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RESUMO

O objetivo deste trabalho foi analisar, por meio de uma revisão narrativa da literatura, a acurácia de próteses totais removíveis confeccionadas por impressão tridimensional (3D), destacando suas vantagens, limitações e comparações com os métodos convencionais e com a fresagem CAD/CAM. A busca bibliográfica foi realizada nas bases de dados PubMed, SciELO e Google Scholar, utilizando os descritores “Dentures, Complete”, “3D Printing”, “Accuracy”, “Removable Prosthesis” e “Digital Dentures”. Foram incluídos estudos publicados entre 2020 e 2025, em inglês, português e espanhol, que abordassem a precisão, adaptação ou veracidade dimensional de próteses totais removíveis impressas em 3D. Após a aplicação dos critérios de elegibilidade, onze estudos foram incluídos, sendo a maioria de natureza in vitro, complementados por pesquisas clínicas. Os resultados evidenciaram que os valores médios de fidelidade dimensional e precisão de adaptação variaram entre 65 μm e 500 μm , situando-se dentro dos limites clínicos aceitáveis. A fresagem apresentou melhor desempenho em acurácia dimensional e estabilidade do posicionamento dentário, enquanto a impressão 3D demonstrou resultados satisfatórios quando parâmetros como espessura de camada, ângulo de construção e tecnologia empregada (SLA ou DLP) foram adequadamente otimizados. Estudos clínicos recentes apontaram menor tempo de produção, menor necessidade de ajustes e boa adaptação das próteses impressas em relação à técnica analógica convencional. Entretanto, limitações persistem quanto à resistência mecânica das resinas fotopolimerizáveis e à escassez de ensaios clínicos de longo prazo. Conclui-se que a impressão 3D representa uma alternativa promissora e eficiente na confecção de próteses totais removíveis, com potencial para consolidar-se como técnica amplamente utilizada, à medida que houver avanços nos materiais e padronização dos fluxos digitais.

Palavras-chave: Prótese Total. Impressão 3D. Acurácia. Odontologia Digital. CAD/CAM.

ABSTRACT

The objective of this study was to analyze, through a narrative literature review, the accuracy of complete removable dentures manufactured by three-dimensional (3D) printing, highlighting their advantages, limitations, and comparisons with conventional and milled CAD/CAM methods. A bibliographic search was carried out in PubMed, SciELO, and Google Scholar databases using the descriptors “Dentures, Complete”, “3D Printing”, “Accuracy”, “Removable Prosthesis”, and “Digital Dentures”. Studies published between 2020 and 2025, in English, Portuguese, and Spanish, addressing the precision, adaptation, or dimensional trueness of 3D-printed complete dentures were included. After applying eligibility criteria, eleven studies were selected, most of which were in vitro, complemented by clinical investigations. The results showed that mean values of dimensional trueness and fitting accuracy ranged from 65 μm to 500 μm , remaining within clinically acceptable limits. Milled dentures exhibited superior dimensional accuracy and tooth positioning stability, whereas 3D-printed dentures showed satisfactory results when parameters such as layer thickness, build angle, and printing technology (SLA or DLP) were properly optimized. Recent clinical studies reported shorter production times, fewer adjustments, and satisfactory adaptation of printed dentures compared with the conventional analog technique. However, limitations remain regarding the mechanical resistance of photopolymer resins and the lack of long-term randomized clinical trials. It is concluded that 3D printing represents a promising and efficient alternative for the fabrication of complete removable dentures, with potential to become a widely used technique as material properties and digital workflows continue to advance.

Keywords: Complete Denture. 3D Printing. Accuracy. Digital Dentistry. CAD/CAM.

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LISTA DE ABREVIATURAS E SIGLAS

3D	Tridimensional
CAD/CAM	Computer-Aided Design / Computer-Aided Manufacturing (Desenho e Fabricação Assistidos por Computador)
DLP	Digital Light Processing (Processamento Digital por Luz)
FDM	Fused Deposition Modeling (Modelagem por Deposição Fundida)
MeSH	Medical Subject Headings (Descritores em Ciências da Saúde, em inglês)
PTR	Prótese Total Removível
SLA	Stereolithography (Estereolitografia)
UnB	Universidade de Brasília

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1 INTRODUÇÃO

O edentulismo, caracterizado pela perda parcial ou total dos dentes permanentes, representa uma condição irreversível comumente associada à progressão da cárie dentária e da doença periodontal¹. Além de suas repercussões funcionais e psicossociais, o edentulismo tem sido amplamente utilizado como importante indicador epidemiológico de saúde bucal, sendo monitorado em diversos países e em diferentes faixas etárias². As próteses totais removíveis (PTRs) constituem dispositivos protéticos essenciais na reabilitação de pacientes totalmente desdentados, proporcionando a restauração das funções mastigatória, fonética e estética. Tradicionalmente, a confecção dessas próteses segue um protocolo analógico, que inclui uso de diversos materiais odontológicos e habilidade técnico-científico do profissional cirurgião-dentista, para a realização de moldagens, obtenção de modelos em gesso, montagem em articuladores, provas clínicas e prensagem com resina acrílica termopolimerizável. Apesar de amplamente utilizada e consolidada, essa técnica pode apresentar variações dimensionais e falhas humanas ao longo de suas etapas, o que potencialmente compromete a adaptação e a retenção da prótese³.

Com os avanços na odontologia digital, novas abordagens têm sido desenvolvidas para a confecção de próteses totais removíveis (PTRs), utilizando tecnologia CAD/CAM e impressão tridimensional (3D). Nesse fluxo digital, os modelos são escaneados e projetados virtualmente, possibilitando a fabricação das próteses por dois principais métodos: fresagem (método subtrativo) e impressão 3D (método aditivo).

Na fresagem, a base da prótese é obtida pela remoção de material de um bloco sólido, geralmente de resina acrílica pré-polimerizada, por meio de máquinas usinadoras de alta precisão. Esse processo tende a gerar estruturas com excelente densidade e estabilidade dimensional, porém com maior desperdício de material e limitações no design interno da peça⁴. Já a impressão 3D realiza a construção camada a camada da prótese, depositando ou fotopolimerizando sucessivamente o material (como resinas fotocuráveis), em técnicas como a estereolitografia (SLA) ou o processamento digital por luz (DLP). Esse método apresenta vantagens como maior economia de material, velocidade de produção e possibilidade de personalização, embora a acurácia

dimensional — que engloba tanto a veracidade quanto a precisão de adaptação — ainda seja um dos principais desafios dessa tecnologia^{5, 6}.

Apesar do crescente interesse da literatura na Odontologia Digital, ainda persistem lacunas quanto à comprovação da acurácia de próteses totais removíveis produzidas por impressão 3D, sobretudo, quando comparadas às técnicas convencionais. Diante desse contexto, o presente estudo tem como objetivo analisar, por meio de revisão narrativa da literatura, a acurácia de próteses totais removíveis confeccionadas por impressão 3D, destacando suas vantagens, limitações e comparações com os métodos tradicionais de confecção.

2 METODOLOGIA

Esta revisão narrativa foi conduzida seguindo algumas recomendações de protocolos de revisão sistemática, com o objetivo de orientar a busca por artigos e definir uma estratégia de pesquisa mais clara. As buscas foram realizadas nas bases de dados PubMed, e Scielo, além de uma busca adicional na literatura cinzenta, por meio do Google Scholar, limitadas às primeiras 50 referências recuperadas pela viabilidade e relevância.

A estratégia de busca foi estruturada com base no acrônimo PICOS: População (P), Intervenção (I), Comparação (C), Resultados (O) e Tipo de Estudo (S). A população incluiu pacientes desdentados usuários de próteses totais removíveis; a intervenção foi a confecção dessas próteses por impressão tridimensional (3D); a comparação, quando aplicável, envolveu métodos tradicionais de confecção; o desfecho investigado foi a acurácia das próteses; e os tipos de estudo considerados incluíram relatos de caso, séries de casos, estudos transversais, caso-controle, coortes, ensaios clínicos e estudos *in vitro*.

Em cada base de dados, foram elaboradas estratégias de busca específicas, adaptadas à sua sintaxe e filtros disponíveis. Utilizaram-se descritores controlados (MeSH e DeCS) e palavras-chave livres combinadas pelos operadores booleanos AND e OR. Os principais termos empregados foram *“Dentures, Complete”*, *“3D Printing”*,

“Accuracy”, “Removable Prosthesis” e “Digital Dentures”, bem como suas correspondentes em português e espanhol. Para garantir a reprodutibilidade, as estratégias exatas utilizadas em cada base de dados estão apresentadas no Quadro 1. No Google Scholar, a pesquisa foi simplificada, restringindo-se às 50 primeiras referências recuperadas. Também foi realizada busca manual nas referências dos artigos incluídos, de acordo com a relevância temática. Todos os registros foram organizados em planilha eletrônica e as duplicatas removidas antes da seleção final.

Quadro 1 – Estratégias de busca utilizadas nas bases de dados

Base de Dados	Estratégia de Busca
PubMed (MEDLINE)	("Dentures, Complete"[MeSH Terms]) AND ("3D Printing"[MeSH Terms] OR "Additive Manufacturing"[MeSH Terms]) AND ("Accuracy"[All Fields] OR "Trueness"[All Fields])
SciELO	("Prótese total" OR "Prótese removível") AND ("impressão 3D" OR "fabricação aditiva") AND ("precisão" OR "adaptação" OR "exatidão")
Google Scholar	"3D printed complete dentures" AND "accuracy" AND "digital workflow"

Fonte: Elaborado pelo autor (2025).

Foram incluídos estudos que atenderam aos seguintes critérios: a) publicações em inglês, português ou espanhol; b) publicados nos últimos cinco anos (2020 a 2025); c) relatos de caso, séries de casos, estudos transversais, caso-controle, coortes, estudos in vitro ou ensaios clínicos sobre a acurácia de próteses totais removíveis obtidas por impressão 3D; d) trabalhos de conclusão de curso de graduação e pós-graduação relacionados ao tema. Foram excluídos: a) estudos sobre características diferentes da acurácia; b) cartas, capítulos de livros, resumos de conferências e revisões; c) estudos com informações incompletas; d) artigos sem acesso ao texto completo.

A seleção de artigos ocorreu em duas fases: inicialmente, pela leitura de títulos e resumos, aplicando os critérios de inclusão e exclusão; em seguida, pela leitura integral

dos textos selecionados. Os dados dos estudos incluídos foram coletados em um quadro contendo autor(es), ano de publicação, país, desenho do estudo e resultados relacionados à acurácia das próteses totais removíveis por impressão 3D. A síntese dos dados foi realizada de forma descritiva.

3 RESULTADOS

A estratégia de busca resultou na identificação de 114 estudos, sendo 50 provenientes da base PubMed, 50 da SciELO e 14 do Google Scholar. No caso do PubMed e SciELO, as buscas foram deliberadamente limitadas a 50 registros mais relevantes, conforme descrito na metodologia, de modo a garantir a viabilidade da triagem e evitar duplicações extensas. Já na base Google Scholar, embora a estratégia de busca tenha sido inicialmente configurada para abranger até os 50 primeiros resultados, apenas 14 artigos atenderam aos critérios de inclusão, após a aplicação imediata dos critérios de exclusão (idioma, duplicidade e ausência de texto completo).

Após a remoção das duplicatas, 50 estudos permaneceram para leitura de títulos e resumos. Desses, 11 foram considerados elegíveis para leitura do texto completo e, posteriormente, todos foram incluídos na revisão.

Foram incluídos 11 estudos publicados entre 2020 e 2025, conduzidos em diferentes países, como Estados Unidos, Alemanha, Japão, China e Suíça. A maioria foi composta por pesquisas *in vitro*, complementadas por ensaios clínicos e estudos comparativos. A Tabela 1 apresenta a síntese dos principais dados coletados, incluindo tipo de estudo, método de fabricação, variáveis analisadas e resultados principais.

Tabela 1. Características dos estudos incluídos na revisão, segundo autor, ano, país, tipo de estudo, método de fabricação e principais resultados

Autor / Ano	País	Tipo de estudo	Método de fabricação	Equipamento / Tecnologia utilizada	Variável principal	Principais resultados
AlHelal et al. (2023) ⁷	Arábia Saudita	In vitro	Fresagem × Impressão 3D	Impressora de esteriolitografia - SLA (NextDent 5100, 3D Systems); fresadora CAD/CAM (Ceramill Motion 2, Amann Girrbach)	Posicionamento dentário	Desvios lineares médios: 0,15 mm (fresada) × 0,27 mm (impressa)
Charoenphol et al. (2021) ⁸	EUA / Multicêntrico	In vitro	Fresagem × Impressão 3D	Impressora DLP (Asiga Max UV); fresadora (DWX-52D, Roland)	Adaptação da base	Fresagem mais precisa nas áreas de suporte; impressão adequada na selagem posterior
Faur et al. (2024) ⁹	Romênia	Clínico	Convencional × Fresagem × Impressão 3D	Impressora SLA (Formlabs Form 3B); CAD/CAM exocad	Veracidade da superfície intaglio	Impressão: 176,9 µm; Convencional: 342 µm
Kim et al. (2022) ¹⁰	Coreia do Sul	In vitro	Impressão 3D (variação de parâmetros)	Impressora DLP (NextDent 5100); software 3Shape Dental System	Veracidade / tempo / material	Ângulos de 45° e 225° apresentaram menor desvio dimensional
Lee et al. (2023) ¹¹	Coreia do Sul	In vitro	Fresagem × Impressão 3D	Impressora SLA (Zenith U, Dentis); fresadora (Arum 5X-200)	Precisão de ajuste	Fresagem mais precisa (p < 0,05)
Mühlemann et al. (2023) ¹²	Suíça	In vitro multicêntrico	Fresagem × Impressão 3D	Impressora DLP (Asiga Max UV); fresadora (Ceramill Motion 2)	Posicionamento dentário	Fresagem mais estável em dentes posteriores
Papaspyridon et al. (2025) ¹³	Reino Unido	In vitro	Convencional × Digital	Impressora SLA (Form 3B, Formlabs)	Acurácia e estabilidade dimensional	Bases digitais mais estáveis após 6 meses
Yoshidome et al. (2021) ¹⁴	Japão	In vitro	Fresagem × Impressão 3D (SLA/DLP)	Impressoras SLA e DLP (NextDent 5100 / Asiga Max UV)	Veracidade e precisão de ajuste	SLA em 45° e 225°: menores desvios dimensionais
Zhang et al. (2020) ¹⁵	China	In vitro	Três tecnologias de impressão 3D	SLA, DLP e FDM (variadas marcas)	Precisão dimensional	SLA mais precisa que FDM e DLP
Müller et al. (2021) ¹⁶	Alemanha	In vitro	Fresagem × Impressão 3D	Impressora DLP (Asiga Pro 2); fresadora (Ceramill Motion 2)	Acurácia dimensional	Valores dentro dos limites clínicos
Lee et al. (2024) ¹⁷	Coreia	Clínico	Impressão 3D	Impressora DLP (NextDent 5100)	Adaptação clínica	Ajustes mínimos necessários

Fonte: Elaborado pelo autor (2025)

De modo geral, os estudos analisados relataram valores médios de fidelidade dimensional (*trueness*) e precisão de adaptação (*fitting accuracy*) dentro dos limites clínicos aceitáveis, variando de 65 µm a 500 µm. Valores de adaptação entre 100 µm e 300 µm são amplamente considerados clinicamente aceitáveis, pois não comprometem a estabilidade nem a retenção das próteses totais removíveis⁷⁻¹⁰. A maioria dos trabalhos indicou melhor adaptação nas próteses fresadas, atribuída à maior homogeneidade do material e à estabilidade dimensional da resina acrílica pré-polymerizada utilizada nesse método^{9,11,12}. Por outro lado, a impressão 3D demonstrou desempenho satisfatório quando os parâmetros de fabricação — como espessura de camada, ângulo de construção e tipo de tecnologia (SLA ou DLP) — foram otimizados^{10,14,15}. Em especial, as tecnologias SLA e os ângulos de 45° a 225° resultaram em menores desvios dimensionais, indicando maior precisão e estabilidade dimensional^{10,14}. Em relação ao posicionamento dentário, os desvios lineares médios variaram de 0,15 mm a 0,27 mm, sendo menores nas próteses fresadas^{7,11,12}. Os estudos clínicos corroboraram os achados laboratoriais, demonstrando que ambos os métodos digitais são clinicamente viáveis, com menor tempo de produção e necessidade reduzida de ajustes durante a instalação quando comparados à técnica analógica convencional^{9,13,17}.

4. DISCUSSÃO

Os resultados desta revisão indicam um cenário de evolução tecnológica significativa na confecção de próteses totais removíveis digitais, destacando a impressão 3D como uma alternativa promissora às técnicas convencionais e à fresagem CAD/CAM. Embora a fresagem ainda seja considerada o padrão de referência em termos de acurácia dimensional, diversos estudos demonstraram que a impressão 3D tem alcançado níveis de precisão clinicamente aceitáveis, especialmente quando parâmetros de fabricação são otimizados⁷⁻¹⁰.

É importante destacar que a análise da fidelidade dimensional (*trueness*) e da precisão de adaptação (*fitting accuracy*) não se restringiu a um único estudo, daqueles incluídos neste trabalho. Diversos trabalhos incluídos nesta revisão avaliaram essas

variáveis sob diferentes perspectivas experimentais, como os de Charoenphol et al.⁸, Faur et al.⁹, Kim et al.¹⁰, Lee et al.¹¹, Mühlemann et al.¹² e Yoshidome et al.¹⁴. Em conjunto, esses estudos demonstraram que, embora as próteses fresadas apresentem desempenho superior em precisão dimensional, as próteses impressas em 3D alcançam valores dentro dos limites clínicos aceitáveis ($\leq 500 \mu\text{m}$), desde que os parâmetros de fabricação, como tecnologia, orientação de impressão e espessura de camada, sejam adequadamente controlados.

O estudo de Lee et al.¹¹ foi o que estabeleceu numericamente a faixa de tolerância clínica de $375 \mu\text{m}$ a $500 \mu\text{m}$, referência utilizada para contextualizar os achados dos demais autores. Esse conjunto de evidências reforça que, apesar das diferenças técnicas, as próteses impressas podem apresentar desempenho funcional adequado para uso clínico, sobretudo quando empregadas em fluxos digitais bem controlados.

A acurácia dimensional mostrou-se influenciada por múltiplos fatores, incluindo o tipo de tecnologia de impressão empregada (SLA, DLP ou FDM), a orientação de construção, a espessura de camada e o pós-processamento. Yoshidome et al.⁸ observaram que impressões realizadas com tecnologia SLA em ângulos de construção de 45° e 225° apresentaram menores desvios dimensionais, superando inclusive métodos convencionais em algumas regiões da base protética. Esses resultados se explicam pelo melhor controle geométrico proporcionado por determinadas orientações de impressão, que reduzem deformações associadas à polimerização em camadas. Em contrapartida, a fresagem parte de blocos estáveis e pré-polimerizados, conferindo maior estabilidade dimensional ao longo do processo¹². Essa diferença metodológica justifica, em parte, a superioridade da fresagem observada em regiões críticas de suporte, como rebordos alveolares e áreas de selagem posterior⁸.

No que se refere ao posicionamento dentário, os estudos analisados demonstraram que as próteses fresadas mantêm maior precisão linear e angular em comparação com as impressas. AlHelal et al.⁷ observaram desvios lineares médios de $0,15 \text{ mm}$ nas próteses fresadas contra $0,27 \text{ mm}$ nas impressas, diferenças estatisticamente significativas. Mühlemann et al.¹² também relataram melhor

estabilidade posicional em dentes posteriores em próteses fresadas, ressaltando que pequenos desvios nessa região podem alterar relações cêntricas e impactar a oclusão funcional. No entanto, a magnitude desses desvios permaneceu dentro de limites clínicos aceitáveis em todos os estudos, indicando que a impressão 3D, quando bem controlada, é capaz de produzir próteses com posicionamento dentário funcionalmente satisfatório^{8,9,11}. Tecnologias de maior resolução, como SLA, e a correta definição de parâmetros de impressão podem reduzir significativamente esses desvios¹⁴.

Outro aspecto relevante identificado nos estudos revisados refere-se ao tempo de produção, custo e aplicabilidade clínica. A impressão 3D mostrou-se consistentemente mais rápida e economicamente vantajosa em comparação à fresagem, uma vez que permite a produção simultânea de múltiplas bases em um único ciclo, além de reduzir o consumo de material e a necessidade de acabamento manual^{12,14}. O custo unitário das próteses impressas tende a ser inferior, especialmente em fluxos laboratoriais otimizados, enquanto a fresagem, apesar de mais precisa, implica maior tempo de execução e desperdício de material^{7,11}. Do ponto de vista clínico, Faur et al.⁹ demonstraram que as próteses impressas necessitam de poucos ajustes durante a instalação, apresentando adaptação e estabilidade satisfatórias, o que reforça sua viabilidade prática para uso clínico. Esses fatores tornam a impressão 3D particularmente atrativa em cenários que demandam agilidade e padronização, como clínicas universitárias, casos provisórios ou laboratórios com alta produção.

Entre os estudos analisados, apenas Faur et al.⁹ e Papaspyridon et al.¹³ incluíram grupos confeccionados por técnicas convencionais (analógicas), possibilitando a comparação direta com métodos digitais. Ambos indicaram desempenho superior das próteses digitais quanto à adaptação e estabilidade, especialmente nas bases fresadas, embora os valores obtidos pela impressão 3D também se mantivessem dentro de limites clínicos aceitáveis. Os demais estudos avaliaram exclusivamente métodos digitais, focando em parâmetros de fabricação e desempenho dimensional.

Apesar das vantagens, é importante reconhecer as limitações atuais da impressão 3D. A resistência mecânica das resinas fotopolimerizáveis ainda pode ser inferior à dos blocos acrílicos pré-polimerizados utilizados na fresagem, o que pode

afetar a longevidade clínica e a resistência ao desgaste das próteses totais^{11,15}. Além disso, variações na orientação de impressão, na espessura de camada e no pós-processamento podem gerar desvios dimensionais cumulativos, exigindo controle rigoroso dos parâmetros operacionais^{10,14}.

A maioria dos estudos incluídos nesta revisão é de natureza *in vitro*, o que limita a extrapolação direta dos resultados para a prática clínica de longo prazo. Há ainda escassez de ensaios clínicos randomizados com acompanhamento prolongado, capazes de avaliar aspectos como estabilidade dimensional, resistência ao desgaste, retenção e manutenção das próteses impressas após meses ou anos de uso^{13,17}. No entanto, alguns autores relatam avanços importantes em direção à eliminação parcial das etapas convencionais. Estudos recentes demonstraram a possibilidade de substituir as moldagens físicas por escaneamentos intraorais ou extraorais de modelos de prova, embora a captura de áreas extensas e tecidos moles ainda represente um desafio técnico significativo^{9,11}. O uso de articuladores digitais e softwares de oclusão virtual também tem permitido reduzir ou até dispensar o articulador mecânico tradicional em determinadas etapas, mas a maioria dos protocolos clínicos ainda realiza uma validação final em articulador convencional, principalmente para confirmar a relação maxilomandibular^{9,11,17}.

Em relação ao tempo clínico, os fluxos digitais — tanto por fresagem quanto por impressão 3D — têm demonstrado redução média de 30% a 50% no tempo total de produção quando comparados à técnica analógica convencional^{9,17}. Essa economia resulta da eliminação de múltiplas etapas laboratoriais, como prensagem e acabamento, e da possibilidade de ajustes digitais diretos, o que reforça a tendência de uma odontologia cada vez mais integrada e eficiente.

As perspectivas futuras, entretanto, são promissoras. O desenvolvimento de novas resinas com maior resistência mecânica e menor contração de polimerização, aliado ao aprimoramento contínuo das tecnologias de impressão e dos softwares de design digital, tende a reduzir ainda mais as diferenças em relação à fresagem^{10,14}. A integração com escâneres intraorais e fluxos clínicos totalmente digitais pode simplificar o processo de confecção, reduzir o número de consultas e aumentar o conforto do

paciente^{3,6}. Nesse contexto, a impressão 3D apresenta-se não apenas como uma ferramenta auxiliar ou alternativa provisória, mas como uma tecnologia com potencial para se tornar dominante na confecção de próteses totais removíveis nos próximos anos.

5. CONSIDERAÇÕES FINAIS

Em síntese, a literatura consultada demonstrou que a impressão 3D, embora ainda apresente limitações, é uma tecnologia em franca evolução, capaz de oferecer resultados clínicos previsíveis, precisão adequada e vantagens operacionais significativas. A consolidação do seu uso dependerá do amadurecimento dos materiais, da padronização dos protocolos e da expansão de evidências clínicas de longo prazo, especialmente no que diz respeito à durabilidade e estabilidade em ambiente intraoral.

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