

# Custom Shade Protocol

Gnathodontics, LTD, takes pride in offering our customers a consistent, quality customized shade service. Following our protocol is critical in order to achieve the positive results our patients and doctors expect. We ask that your office schedules the initial appointment with our lab as part of your routine checkout procedure. This will help keep the case on schedule. Generally speaking, we require 12 business day (\*) to complete custom shade cases regardless of fabrication material. Please inform your patients that they will need to come to our laboratory for two appointments.

## APPOINTMENT #1

This appointment is to choose the shade and discuss with the patient their esthetic expectations. Photos will be taken at this appointment as well. Expect this appointment to take approximately 20-30 minutes.

### Requirements

- Bleaching needs to be completed 5 days prior to this appointment
- Shade taking needs to be taken before preparation or no less than 48 hours after preparation
- Stump shade is always needed for all ceramic restorations
- Reduce preparation up to an additional 1.5 mm for dark stumps

## APPOINTMENT #2

We schedule this appointment in our lab shortly before completion of the restoration to verify the shade and to make final adjustments. This appointment takes 1 hour.

## FOR BEST RESULTS

- Photos of pre-op teeth
- Models or impressions of pre-op teeth
- Models or impressions of adjusted temps
- Opaque dark preparations
- Use colored cements during insertion to fine-tune shade

## APPOINTMENT #3 (under special circumstances)

In the most difficult cases, where conversation distance shade matching is not satisfying, we may ask you to have the patient come to our laboratory with loosened temporaries, inserted implant abutments etc. That allows us to see the restoration in place and further tailor to patient needs and desires. Additional charges may apply depending on the time spent on the case.

*\*Implant or large restorative cases may take additional time, please call our lab for turn around time.*