

## Why You Need to Know "What's in Your Mouth?"

Poorly-made dental restorations – whether made in America or abroad – can lead to a range of health consequences for patients and, in turn, legal consequences for dentists. Growing demand for dental work in America has created a market that features both high-end and economy-priced work. Dental restorations increasingly are being imported from countries like China, India and Vietnam. Depending on the country, those dental laboratories may not be subject to the same scrutiny that domestic laboratories receive from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Domestic labs remain unregulated in more than 40 states. To ensure better outcomes for safe dental restorations, it is extremely important that dentists and patients have a full understanding of where their dental restorations are coming from and what materials are used in the process.



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## What You Can Do

Patients have the right to know. Ask your dentist these important questions before he or she places a dental restoration in your mouth:

■ Do you use a Certified Dental Technician for your laboratory work?

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■ Is the laboratory you work with certified and by whom?

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■ Where is your dental laboratory located?

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■ What materials are in the restorations you are prescribing for my treatment plan?

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## Why Now?

The domestic dental laboratory profession is going through significant consolidation. From 2006-2017, it is predicted that the number of dental laboratories in the U.S. will be reduced by 39 percent. It is crucial that dentists and the patients they serve are fully informed regarding the qualifications of the dental laboratories from which they obtain services.

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## Mandatory Certification Laboratory Registration Mandatory Documentation Adequate Records

