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Intra Oral Scanners: A Review

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ABSTRACT:

Background:Intraoral scanners (IOSs) are used for capturing direct optical impressions in dentistry. Like other three-dimensional (3D) scanning technologies, they project light onto the object to be scanned, in prosthodontics, the dental arches, including prepared teeth and implant scan bodies.

Purpose: The purpose of this review is to summarize the intraoral scanning technologies and their advantages over the conventional impression techniques.

Materials and Methods: Electronic database searches were performed using MeSHterms and specific keywords. The searches wereconfined to full-text articles published in peer-reviewed journals.

Results:Forty nine studies were included in the present review; among them, 12 were previous literature reviews, 3 were in vivostudies, 4 randomized controlled trials, 15 comparative studies, 3 clinical reports, 2 case reports and 10 were in vitro comparative studies.

Conclusion: Optical impressions have several advantages over conventional impressions, as they reduce patient discomfort by eliminating physical impressions and plaster models. The current

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Intraoral scanners are accurate enough for capturing impressions for fabricating prosthetic restorations on both natural teeth and implants; in addition, they can be used for smile design, and to fabricate posts and cores, removable partial prostheses and obturators.

Keywords:Intraoral scanners, Impressions, 3D(Three Dimensional) surface, Software.

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