closed-tray technique (i), and 10 showed no difference. For partially edentulous patients, one clinical study and most in vitro studies showed better accuracy with the splinted (8) vs. the nonsplinted technique (2), and three studies showed no difference. The majority of in vitro studies showed better accuracy with the open-tray (10) vs. the closed-tray technique (i) and seven studies showed no difference. The only clinical study reported no difference.

More information
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Do you know enough about the implant company you work with?

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Dental implant technology continues to evolve and grow through continued advancements in implant-to-abutment interface design, surface treatment, digital technology and patient-specific solutions. These developments have helped to simplify procedures, reduce treatment time, ensure more long-term and optimal outcomes and, ultimately, contribute to a higher level of patient satisfaction. With these developments, new solutions and new companies are also continuing to emerge at a rapid pace, often making it more difficult to know what is the right choice for your practice and your implant patients. Some aspects to consider when choosing an implant partner may include:

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- How much focus and resources does the company place on the research and documentation behind its products?
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