# 3 KEY HANDLINGS TO PRACTICE



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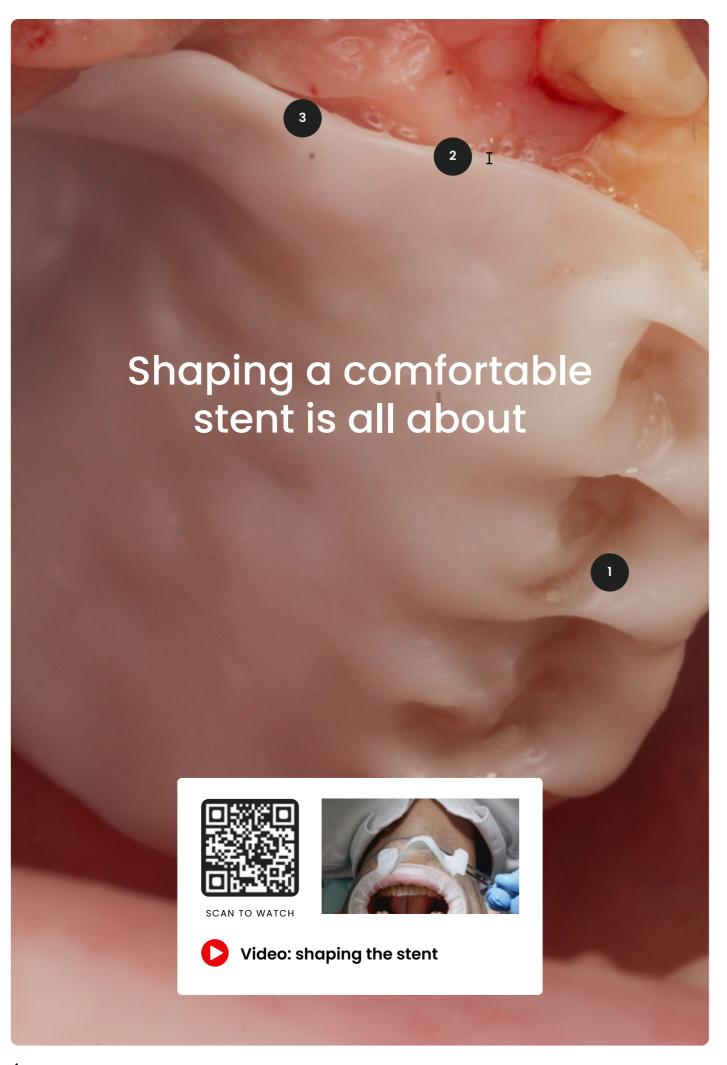
watch videos on how to handle Elemental PerioPlast®



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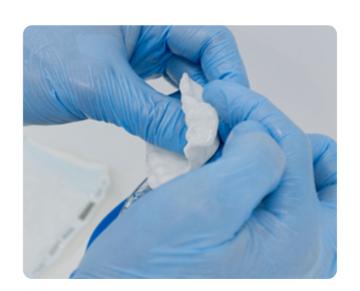




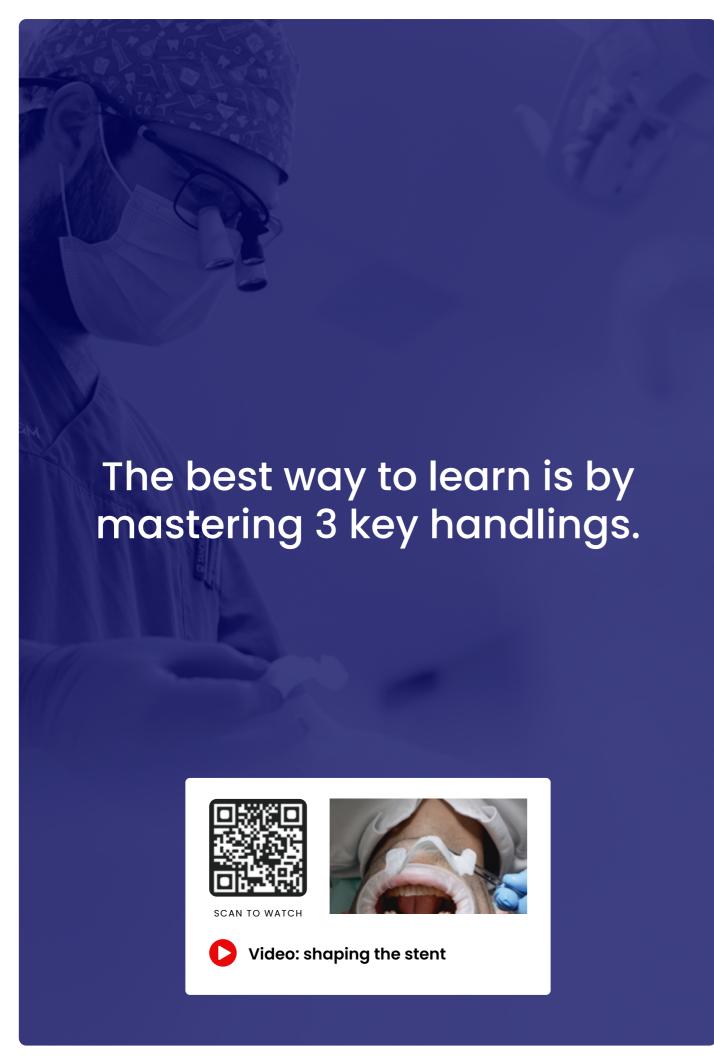
Getting retention.



Without becoming bulky.



Getting rid of sharp edges.

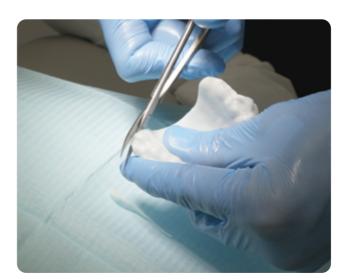




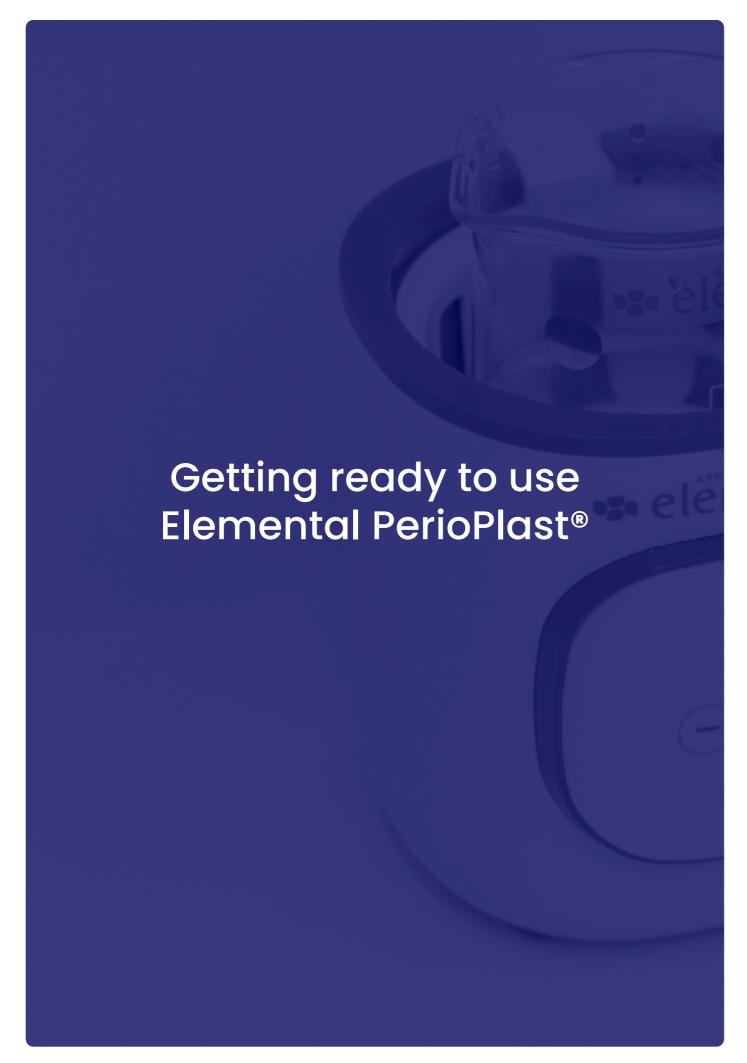
Pre-shaping PerioPlast® into a disk.



Placing it on the palate & shaping the stent.



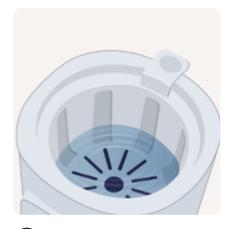
Optimization through reheating & trimming.



## Checklist

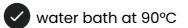






100ml of hot water in water bath







1 blister (4x1g) for 1 stent



metal stirring instrument

## Optional

- Vaseline® to prevent sticking if nitrile gloves are used
- Scissors or scalpel to trim
- Marker to indicate where to trim









Takes I minute to set and regain its solid form.



You can reheat it as often as you want.

# HANDLING 1

# Heating PerioPlast® & making a disk.

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## Heat the Elemental PerioPlast® granules.

- Pour 4 grams (1 blister) of material into the hot water.
- Gently stir until the material clumps together (20 seconds).
- Remove the material with the stirring rod.

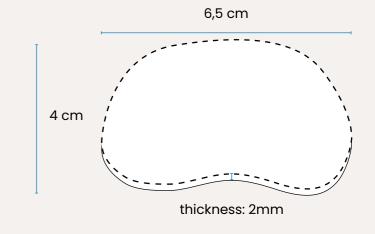




## <sup>2</sup> Turn the heated clump into a disk.

- With gentle manual pressure, gradually palpate the material into a disk of the depicted shape.
- Do not pull & stretch the material: applying tensile forces will cause uneven thickness.
- · Aim for 2 mm of thickness.

**Example: 1/1 size**please note that the size will be different for every patient.



# HANDLING 2

# Placing onto palate & shaping the stent.

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- Press against palate.
  - · Position the soft disk on the palate.
  - Ask your patient to press the material against the palate using the tongue.
  - Slightly fold the disk over the occlusal surfaces onto the buccal side.





- Bite into material.
  - Instruct your patient to bite down firmly for 10 seconds.
  - · This creates retention on the occlusal surfaces.





- Push buccal excess interproximally.
  - Push the excess material on the buccal side into the interproximal spaces.
  - The buccal extension should not reach further than the attached gingiva.

# HANDLING 3

# Optimization through reheating & trimming.

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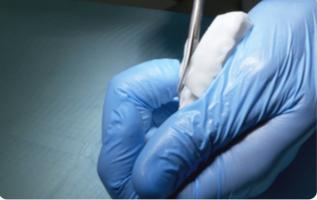






- Reheat edges to optimize comfort.
  - Dip the edges in hot water to reheat and soften them in case they need to be adjusted.
  - Avoid dipping the full buccal extension; you might lose the retention on the occlusal surfaces.





- 4 Cut away excess material.
  - · When the stent is solid, excess material can be trimmed using scissors.
  - · Mark which material should be removed.
  - · Hold the stent in your hand to get a firm grip.
  - · Trimming may cause sharp edges: see the next step to soften them.

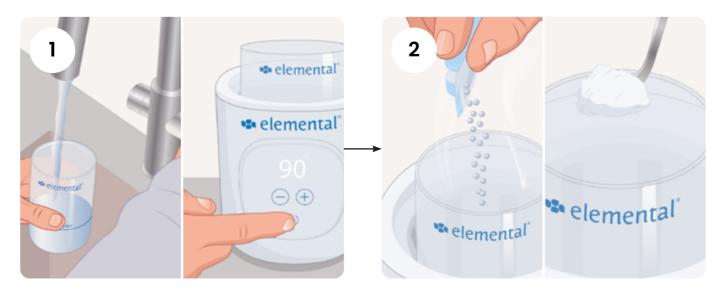




- Soften sharp edges after trimming.
  - · Heat up a metal instrument in the hot water bath.
  - Use the heated metal instrument to stroke over the sharp edges to soften them.

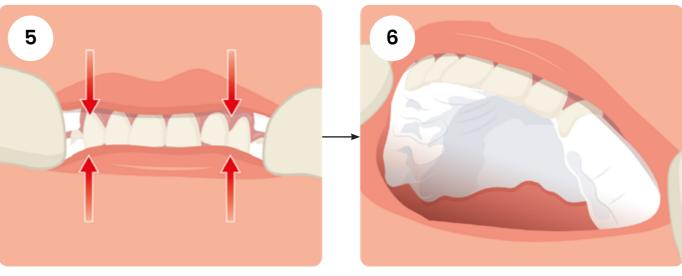


# The entire process



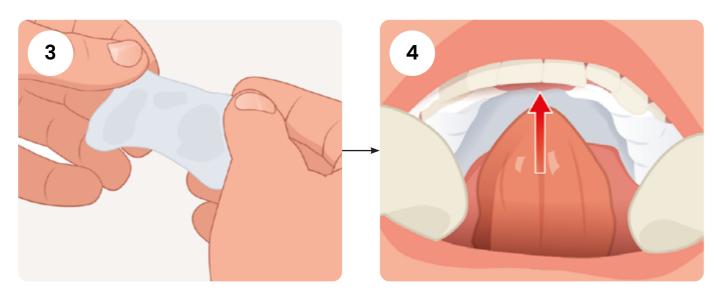
Heat water in the water bath.

Stir in the PerioPlast® granules.



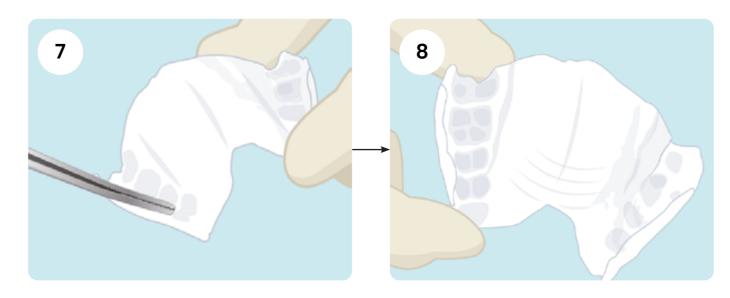
Instruct to bite into material.

Push interproximally and leave in-situ until regained solid form.



Make a disk.

Press disk with tongue onto palate.



Trim & finish.

The stent is ready!

## The clinical workflow



Make the stent chairside right before the surgery.



Prepare the recipient site.



Harvest the graft.



Place the stent immediately after harvesting the graft.



Place & stabilize the graft.



Patients wears the stent 5 days. First 24h non-stop, then take out to clean.

# Common challenges

The material cooling down too quickly before having shaped the stent.

Reheat the material in the water bath.

Struggling to keep the material in place while shaping the stent because it's too soft.

Wait longer before placing it.

The heated material sticking to the gloves while shaping the stent.

Apply Vaseline® on nitrile gloves, or use latex gloves.

The stent is too bulky and not comfortabe enough.

See the 'Surgical Tips & Cases from the Experts'for alternative techniques.

The water bath is not at the right temperature when the patient comes in.

Make sure your assistants are trained to prepare the material too.



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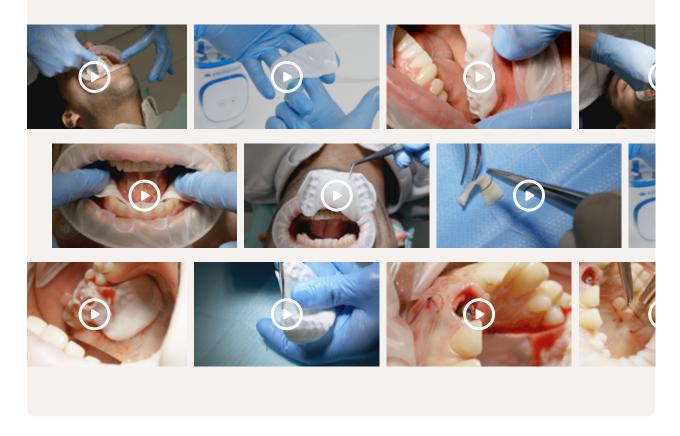


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