

## Core Protocol in Digital Dentistry for Private Practitioners Two In-Office Lab Models : Dentist-Driven vs Technician-Based

### Dentist Driven In-Office Lab

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### Technician-Based In-Office Lab

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Digital dentistry has become an essential component of modern practice. However, even after adopting digital equipment, many clinicians do not achieve the expected improvements in efficiency and profitability. This often stems from approaching digital dentistry as a set of tools rather than as a well-designed clinical system.

This lecture focuses on the core protocols of digital clinical systems for private practitioners, comparing two distinct in-office laboratory models. One model is dentist-driven, where the clinician performs the laboratory procedures directly, while the other is based on collaboration with an in-house dental technician.

Based on their respective clinical experiences, the two speakers will present the rationale behind system adoption and decision-making frameworks, followed by practical insights into equipment setup, cost considerations, and the full clinical workflow from diagnosis to final prosthesis delivery. In addition, the lecture will highlight how the presence or absence of a dental technician influences clinical workflow, decision-making processes, and overall practice management. The financial structure and risk management strategies of each model will also be discussed.

This lecture aims to provide practical criteria that help clinicians select the most appropriate digital workflow model for their practice environment and team structure, ultimately enabling the establishment of a predictable and efficient digital system.

1. Why a Digital System? (Background and Rationale)
2. Decision-Making Structures in Two Different Models
3. Equipment Setup and Realistic Cost Considerations
4. Core Protocols from Diagnosis to Final Delivery
5. Clinical and Management Differences with or without a Dental Technician
6. Revenue Structure and Risk Management Strategies

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