

How to Find Accreditation Cases

Case selection is a critical component of a successful clinical case for Accreditation. Candidates often feel that finding cases for Accreditation is a stumbling block to achieving the credential. This outline provides some strategies that may provide guidance in finding Accreditation cases.

The first-step is to work with a mentor. This can be accomplished one-on-one or anonymously online. Experienced Accreditation Examiners have seen many cases both in their own Accreditation journey and in the exam setting that can provide valuable insight. The credentialing department at the AACD or the AACD website can help connect you with a mentor.

The second step is to photograph all your anterior restorative treatment, before and after, in RAW format. The case you think is unsuitable for Accreditation may take on a different light as you progress through treatment.

The third step is to carefully evaluate the importance of transitioning a case for Accreditation through multi-disciplinary treatment. The case that appears too difficult to meet Accreditation criteria may become manageable with the alteration of tooth or gum position.

Fourth, try to incorporate Accreditation into your everyday practice. This ties together the first three steps and has you looking at every case with the Accreditation criteria in mind. There will undoubtedly be some cases that will require more attention, but having a number of each case type in the process can reduce stress.

Lastly, we urge patience. It only takes one successful case of each case type. Having your staff engaged in the process can be most rewarding and most beneficial. Below is list of possible resources for finding cases. We wish you the best in your pursuit of excellence.

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Finding Cases:

- Staff
- Family
- Existing patients
- New patients
- Letter to existing patients
- Photo library of existing patients
- Specialists networking
- Specialist's staff
- Ad in the local paper
- Spouse's/significant other's friends
- Teenage kids friends
- Staff's friends/family