

TEAM PROFILE

# MEET THE EXPERTS OF IDL'S CHROME DEPARTMENT



## **GERRY PRESCOTT, Chrome Dept. Supervisor**

Gerry started his career with IDL in 1981. His mastery over casting and designing partials is clearly evident in the solutions he constructs for each framework.

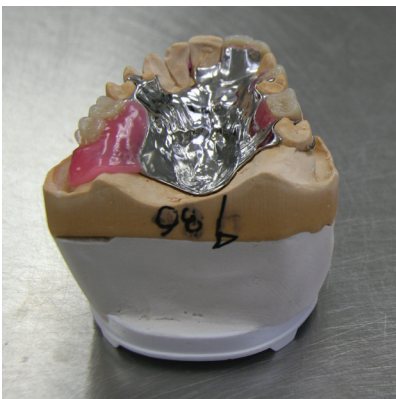
IDL is one of the few remaining full-service laboratories in southern Ontario. As more laboratories scale back their operations by sending their frameworks out to other labs to be worked on, IDL understands the importance of keeping this type of specialized work in-house. "All fabrication is done here," says Gerry. "By keeping the work onsite, we have the ability to communicate instantly and discuss the complexities of each case with the other departments. The best way to ensure the design is successful is by each department working closely together. It's a *team effort*." This is especially true for combination cases.

Gerry continues, "Having the departments working onsite together simplifies matters for our clinicians and ensures a superior finished product from a supplied design."

All of IDL's cast partials are made with nickel-free and beryllium-free alloys. "We only use new metal for every casting to ensure the casting will maintain the integrity of the alloy," says Gerry. "This prevents porosity which makes a superior quality casting because the alloys retain their properties."

IDL has been utilizing laser welding technology for nearly ten years. The benefit of laser welding is that it eliminates solder resulting in a solid parent alloy connection comparable to a solid casting. In cast partials it allows you to append to a framework without removing or causing damage to the acrylic. For implants, the bars and bridges are laser welded creating an accurate and passive fit. Laser welding gives you consistently precise results while offering versatility and flexibility to your existing prosthesis.

When it comes to removable prostheses, Gerry's motto is "It has to fit; it has to function; and it has to look good. Two out of three is not good enough." He is always available to discuss the best options for the design of your patients' removable prosthesis.



## **GLEN EVANS, Chrome Dept. Technician**

Glen has been a dental technician for fifteen years. He has been working closely with Gerry in the chrome department for the last thirteen of those years. Part of his training was taken with Bego Canada for advanced cast partials.

Glen thrives on creating frameworks that not only follow the basic principles of good design but exceeds them by adding a

high level of detail. Clinicians appreciate his expertise and attention to detail. They liken his work to fine jewelry. Patients appreciate Glen's esthetic ability.

Glen is married with three young children all under the age of eight. When he is not hard at work crafting frameworks at IDL or caring for his two daughters and son, he enjoys playing second base on his slo-pitch team in Barrie.



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