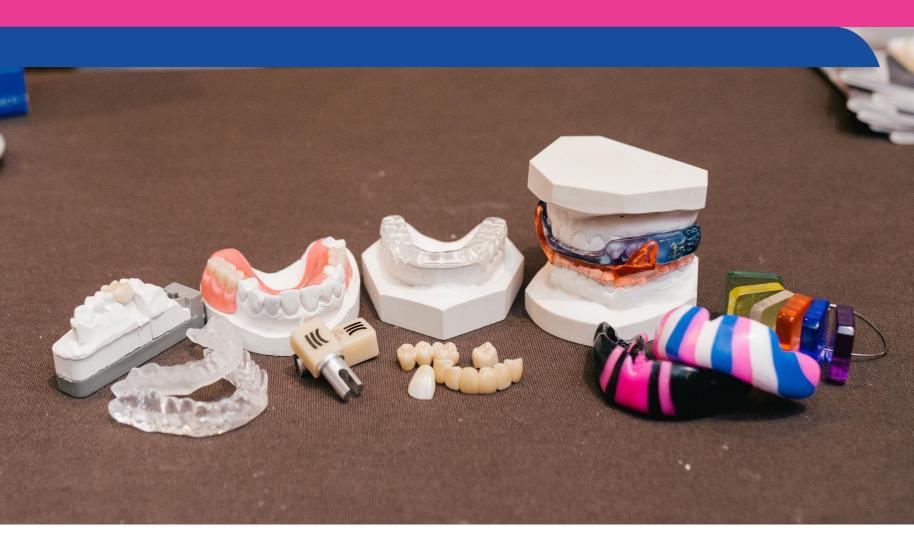


### BRIDGING THE GAP

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All clinicians should have the confidence the management they provide their patients is of a high quality. This comes not only from their treatment, but also from the products that they source. Poorly crafted reconstructions, low quality workmanship and sub-standard materials are to be avoided if safe-guarding professional integrity is a priority.

The surge in work sourced from overseas has had a significant impact on the dental industry here in Australia. This comes in the form of either a patient going overseas to receive dental treatment or clinics and laboratories supplying products manufactured overseas. The driving force behind this trend is cost-saving. However, do clinicians and laboratories really know what they are getting? Do they know what materials and techniques are being used? Is what they are giving their patients truly consistently safe, effective and of high quality?

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Clinicians and technicians should take the time to get to know their products. Bridging the gap between the laboratory and the clinic is essential if high standard of care is important. We are in an industry where communication is a cornerstone of practice. The lines of communication need to be open between the laboratory and the clinic to facilitate a relationship that ultimately improves the health and wellbeing of our community.

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