Taking Shades Made Easy
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Preparing to Take a Shade

- Always take shade pictures as soon as the patient is seated
- Take full face pictures in portrait mode
- Load the gray-scale holder with 2 shade tabs (load the tabs incisal edge up)
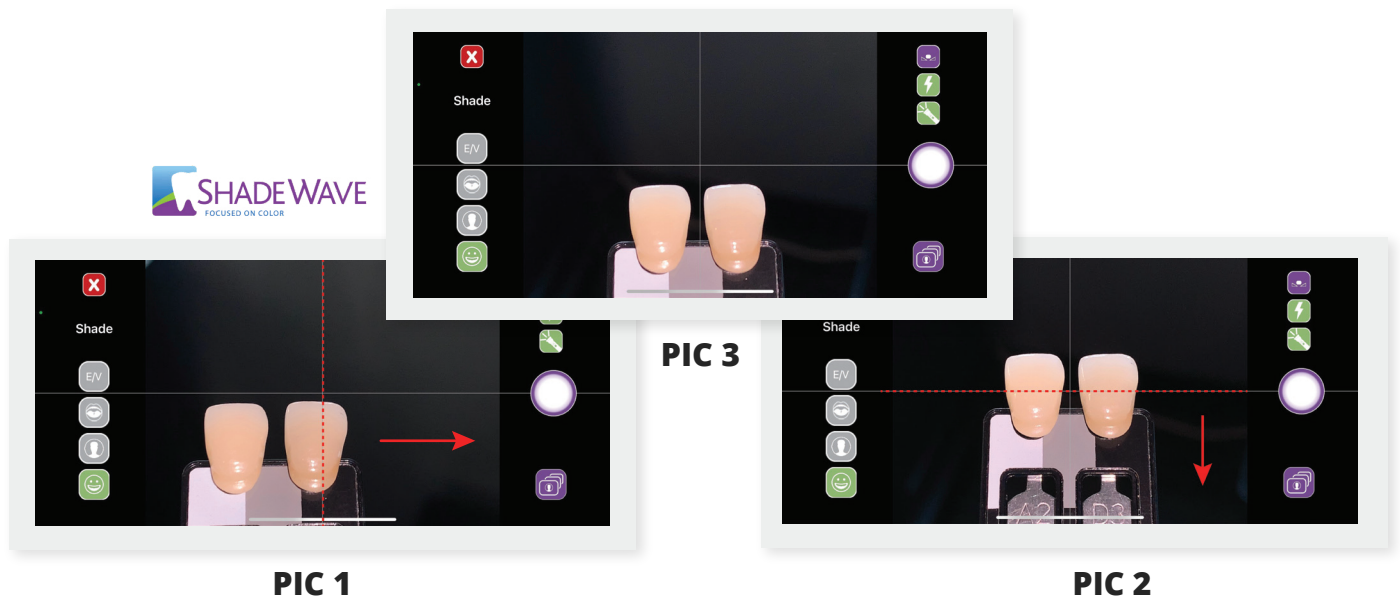
Controlling Ambient Light

- Turn the patient away from any direct light source like big windows etc.
- Turn off ceiling lights and close blinds to reduce ambient light sources
- Turn off overhead chair light and head lights

Picking the Reference Shade Tabs

- **Standard Digital Procedure**
  - Place a D3 tab in the left holder and an A2 shade tab in the right holder

- **Customized Digital Procedure**
  - Choose 2 shade tabs that represent the closest shade to the tooth to be matched
  Absolute suggested protocol

Positioning the Shade Tabs

Secure the iPhone in the holder. Move shade tabs horizontal until vertical line is centered between them (PIC 1). Move the shade tabs down below the horizontal line (PIC 2). Shade ID markings shown outside the frame (PIC 3).
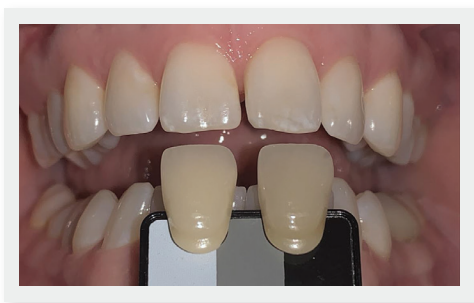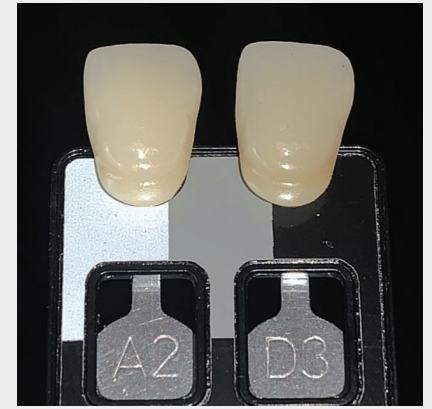

PIC 3

PIC 1

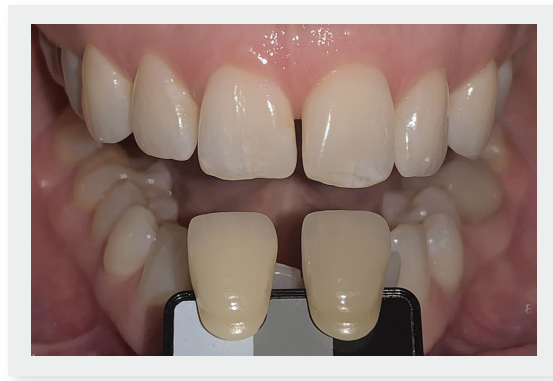**PIC 2**

Document the Tags

Once the chosen shade tabs are loaded in the gray-scale holder take a picture of the loaded tabs and include with the picture series to be sent to the lab. The lab will use this information to digitally analyze and map the shade.
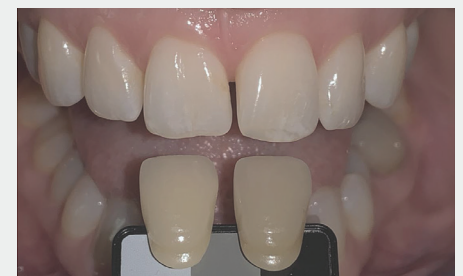
Setting Up the Picture

- Take the picture straight on to the patient. The camera should be at the same level as the patient - 90 degrees with the patient

- Make sure the patient is not slanting forward or looking up

- Use retractors and have the patient open wide - the tongue should be in view behind the shade tabs not the opposing teeth

- Hold the shade tabs incisal edge to incisal edge, inline with the tooth to be matched NOT to the tooth to be restored

- When ready say "snap" to take a picture

Low Looking Up

Head On

High Looking Down

Take a minimum of 3 pictures

- Incisal edge to gingival - low looking up

- 90 degrees to the tooth to be matched - head on

- Gingival to incisal edge - high looking down

The ShadeWave App allows unlimited shade pictures to be uploaded through the HIPPA compliant portal

Sending the Pictures

Once all the pictures are taken say "upload" to transfer the entire picture folder to the lab for processing. Picture transfer is done automatically through a HIPPA compliant portal.

Post Delivery Shade Adjustment

If at delivery, any additional shade adjustments are required. Seat the crown and take additional/correctional ShadeWave pictures with the same original shade tabs in the holder. This is a very effective communication tool to fine adjust the shade of a crown.