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## Future of dentistry: CAD/CAM and intraoral imaging digital dentistry

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**D**igital dentistry: This is the future of dentistry; the most amazing fields of digital dentistry are CAD/CAM and intraoral imaging. Both laboratory and clinician controlled. A high level of predictability of outcomes of CAD/CAM is in dental manufacturing and the dental laboratory profession. His laboratory profession has discovered what the clinicians have been slower to recognize as to how CAD/CAM works. It is faster, more economical, predictable, consistent, and relatively accurate. Merging of procedures, such as implant placement and immediate provisionalization, through strategic company alliances and shared technology allows dentists to do more in less time. For those who have sworn never to fabricate an indirect crown chairside or in their office, digital intraoral imaging/digitally designing using exocad-dental CAD software to get a full contoured monolithic same day zirconia restoration is growing rapidly and should draw every dentist's attention. Scanning teeth and preparations is becoming increasingly easier and faster. Currently, there are many companies that offer intraoral imaging nowadays. Carestream one of the foundations (clinician reports) has researched that it is proven to be as accurate as the conventional methods (i.e., stone die systems). It is found to be more accurate, faster, and easier. It is not a question of, "Will CAD/CAM and intraoral imaging replace elastomeric impressions (i.e., VPS, polyether)?" but "When?"

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