



## TECHNICIAN'S TIPS

### Implants

- It is always beneficial to include the implant brand and size on the RX form. We gladly restore whatever implant system clients request, but our most frequent requests are Astra, Straumann, Zimmer and Nobel Biocare.
- Custom abutments are preferred over stock ones because they are designed from the final tooth shape, providing a better fit. Thanks to increased volume, they have also become more affordable than stock abutments.
- If you prescribe a stock abutment and want us to prep the abutment, you'll need to note this on the RX or send an email saying you authorize D&S to prep the abutment for you.
- In general, full arch impressions are recommended for all implant cases and bridges. The only exception is if it's a single or double posterior implant, then quadrant impressions are OK. If you are sending both an upper and lower impression for implant cases, send both quadrant or both full arch impressions. Do not mix and match a quadrant with full arch impression as articulation may be compromised.



- The best way to transfer a record of the healed anatomical tissue around an implant site is to make a customized impression post before taking the impression. For a step-by-step guide, go to [www.dnsdental.com/custompost](http://www.dnsdental.com/custompost).
- Doctors can choose either digital, open or closed tray impressions with an open tray being more accurate than a closed tray, but somewhat more technique sensitive. Do not use a closed tray impression coping on an open tray impression because the coping has no retention to hold it in the tray.