



## MEET THE EVALUATOR

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**DENTAL SCHOOL:**  
Manipal College of Dental Sciences in Manipal, India

**YEARS IN PRACTICE:**  
18 years

**SPECIALTY:**  
General Dentistry

**PRACTICE LOCATION:**  
Bakersfield, CA

Coming from a family of physicians and surgeons, I chose to be a dentist because I always wanted to be different and was fascinated by the dexterity and precision required to work in as small a space as the oral cavity. I became a *Dental Product Shopper* evaluator to learn about new products and materials, and I stay up to date on the latest advancements in dentistry in order to provide the most current treatment options for my patients.

Skill and compassion go hand in hand when providing exceptional patient care. I value each patient relationship and recognize that my patients have placed a great deal of trust in me and my team. Over the years, I developed the skillset to put patients of most age groups at ease, which is why I started a family dental practice.

I trained for 8 years in India to become a prosthodontist before joining my husband in the United States. I became licensed to practice dentistry in the U.S. and now own my dental practice in Bakersfield, CA, where I live with my husband and son. I actively give in our community and devote time for its progress. A trained classical dancer for 8 years during my childhood, I enjoy all forms of dance and music. I usually recharge myself by cooking, gardening, or traveling.

### FAVORITE PRODUCTS:

Isolite Systems' Isodry

VOCO's GrandioSO



## Dental PRODUCT SHOPPER

### EVALUATIONS

#### What Are They?

The *Dental Product Shopper* evaluation is the profession's standard-bearer for peer-to-peer evaluations by clinicians in active practice.

#### Who Are the Evaluators?

All *DPS* evaluators selflessly volunteer their time to share their experiences using products and services. There is no compensation for participation in any evaluation, and all clinicians must be independent of corporate sponsorship for products they evaluate.

#### The Process

A panel of evaluators is selected for each product or service that will be tested in their practice based on their areas of interest.

Evaluators receive enough product\* to be used for a 4-week testing period.

Each panel member records their experiences in an online evaluation developed by the *DPS* editorial team in conjunction with the editorial advisory board and input from the manufacturer.

#### The Rating System

The evaluations are reviewed and a final score is determined based upon the panel members' opinions of specific criteria as well as overall satisfaction. Based on that score, the product/service tested is awarded one of the below:

#### BEST PRODUCT

a score of

4.3

or higher



#### RECOMMENDED

a score of

3.6-4.2



#### TESTED

a score of

3.5

or lower



\*Capital equipment is evaluated by current customers. Fifteen current customers are chosen randomly from a manufacturer-supplied list of 50 names.