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CompeDont™ DTX RESTORATIVE EXAMINATION INFORMATION

The CompeDont™ DTX tooth, developed jointly by the CDCA and Acadental, is a typodont tooth with simulated caries that closely replicates the clinical presentation of caries, and has simulated enamel and dentin nearly identical in appearance, hardness and feel to natural tooth structure. This tooth offers the closest approximation ever seen to natural dental structures. The ADEX Restorative Examinations utilizing CompeDont™ DTX adheres to the same criteria, time allotments, and grading procedures as the ADEX Restorative Examinations as explained in the Restorative and Periodontal Procedures 2020 Manual available on our website (www.cdcaexams.org). The chart below details the protocols:

Non-Patient Utilizing CompeDont™ DTX	Patient-Based
the testing agency will provide a typodont that has simulated caries in designated areas that meet examination standards	Candidates provide a patient that meets the published examination criteria
The lesion assignments for this exam are: #8M and #30M	Candidates select the lesions they wish to treat
Radiographs of the carious lesions will be provided the day of the examination	Candidates provide radiographs. They must be diagnostic.
There will be no need for review of the health history or other patient related documentation	Candidates must submit a Patient Medical History for approval on exam day
There will be no need for the initial approval of the lesion(s) on the typodont. Once the initial paperwork (Restorative Progress Form) is approved by the CFE the candidate may begin preparation of the tooth	If the Patient Medical History is approved by a CFE, candidates must submit their lesions for approval
The time for the examination is 7 hours if the candidate is attempting 2 procedures or 4 hours if the candidate is attempting only one procedure	The time for the examination is 7 hours if the candidate is attempting 2 procedures or 4 hours if the candidate is attempting only one procedure

Candidates must follow all standard exam procedures, as found in the Candidate Manual (Perio/Restorative Candidate Manual) concerning prepping to the published “acceptable level” and requesting modifications if further treatment is indicated	Candidates must follow all standard exam procedures, as found in the Candidate Manual (Perio/Restorative Candidate Manual) concerning prepping to the published “acceptable level” and requesting modifications if further treatment is indicated
The use of a rubber dam is not required	The use of a rubber dam is required
If a modification is requested, as with the standard examination, a CFE is notified, all required papers are provided and the manikin head with the treatment typodont attached is carried by an Examiner Assistant to the desk and ultimately to the Evaluation Area. If, at a site, it is not possible to transport the manikin head, the typodont arches will be transported and mounted in a manikin head in the examination area. Modification requests are accepted or not accepted by the examiners as is normally done, and the manikin head is returned and remounted for the candidate to continue treatment	Modification requests require candidates to first notify a CFE, and then the CFE will alert an Examiner Assistant to transport the patient to the Evaluation Area. Modification Requests are either accepted or not accepted, and then the patient is returned to the candidate by an Examiner Assistant.
If the first of the two restorative procedures results in a failure, the candidate may challenge the second restorative procedure	If the first of two restorative procedures results in a failure, the candidate may NOT challenge the second restorative procedure

The forms that will be used for the Simulated Patient Restorative Exam are attached and can also be found on our website ([Dental Forms](#)): Anterior Progress Form, Posterior Progress Form, Modification Request Form, and Chairside Assistant Form (as necessary).