

# SHIKOSHA

## DENTAL LABORATORY

SPRING 2023 NEWSLETTER

60  
years



### 60th Anniversary!

2023 is Shikosha Dental Laboratory's 60th anniversary! Shikosha has been creating superior dental restorations since 1963, when it was founded in Yokohama, Japan by Takeshi (Tak) Yoshida.

Since then, Shikosha has consistently been a pioneer and leader in the dental lab industry. At one time, Shikosha even had branches located in Los Angeles, Guam, Honolulu, and Seattle.

In 1976, Tak established the Portland branch and consolidated all of his business to its 10,000 sqft SE Portland building to become one of the largest privately-owned dental labs in the area.

Tak's son, Nick, took over leadership in 2011 with the vision to grow and navigate the laboratory through the new age of dentistry. And today, Shikosha is proud to be a local, family-owned laboratory with a diverse and highly qualified team that proudly carries on Tak's legacy. Smiles are what we live for!

## Laboratory of the Year Award

Shikosha was awarded 2023 "Laboratory Member of the Year" by the National Association of Dental Laboratories last December! The prestigious award is offered to only one lab nationwide each year, and we are humbled and grateful for the honor. We'll continue working hard to improve our product quality, elevate our client experience, and stay ahead of the digital curve.

Accepting the award at the ceremony in Las Vegas was Toyoe Yoshida (Shikosha's owner and the wife of Shikosha's founder, Tak Yoshida) as well as Toyoe's daughter, Miyuki, and our Vice President, Carrie Peil, CDT.



# Implant Solutions: The SmileX Bundle

## SmileX Custom Abutment Bundle

Shikosha Dental Laboratory's new bundled hybrid custom abutment implant crown is our solution for all-inclusive implant restorations that pair exceptional quality and competitive pricing. Digitally designed SmileX restorations integrate technology with artistry for customizable, implant-supported crowns and hybrid restorations.

Bundled pricing includes the soft tissue model, analog, custom milled abutment, and our multi-layered full contour zirconia crown. Restorations are made in-house at Shikosha. All parts are FDA approved; full manufacturer warranty on all original parts.



**POSTERIOR BUNDLE PROMO —> \$499 through May 15th, 2023!**

## SmileX Authentic Straumann Bundle

Shikosha is proud to be a Straumann Alliance Lab! Thanks to our alliance with Straumann, we're able to offer our clients the Authentic Straumann SmileX Bundle. Similar to the non-OEM bundle, except Straumann bundles are made with authentic Straumann custom milled abutments and come with local, chairside support.

Learn more about Shikosha's SmileX bundle options at [www.shikosha.com/implants-hybrids](http://www.shikosha.com/implants-hybrids).

## As a Straumann Alliance Lab, Shikosha provides:

- >Authentic Straumann components that come with a 100% guarantee
- >Guided Surgery Solutions and treatment planning services
- >Laboratory Consulting and chairside assistance
- >Integrated Approach with cutting-edge digital technology
- >Treatment Team Collaboration between Shikosha Dental Lab, your practice, and Straumann to provide high quality service and predictable results



Shikosha is excited about working together with Straumann and our clients as partners in restorative success!

## Upcoming Straumann Alliance CE: Implant Care & Maintenance

April 20th, 2023, 6 - 8 PM | 2 CE Credits | Dr. Sei Kim

Attention hygienists! Join Shikosha and Straumann for a happy hour class at Oswego Hills Winery and expand your knowledge of Implant Care and Maintenance. Cosponsored by Straumann. Food and wine tasting are provided. Find out more or sign up at [www.shikosha.com/continuing-education](http://www.shikosha.com/continuing-education)

# Implant Solutions: Your Implant Experts

## Thomas Brumet, CDT

Technical Director



Thomas began his career in dental technology in 1976 and became a CDT in 1985. He owned and operated his own lab for more than thirty years. Afterward, he worked as an in-house technician for eight years before joining Shikosha as the Technical Director. Thomas has been president of the Oregon Association of Dental Labs twice and is an "Oregon Technician of the Year" recipient.

In 2019, Thomas was awarded the Kois Center Education Grant. Thomas has presented many educational courses in person and online and will be contributing to Shikosha's effort to offer a CE course program. Thomas is married and has two adult sons. He loves camping and is an avid outdoorsman. Email: [thomas.brumet@shikosha.com](mailto:thomas.brumet@shikosha.com)

## Vadim Vainer, CDT

Director of Integrated Solutions, Research, and Education



Vadim has been a dental technician for over 18 years. He began his career as an apprentice, but he soon realized he had a passion for the dental arts. After earning an AAS in dental technology, he opened his own laboratory where he became an expert in all facets of dental tech - from the aesthetics of cosmetic restorations to the fast pace of digital systems, as well as the business of running it all.

Vadim is currently kept on his toes with a new challenge as the Director of Integrated Solutions, Research, and Education at Shikosha Dental Laboratory. In his free time, Vadim is passionate about photography and often teaches classes about dental and portrait photography. Grateful for an amazing group of fellow dental technicians, he likes to participate in education and training as part of the Dental Technicians Guild. Email: [vadim@shikosha.com](mailto:vadim@shikosha.com)

## Shikosha's All-Star Team

Thomas and Vadim are available to meet over the phone or in person for treatment planning advice and case consultation. They work closely with our CAD/CAM, removables, and crown and bridge teams to manufacture hybrid implant restorations. Overall, Shikosha's team includes six CDTs and two CDT candidates, and Shikosha is a CDL (Certified Dental Laboratory) through the National Board for Certification of Dental Laboratories.

**CDL designation** provides assurance that a dental laboratory has met specific standards relating to quality assurance, safety, and business manufacturing practices. By earning and maintaining the CDL designation, a laboratory is always monitoring and attempting to improve the quality and efficiency of their services and facilities.

Similarly, **CDT designation** for technicians is a great achievement and demonstrates a significant mastery of the knowledge and applied skills needed in dental technology. Individuals achieving this designation have demonstrated a competency not all of their peers will achieve. The CDT designation illustrates a technician's commitment to the field of dental technology and demonstrates their extensive knowledge.





## Visit us at the ODC!

Are you planning on attending the 2023 Oregon Dental Conference? If so, we'd love to see you! Our lab managers will be there as well as some of our techs and office staff, and I know they would love to put a face to the name.

**Drop by our booth, #1002**, to say hello and sign up for a drawing for a special raffle prize!

## Shikosha Smile Rewards

Are you taking advantage of our client rewards program, Shikosha Smile Rewards? As long as you purchase more than \$1,000 in a month and pay your balance by the 10th, you'll automatically receive 1%, 2%, or 3% back, depending on how much you purchase.

- > 1% back with \$1,000 or more spent
- > 2% back with \$2,500 or more spent
- > 3% back with \$5,000 or more spent

Be sure to pay your balance by the 10th of each month to be eligible. Smile Rewards are automatically applied to your account balance each month - you don't have to do a thing!

## List of Contacts

Our main contacts are available during our open hours of 8 AM - 4 PM, Monday - Friday. You can reach them at our main number, 503-238-7117, as well as through email:

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