Zirconia based dental restorations grew popular in the last two decades. This can be attributed to them being less expensive options and less time consuming when compared to porcelain fused to metal restorations. The widespread use of CAD/CAM technology in dentistry could be a contributing factor in the emergence and use of these restorations, which plays an integral part in their manufacturing process. One should keep in mind that “zirconia” is a broad term and can represent different materials with different physical and optical properties and therefore, different clinical performance.

**EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES**

- Identify the different types of zirconia in the market
- Identify clinical applications for each type of zirconia
- Understand the different preparation requirements for different types of zirconia

**CLINICIAN**

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