



## Products Rated Highly by Evaluators in CR Clinical Trials

### Bayflex Partial



Bayshore Dental Studio

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## Thin, Flexible, and Strong Partial Dentures are Comfortable and Esthetic

Bayflex Partials are made of an esthetic nylon-like injected base material that provides increased flexibility, comfort, and very thin removable partial dentures. Evaluators were pleased with the precise fit noting that chairside adjustment is rarely necessary, but it can easily be modified. Bayflex Partials may be relined and repaired in lab if needed.

### Advantages:

- Esthetic
- Precise fit and very comfortable for patient
- Partials may be thin and remain strong

### Limitations:

- Clinical durability has been impressive to date, but continues to be established
- Same limitations as any partial without occlusal rests

**CR Conclusions:** 93% of 14 CR Evaluators stated they would incorporate Bayflex Partial into their practice. 93% rated it excellent or good and worthy of trial by colleagues.

# What is CR?

## WHY CR?

CR was founded in 1976 by clinicians who believed practitioners could confirm efficacy and clinical usefulness of new products and avoid both the experimentation on patients and failures in the closet. With this purpose in mind, CR was organized as a unique volunteer purpose of testing all types of dental products and disseminating results to colleagues throughout the world.

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3. Laboratory tests where physical and chemical properties of new products are compared to standard products.



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*This team is testing resin curing lights to determine their ability to cure a variety of resin-based composites.*

*Every month several new projects are completed.*

## THE PROBLEM WITH NEW DENTAL PRODUCTS.

*New dental products have always presented a challenge to clinicians because, with little more than promotional information to guide them, they must judge between those that are new and better, and those that are just new. Due to the industry's keen competition and rush to be first on the market, clinicians and their patients often become test data for new products. Every clinician has, at one time or another, become a victim of this system. All own new products that did not meet expectations, but are stored in hope of some unknown future use, or thrown away at a considerable loss. To help clinicians make educated product purchases, CR tests new dental products and reports the results to the profession.*