

## NHS Materials Reminder



There still seems to be confusion over what materials can be used for NHS crown & bridge restorations. We thought it would be a good idea to remind everyone of the requirements for most appliances, as specified by

the Department of Health. Below are the main areas of confusion.

### ***Inlays only in 60% Gold or Composite***

Any inlays or onlays that are produced on the NHS can only be manufactured using 60% or more fine gold type alloys or composite. This means, therefore, they cannot be made from non precious alloys of any type or indeed semi precious alloys. However, to keep costs down laboratory made composite inlays are allowed.

### ***Full, jacket or bonded crowns***

Full, jacket or bonded crowns can be manufactured using either non precious metals (stainless steel, cobalt chromium or nickel chromium) or semi precious metals with a content of over 33½% fine gold or platinum or palladium.

### ***Non precious alloys***

Non precious alloys must be stainless steel, cobalt chromium or nickel chromium; this means that the main constituent of the alloy must be one of these three. Alloys whose main constituent for example is copper, such as non precious yellow metals, cannot be supplied on the NHS. If you wish to use these types of alloys they can be provided privately.

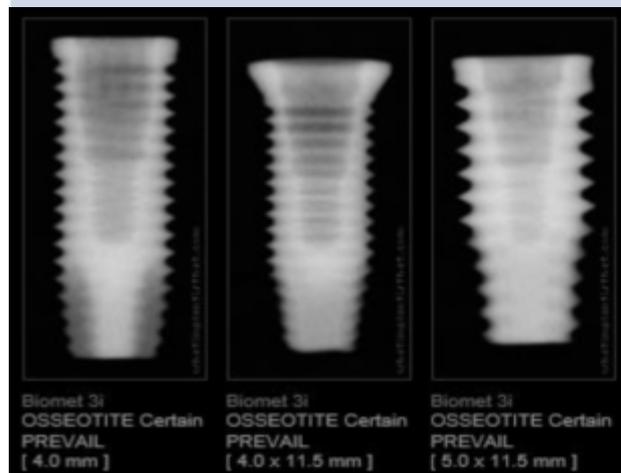
If you require further clarification please contact us.

## Implant Identification with [www.whatimplantisthis.com](http://www.whatimplantisthis.com)

Have you ever been faced with the situation of a new patient who needs work done on previously placed implants and they don't know what implant system has been used, let alone the specific details? How do you identify the placed implants?

We have come across an excellent website to help with just such a situation.

[www.whatimplantisthis.com](http://www.whatimplantisthis.com) is dedicated to try and help you find out exactly what implant has been placed. It offers X-Rays and various other tools to pinpoint the correct Implant. So next time you are faced with such a situation you have somewhere to turn to.



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## Holiday Dates for 2014

We shall be closed for the following Bank Holiday dates;

Easter Holiday	Friday 18th & Monday 21st April
May Day	Monday 5th May
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 26th & Tuesday 27th May
August Bank Holiday	Monday 25th & Tuesday 26th August

