



TECHNICIAN'S TIP OF THE MONTH

When sending in upper and lower impressions for implant cases, it is beneficial to us that they are the same: either both quadrant or both full arch impressions. If you mix and match a quadrant with full arch impression, articulation may be compromised. However, quadrant impressions are OK for single or double posterior implants with adjacent natural teeth. For all other implant cases and all bridges, full arch impressions are recommended.

These photos are a perfect example of what not to do.

These are screen shots of scans taken at the lab from traditional impressions for an implant case. It is a quadrant lower impression with a full upper impression. No tooth information was provided. We're assuming this is for #20, but there is room for a full molar. A full idea of the symmetry of the arch could inform our design strategy.

