

### PATIENT INSTRUCTIONS FOR DAY WHITE ACP

## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Floss and brush your teeth.
- In a counterclockwise motion, twist off the clear plastic cap from the syringe.
- Twist the mixing tip clockwise to lock on the end of the syringe.
- Place a small dot of gel in each tooth compartment in the tray.

**Important:** Overloading trays with gel may cause temporary gum irritation.

- Place tray with gel in your mouth. Bubbling within trays is normal.
- Use extra care to avoid getting gel on your gums. Remove excess gel with a cotton swab or a dry toothbrush.
- Once finished placing gel in trays, remove mixing tip from syringe and replace with clear plastic cap. This ensures ingredients in each side of the barrel stay separate for maximum effectiveness.
- After whitening, rinse trays with cold water. Use a toothbrush to remove any residual gel. Place trays in storage case and store in a cool dry place.
- Rinse teeth to remove excess gel.

## NOTE

- Do not eat, drink or smoke while wearing your custom trays.
- It is normal to see dark colors in trays where you have amalgam (silver) fillings.
- The area of the tooth closest to the gums may take longer to lighten than the biting edge. It will also remain the darkest part of the tooth.

# TREATMENT TIME

• 30 minutes, twice a day.

# **EXPECTATIONS AND OPTIMUM RESULTS**

Results vary by patient. Anatomy, age, tooth condition, hygiene and starting shade heavily impact results.

- You should have realistic expectations about the final results.
- Note that crowns, veneers, fillings, dentures and restorations will not whiten and may require replacement following the whitening procedure.
- Final shade will be achieved about 2 weeks after completion of your whitening treatment.
- If whitening prior to having cosmetic fillings done, please ensure that the final shade of your teeth is achieved 2 weeks prior to your filling appointment.
- Ensure that no whitening occurs in the 2 weeks prior to your filling appointment.

## **POST-TREATMENT**

- Avoid staining foods, drinks and tobacco for 30 minutes after each treatment.
- Continue good oral hygiene; use of an electric tooth brush will help keep results longer.
- Store any remaining whitening gel in a cool, dry place for later use. Do not freeze.
- At your regular 6 month check-up, ask your dentist to evaluate your shade.

## **POTENTIAL ADVERSE EFFECTS**

- Adverse effects that may be associated with the use of a whitening product containing peroxide include sensitivity and gingival irritation.
- Trays that extend onto the gingiva (gums) may cause soft tissue irritation.
- If you are experiencing sensitivity, reduce the amount of gel in your trays. Teeth whiten when HP is absorbed into the tooth and whitens from the inside, so it is not important to cover the entire tooth.

If all of the above options have been exhausted and you still have gum irritation or tooth sensitivity, treatment should be ceased until irritation subsides. Resume treatment with shorter, less frequent applications until desired whitening effect has been achieved. If discomfort continues, discontinue the treatment and consult your dental professional.

