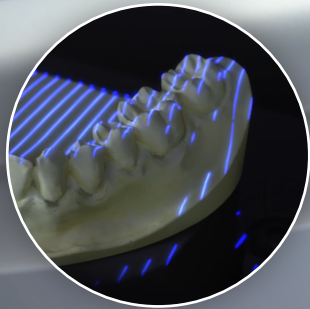




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## DENTAL MEDICINE THE DIGITAL ERA



### **Are dental impressions the only way to get the information regarding the shape of our teeth?**

No. Some time ago, whenever teeth had to be restored or replaced by crowns, bridges or other type of prosthesis, it was necessary to take dental impressions, using trays and other materials that allowed the reproduction of the dental form, but this procedure was extremely uncomfortable for patients.

### **What changed?**

The digital age has brought us enormous benefits. In this particular case, we can obtain all the necessary information through an intraoral camera.

### **How is this information processed?**

The images captured by the camera are processed digitally. Afterwards and in a virtual way, the restorations or prostheses are elaborated, according to the cases and completed in suitable materials, previously defined by the dentist.

### **What are the advantages?**

In addition to simplifying the entire process, this technology makes the procedure much more comfortable for the patient. It ensures greater effectiveness in the control and quality of the restorations.