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DEVELOPED FOR USE WITH NANOCOMPOSITES, MICROCOPY'S DURABLE, SINGLE-PATIENT-USE POLISHERS RESIST CRUMBLING AND RETAIN THEIR SHAPE.



Find out why Parag R. Kachalia, DDS, believes that Gazelle polishers:

- Simplify restoration polishing with choice of a 1- or 2-step process with no polishing paste needed.
- Withstand anatomic variations for effective and efficient polishing of all areas of a restoration.

While the polishing system we were using at the UOP was adequate, we were always looking for something that would give us a better result with fewer steps. Additionally, we wanted something that performed consistently and would not leave debris on the restoration because it was easily breaking down. Gazelle was an easy choice to address these needs.

Keeping Up with Nanocomposites

Composites have evolved over time, and today's advanced materials are blending strength with polishability. The issue that we run into frequently is that the new nano-based composites can have a beautiful finish, but the older generation of finishers and polishers were not really developed for these materials. Many were developed for microfills, which are much easier to polish. To this end, the Gazelle polishers were developed specifically for the advanced materials we have today.

Simple Technique

The Gazelle polisher is a very simple product to use—choose the gloss value based on 1 or 2 steps with no sterilization or additional polishing paste needed.

Because it's meant to be used as a single-patient use and then discarded, you get a predictable result with all cases. I also appreciate that they are supplied sterile in individual packaging.

I have also found that the polishers' high-quality material allows them to hold up longer, retain their shape and flexibility, and not break down easily. The construction of the polishers also allows access to the various

anatomical forms without damaging the polisher. In the past, I would often take my polisher to an area of occlusal anatomy, and the tip would easily get destroyed. I have not found this to be the case with Gazelle.



GLOSSY...AND GLOSSIER

Available in disc, point, and cup shapes, Gazelle polishers come in 2 versions to match the adjacent tooth surface.

- **Gazelle Satin:** A clinical workhorse for everyday nanocomposite restorations, it quickly polishes to a smooth satin surface. Used with light pressure, it removes striations and anatomical defects for an optimal posterior shine. The white Gazelle Polishers incorporate aluminum oxide in the Silitec manufacturing process.
- **Gazelle Hi-Gloss:** Suitable for the most demanding anterior esthetic cases, these blue polishers quickly create a smooth liquid-lustrous gloss using diamond particles in the Silitec manufacturing process. They are used with feather-light pressure.