

Ask the Lab



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No Metal Try-in Appointment

Q: Steve, How can I save chair time and avoid the PFM or PFZ frame try-in appointment while still verifying a great fit of the framework?

A: We have had great success taking two accurate impressions of the preparations instead of just one. Casts of each impression can then made at the lab. The wax & metal, or PMMA & zirconia frames are verified for accuracy of fit on both casts. If the lab can confirm the identical precise fit on both casts, then the accuracy of the impressions is confirmed. Only if the fit is different on both casts is a frame try-in indicated. We are finding that only a very small percentage of frames need to be returned for try-in. By eliminating the unnecessary trial fitting, the lab can proceed straight to the finished restoration. This greatly reduces the lab turn-around time start to finish and recovers lost chair time. It eliminates provisional remakes at the try-in appointment and saves the patient from unnecessary stress and inconvenience.

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