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Dr. François Duret holds a DDS (1974), and a DSO-PhD (1980) in Odontologic Sciences at Claude Bernard University Lyon, an MS in Molecular Biochemistry (1976) and an MD-PhD in Gastroenterology (1982), among other advanced degrees and certifications.

He has worked as Dental Surgeon (15 years) and assisting professor (4 years) in France, professor and chairman (10 years) in the United States at University of Southern California, Los Angeles (1989-1997) and (4 years) in Japan at Niigata University, Niigata (1998-2002).

He currently serves as Visiting Professor in UFR Odontology of Montpellier (France) and Director-CEO for his personal Research & Development Laboratory in Fleury d'Aude, France.

Dr. Duret holds more than 50 patents for polymerization, articulator, spectrophotometry, composite materials, posts and bleaching techniques, and he is especially the inventor of the 25 year-old medical and dental CAD/CAM technology, with his DDS thesis "empreinte opique" (optical impression).

He has given around 500 lectures worldwide, and his work has been featured in over 200 major publications and 500 news paper articles.

Dr. Duret received a lot of important awards and distinctions and he is a member of numerous societies, such as The American Prosthodontic Society (APS), The International College of Dentists (ICD), The American College of Dentists (ACD), The International Association for Dental Research (IADR), The Japanese Society for Dental Materials and Devices (JSDMD), The Pierre Fauchard Academy (PFA), The European Optical Society (EOS).

Research Interests: optical impression, CAD/CAM, composite materials, polymerization, articulator.