Emdin International Corporation is celebrating its 25th anniversary of providing premium quality dental laboratory products. The company manufactures dental casting investments, gypsum stones and plasters, alginate impression material and an assortment of other products including die lubricant, gypsum hardener and debubblizer for dentists and dental laboratories.

As an added convenience to its customers, the company now also provides premium non-precious alloys, waxes, aluminum oxide and other products to meet the needs of laboratories.

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Flexible partials were first developed in the early 1950s. Arpad Nagy of New York commercialized the first nylon-based flexible partial denture system, called Valplast, in 1953. At the time, academics felt that a partial denture must be rigid in order to distribute masticatory forces to the remaining dentition. As a result, the usage of flexible plastic partial dentures was limited. Another New York-based company introduced a product in the early 1960s called Flexite. It was similar to Valplast, but offered several varieties of materials. As the “Hollywood Smile” became a quest for dental patients in the 1970s and ’80s, dentists were forced to look for prosthetic solutions that were both esthetic and functional.

Flexible partial dentures were becoming an accepted treatment plan for some patients who demanded high esthetics and had healthy remaining dentition. In 1999, DENTSPLY International introduced FRS, a flexible partial system based on the “Success” injection system. One objective of this system was to address a common complaint among dental professionals using flexible partial denture materials: adjustments/polishing. Valplast has a relatively low melting temperature, so when a clinician adjusts the material chairside, the heat of a bur causes the material to melt and form small balls on the surface. These surface defects are difficult to remove, leaving users frustrated. The FRS material has a higher melting temperature, thus this problem was reduced. However, the higher melting temperature of FRS results in more potential for fracture as compared to Valplast. While an acrylic complete denture is easily repaired with methylmethacrylate, with a nylon-based flexible partial it is very difficult, if not impossible, to make a permanent repair.

The growth of flexible partials is now in full swing. The newest material on the market, introduced in 2008, is called FlexStar, from Nobilium in Albany, N.Y. This material uses advancements in plastics technology that result in slightly higher melting temperatures as compared to Valplast. These features result in a material that is easier to adjust and polish chairside. In addition, it retains flexibility in the mouth and is virtually unbreakable. There is a limit to the clinical indication for a flexible partial denture. Some patients with severe periodontic problems are not good candidates. However, as long as “Hollywood” is producing smiles, there will be a demand for esthetic and functional removable appliances.

(Source: Nobilium)
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Recently, Aurident reinstated its rewards program, which provides points for each alloy purchase. Points can be redeemed for free silver or gold coins. Aurident is based in Fullerton Calif. Local dental laboratories enjoy same-day delivery as alloy orders are placed, or they may them pick up anytime during business hours for same-day convenience. For more information on Aurident, call (800) 422-7375 or visit www.aurident.com.

(Source: Aurident Incorporated)

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