



TECHNICIAN'S TIPS

ALIGNERS VS RETAINERS

We're seeing multiple doctors write "Clear Aligner" on the RX form when they really want a retainer (or vice versa). While clear aligners and retainers look similar, an aligner is used to move teeth, while a retainer holds teeth in position after orthodontic treatment.

ALIGNER

Moves teeth

Short-term durability

Meant to be worn 2 weeks

Argen Clear Aligner

RETAINER

Holds teeth in position

Long-term durability

Meant to be worn 6-12 months

Essix Clear Retainer

Please make sure you're writing the correct product choice on the RX form.

SCHEDULE

Print our turnaround times at dnsdental.com/schedule.

SHADE TAKING

Remember to take a shade at the beginning of an appointment before the tooth becomes dehydrated. Shades can appear up to two times lighter due to dehydration.

CROWNS UNDER PARTIALS

For crowns under partial dentures, be sure to take the impression before you prep the tooth and be sure to send a scan of the pre-op model. For crowns under partial denture impression taking tips, go to dnsdental.com/cup.

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