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## What's Hot and What's Getting Hotter

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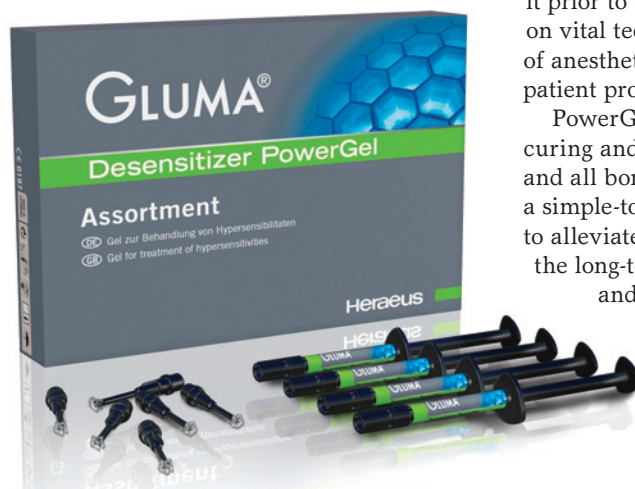
### MATERIAL

#### Gluma® Desensitizer PowerGel

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There's an old expression that "everything old is new again" and another that says "just when you think it can't get any better ... it can." In the case of this newly released version of Gluma® Desensitizer PowerGel, both are quite true. We all know that Gluma has always been regarded as the benchmark in desensitizing agents. Now, Heraeus has improved the material by making it a viscous, no-drip, non-runny gel that can

be applied safely in many instances. The new formulation is a green gel that allows clear visualization where the material is placed, as well as ensuring that all of it is rinsed off after the application time of 30 to 60 seconds. Application is via a syringe with a fuzzy ball-brush luer-lock



applicator. There are simple and clear pictorial instructions for usage in a variety of instances, including cervical erosion, crown and bridge preps (including veneers and inlay/onlays), gingival recession, and prior to placing an adhesive or alloy restoration. I particularly like using it prior to seating a crown/bridge on vital teeth and forgoing the use of anesthetic, which could impede patient proprioception.

PowerGel does not require light curing and is safe to use with any and all bonding systems. This is a simple-to-use, one-step system to alleviate patient discomfort for the long-term in many situations, and it provides maximum control for safe placement in its new gel formulation. Welcome to the family, PowerGel!

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