Imprint™ 3 VPS Impression Materials from 3M ESPE — The next generation of the very successful Imprint impression materials is here with an easy-to-understand system of wash and tray materials. These materials have all the characteristics you would expect from 3M ESPE. Any state-of-the-art impression material needs to precisely capture the preparation margins. Imprint 3 VPS is strongly hydrophilic, and the wash materials have excellent flowability but have retained their resistance to drip. One of the problems all impression materials have is the risk of distortion when the impression is removed from the mouth. The material must be able to recover from the stretching and compressing necessary for removal. 3M ESPE has paid particular attention to this problem. Imprint 3 VPS has an excellent ability to recover from stretching during removal and has high tensile strength for toughness to resist tearing. The combination of these characteristics gives this material a great memory, providing the best chance of accurate, well-fitting restorations from the dental lab. These materials come in fast set (Quick Step) or regular set. Each category has heavy body tray materials and two choices of wash materials — light body and regular body. Because hand-mixed putty is a popular choice of tray material, the regular set has a choice of putty for the tray material. Until now, putty materials mixed by hand exhibited problems with voids and inhibition associated with latex gloves. 3M ESPE to the rescue! New chemistry and an innovative approach have enabled the use of high-viscosity pastes in the Pentamix unit without having to forfeit any of the customary putty characteristics. Because this putty tray material is warm when it comes out of the Pentamix, the set time of the wash material is accelerated by 30 seconds. Imprint impression materials have been my favorites for many years, and the improvements in Imprint 3 VPS are impressive. Order from your dealer or call (800) 634-2249 or visit www.3mespe.com for more information.