving cards," a simplified working system for ceramics designed to enhance predictability and aesthetic precision. His inventive contributions also include the development of calibrated drills, AS Deep Markers and AS-micro Deep Markers, produced by Horico Dental, as well as multiple proprietary clinical techniques. These include a minimally invasive micrometric tooth reduction technique, a self-centering geometric preparation design for ceramic veneers, and an analog impression technique using a modified metal matrix, all aimed at improving accuracy while preserving tooth structure.

In recognition of his professional impact, Dr. Sommella received the AIOP-ANTLO "Roberto Polcan" International Award in 2006, underscoring his influence in both clinical excellence and innovation within prosthetic dentistry. He also serves as a member of the scientific committee for Dental dialogue and Teamwork Clinic, contributing to the advancement of evidence-based aesthetic dentistry at an international level.

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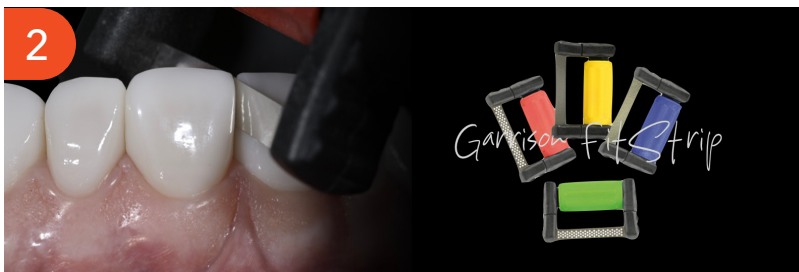
The post bonding review phase of ceramic veneers requires concentration and clinical precision to ensure the success of the prosthetic restorative treatment. Inspection and careful removal of any residual cement, especially in interproximal areas, is essential to maintain the biological health of periodontal tissues, the stability of contact points, and the quality of marginal adaptation.

Garrison® FitStrip™ abrasive strips offer an effective, controlled, and minimally invasive solution for performing this step with precision. Thanks to their thin, flexible, and modular design, they allow easy access to interproximal spaces and enable refinement ahead of the final polishing and glossing phases. During this step, both polishing and glossing are crucial to achieving optimal results in esthetics and periodontal health.

A small instrument that makes a big clinical difference: integrating FitStrip into the post cementation protocol means improving the quality of the outcome and increasing the predictability of ceramic veneer treatments.



Post bonding review.



FitStrip™ is the ideal aid for refining interproximal areas. Any residual cement or adhesive can be easily removed in just a few FitStrip passes. Use of the thinnest strips is recommended.

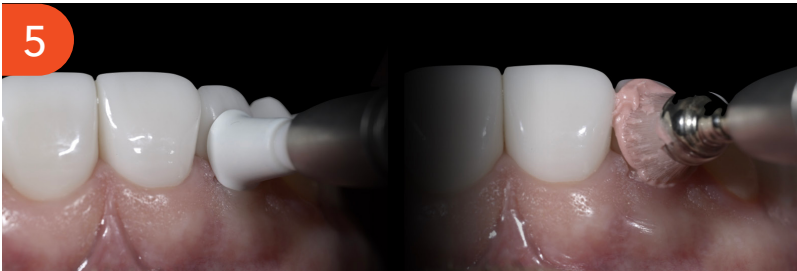


Thanks to its minimal thickness, comfortable plastic holder and, most importantly, the ability to make the strip more or less flexible, FitStrip can perfectly follow the mesial and distal contours of the teeth.

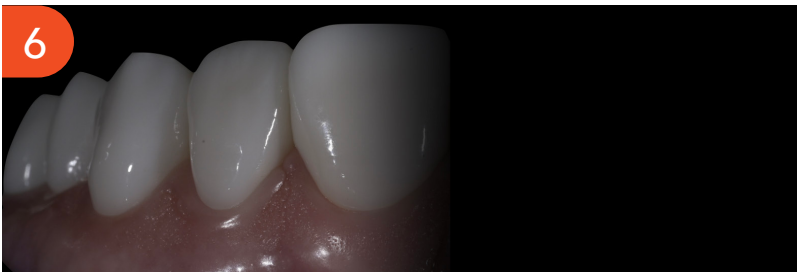
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Reviewing the cervical area using a mini curette completes the ceramic veneer finishing process.



The final steps include using a polishing cup and prophy brush in combination with polishing paste to refine the polishing and surface shine of the ceramic veneer.



Review completed.