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with a slight depression. Corrections included:
1.) New crown with a slightly longer margin.
2.) Cervical tissue bio-type improvement and plumping with Grand Dermis.

**Case No. 2**
This case was of a young woman with failing lower right dentition from fear and poor dental choices. The patient accepted treatment under sedation. Extraction of root tips took place with bone grafts and Grand Dermis overlay was done at the same time.

Tissue tacks were used in this case to better support and immobilize the tissue cover. Notice the minimal connective tissue around the root tips and the thin bio type. Corrections included:
1.) Extraction and graft of all sockets using CK Dental mineralized bone allograft.
2.) Grand dermis overlay and tack down.
3.) Implant and crowns as final restorations.

**Conclusion**
These cases are typical of daily cases seen or avoided in many clinical settings across the country. No longer does this or should this go on. Patients and clinicians alike can have better results with improved longevity and periodontal success with this material.

In my opinion, Grand Dermis has improved an already wonderful product and treatment option. For ordering information, contact CK Dental Industries at (800) 675-2537 or visit the website at www.ckdental.net.

— Photos/Provided by Dr. Nilo Hernandez

**About the author**

Dr. Nilo Hernandez has been a well-respected dentist for many years and has long been involved in helping dentists improve their practices both by training and assisting in many different ways. This help has included both clinical and administrative ways of improving their daily practice of dentistry.

For many years, he helped develop many different implant practices and training centers across the United States. Dentists call his practice on an almost daily basis for assistance. A graduate of Creighton University School of Dentistry in Omaha, Neb., Hernandez is a general dentist in private practice in Miami. He has been involved with implant dentistry since 1990 and has performed several thousand dental implant procedures.

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For the last three years, RIEMSER has provided products to INTERFACE’s oral and maxillofacial team, led by Dr. Milan Jugan, enabling clinicians to reduce morbidity and patient risk by providing safer alveolar cleft grafting, rather than the anterior iliac crest harvests used previously.

The most recent trip, which occurred this spring, took place just one week after the 7.2 magnitude earthquake. Fortunately, Cruz Roja Hospital was determined to be safe.

Because most of these patients cannot be prepared for surgery with orthodontic therapy that would be typical in the United States, the medical team has developed an effective four-part grafting process to stabilize the premaxilla and provide a pathway for the eruption of permanent teeth.

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Vince Ellero, RIEMSER’s director of national sales, added, “We have been pleased to be able to assist INTERFACE in its good works for youngsters in the Mexican area, especially since these surgeries can lead to dramatically improved future dental health.”

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Sirona Dental Systems is celebrating the 25-year anniversary of its CEREC® CAD/CAM system with a three-day CAD/CAM extravaganza geared toward all dental and laboratory professionals.

The milestone CEREC 25th anniversary celebration (C25) will take place Aug. 26-28 at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas. Participants can earn up to 18 C.E. credits while enjoying CAD/CAM-focused workshops, premium entertainment, and plenty of memorable celebrations among luxurious accommodations provided by Caesars Palace.

Following Sirona’s “CAD/CAM for Everyone” philosophy, the CEREC 25th anniversary program offers an extensive list of CAD/CAM courses for the entire dental team. Programs include clinical techniques, practice management, marketing, hygiene and hands-on workshops. The celebration is open to all who want to advance their CAD/CAM education and experience. Attendees can also explore the C25 exhibit hall showcasing top dental companies and their products and services.

Sirona plans to present a “who’s who” of digital dentistry during the CEREC 25th anniversary. An outstanding educational curriculum will be taught by the most prominent lecturers in the dental and lab community, including Drs. Gordon Christensen, Rella Christensen, Dennis Fashinder, Paul Homoly, Edward A. McLaren, Mark Morin, Sameer Puri, David Roessler, Frank Spear and many more! Celebrity entertainment includes appearances by Olympic Gold Medalist Rulon Gardner, the Second City Comedy Troupe and five-time Emmy® Award winning comedian and actor Dennis Miller.

Attendees are also invited to celebrate in style at the sophisticated “White Party” taking place at Pure Nightclub on Saturday night. The “White Party” promises to be the hottest dental event of the decade! An “entertainment-only pass” is also available for a spouse or guest who chooses to attend social events only.

“Attendees have the opportunity to build long-lasting business relationships and join thousands of fellow CEREC and inLab® owners and educators by registering now for this once-in-a-lifetime event,” said Sirona President Michael Augins. “The C25 celebration is slated to be a great place for additional CAD/CAM education provided by the best in our field, as well as a great open communication forum for Sirona, our colleagues, clients, associates and other professionals who hold the same interests.

“This event is intended for everyone, just as one of our top goals in the past 25 years has been providing accessible CAD/CAM for everyone.”

For more information and/or to register for Sirona’s CEREC 25th anniversary celebration, log onto www.CERECVIP.com or call (877) 560-6275.

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