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Indirect composite restorations in the posterior zone: probably one of the best options

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In spite of the many advantages that ceramic restorations have to offer, they have some drawbacks as well, such as wear of the antagonist and brittle catastrophic failures. That is why, for some particular cases, indirect composite restorations are preferred. High-strength indirect composites have the advantage of inducing less marginal chipping of the enamel around the margins of the restoration and they have better long-term stability on margins. According to available studies, indirect overlay composite restorations also exhibit better fatigue resistance and fracture propagation of posterior endodontically treated teeth^{1,2}.

With indirect composite restorations, the enamel wear rate and total wear rate are more favourable than with ceramic restorations³. Moreover, composite restorations on implants present similar dynamic responses to load (damping behaviour) when compared to natural teeth using a simulated periodontal ligament⁴ and they showed significant higher survival rate when compared to ceramic onlays and crowns in clinical trials⁵. We have been using composites for those cases more than 10 years long with really satisfactory results.

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