What’s in your mouth?

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What do you do for your health?

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Oral Health Matters

- Daily Brushing & Flossing
- Regular Dental Cleanings
- Regular Dental Checkups
- Limiting sugary foods
- No ice-chewing

Wait! You may be forgetting something!

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Dental restorations can affect your overall and oral health

Do you have any of these?

- Dentures
- Crowns
- Bridges
- Veneers
- Implants
- Orthodontic Appliances

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The Deal on Dental Restorations

Who makes them?  
哈利 dentals laboratory technician

Where are they made?  
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Americans spend $7 billion annually on dental restorations

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It is important to know what materials are in your dental restoration because improper materials, such as lead, may cause complications.

Low biocompatibility
Allergic reaction
Tissue wasting
Severe pain
Gum loss
Infection
Inability to eat
Loss of work

What’s the worst that could happen?

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The *Scary* Truth

🗹 In America, most states set no minimum standards for persons to be employed as dental technicians.

🗹 Domestic dental labs remain unregulated in more than 40 states.

This photo is from an actual, unregulated dental lab featured in a news report.

Why is this acceptable?

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CDTs

- Certified Dental Technicians are certified by the National Board for Certification in Dental Laboratory Technology (NBC).
- This is the only voluntary certification program for dental laboratory technicians recognized by the American Dental Association.

CDLs

- The NBC also certifies all Certified Dental Laboratories (CDLs).

Standards DO Exist

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Only four states in the U.S. require either certification or continuing education for dental technicians.

Certifications Are NOT Mandatory
It’s time to raise the standard for dental restorations.
Ask your dentist...

- Do you use a Certified Dental Technician for your laboratory work?
- Is the laboratory you work with certified and by whom?
- Where is your dental laboratory located?
- What materials are in the restorations you are prescribing for my treatment plan?

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