PRACTICE INSIDER

A STRONG AND ESTHETIC COMPOSITE

Sam Halabo, DMD, on Shofu's Beautifil® II LS

After graduating from Boston University's Goldman School of Graduate Dentistry and completing a general practice residency at the Loma Linda Veterans Affairs Hospital, I opened a state-of-the-art private practice in San Diego, California, that has been operating for more than 22 years. I am also an adjunct faculty member at the University of California at San Diego and lecture on a variety of restorative and surgical topics with an emphasis on improving patient care and dentists' enjoyment of their profession. Being involved in product evaluations for both the Catapult Group and Clinicians Report for many years, I have been proud and honored to share my knowledge and experience with those seeking to provide excellent dental care for their patients. I started using Shofu's Beautifil® II LS almost 2 years ago, and I have found that it is an impressively powerful material that gives my patients outstanding results.

Sam Halabo, DMD

1

2

3

1. Made from a unique filler technology (83 wt%), Beautifil II LS, provides abrasion resistance, antagonist-friendly surface hardness, and optimal compressive strength. **2.** The bioactive (Giomer technology) firm-handling, stackable, nonsticky composite material is ideal for both anterior and posterior restorations—Classes I through V. **3.** Beautifil II LS minimizes polymerization shrinkage (0.8 vol%) and resultant shrinkage stress (2.72 MPa), which helps to prevent microleakage and marginal discoloration for durable, long-lasting esthetic restorations.

Is the material strong? Beautifil II LS provides compressive strength (364 MPa) that is among the highest of the composites without compromising esthetics.

When do you use Beautifil II LS? I use it for anterior and posterior Class I through V restorations. It is esthetic and strong enough to use anywhere in the mouth.

What are the other top features? It produces minimal polymerization shrinkage and stress, and the bioactive Giomer technology allows for fluoride release and recharge.