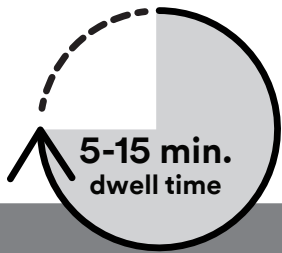
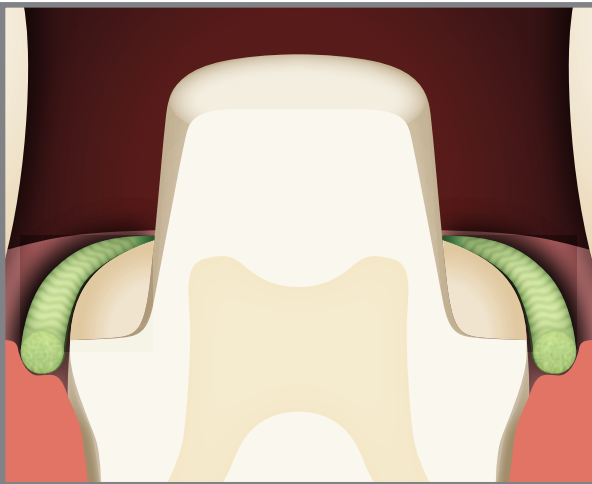


The First Step to an Accurate Impression
GINGIVAL RETRACTION:
 Retraction Cord Technique vs. 3M™ Astringent Retraction Paste



CORD

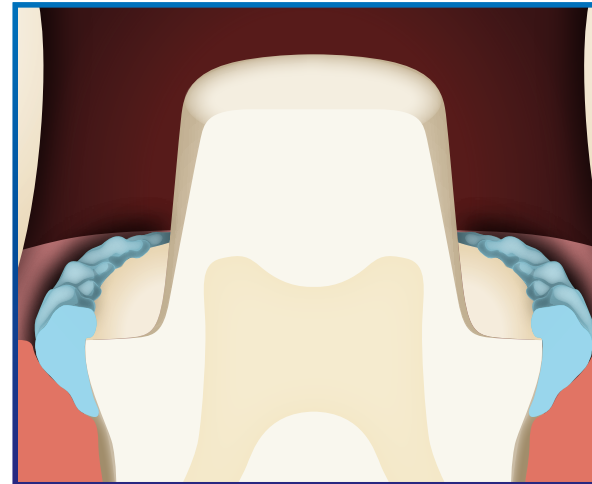
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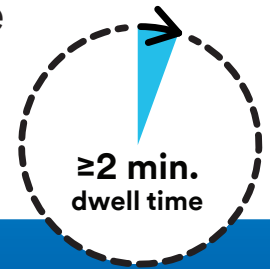
- Difficult to accurately place
- Hemostasis achieved via pressure; usually requires cord soaked in hemostatic agent
- Risk of gingival inflammation and trauma; higher risk of hemorrhage
- Painful for patients
- Excellent retraction

CAPSULE

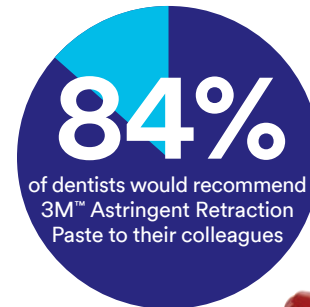
retraction paste application
for 1–3 teeth



- **EASY** access to tight interproximal areas
- **LONG** lasting hemostasis achieved from 15% aluminum chloride paste
- **GENTLE** on tissue with less risk of tissue trauma and hemorrhaging
- **BETTER** patient comfort
- **EFFECTIVE** retraction



For additional tips on taking accurate impressions, download our **Impression Troubleshooting Guide** at 3M.com/GreatImpressions



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