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# OMNICHROMA

The OMNICHROMA family of restorative materials provides a single-shade, highly esthetic solution for anterior and posterior restorations



Dr. Khushbu Shah practices in Chicago's AHS Family Health Center, a community health center which serves a mostly immigrant and underserved patient population. She finds the OMNICHROMA family of restoratives from Tokuyama to be a perfect solution for patients who don't have the time or financial means to invest in veneers or implants. Here, she shares her experience using several OMNICHROMA products and her joy in being able to restore her patients' smiles.

I've been practicing at AHS for about 10 years, and our patient population is primarily immigrants and refugees from 55 countries, speaking over 25 languages. I was an immigrant myself, so I absolutely love that I can give back to this community. Many of them have nowhere else to go for dental care. I understand what my patients are going through—many don't have insurance and they're worried about putting food on the table vs being able to afford an implant or a veneer.

### Restorable + Affordable Benefits

The OMNICHROMA family of composites helps keep my restorative work affordable and hits all the marks for ideal restorability. With OMNICHROMA, we don't have to buy multiple shades of composites—we just need 1 material, and it does the job.

I'll use OMNICHROMA Flow for a small lesion, such as a pit restoration. If I'm trying to build a contact for a Class II, I'll use OMNICHROMA Flow BULK first,

and then the packable OMNICHROMA. I use it for both anterior and posterior restorations, but if it's an anterior, I will typically use OMNICHROMA BLOCKER as well, to provide a lingual wall to the restoration and prevent shade-match interference.

### Eliminates Shade-Matching

The No. 1 benefit I have seen is how quickly the shade matches. My patients don't have time to sit in a dental chair for a lengthy shade-matching process, and OMNICHROMA combines a faster chair time with excellent esthetics. When I look back at my completed restoration with a macro perspective, I find myself thinking, "Where is the restoration I placed?" because the shade match was exceptional.

At recall appointments, I have not noticed issues with marginal integrity, wear, or fractures on my OMNICHROMA restorations. Lastly, and perhaps most importantly, patients have been ecstatic with the results and their new smiles.

## EASY & ESTHETIC ANTERIOR RESTORATIONS

At left, a 13-year-old African boy living in an area with a high incidence of fluorosis presented with pitted and discolored enamel; he received full composite veneers on Nos. 7–10 using only OMNICHROMA BLOCKER due to high opacity in the tooth. At right, a 39-year-old Burmese woman with heavy staining and fractured teeth/restorations due to betel nut use had Nos. 8–9 restored using OMNICHROMA Flow BULK and OMNICHROMA.



Before



After



Before



After

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