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Directions for taking a stick bite

1. Stand directly in front of patient, have patient either sitting or standing, depending on doctor/patient height compatibility
2. Using blue mousse, vanilla mousse or something compatible, apply a generous bead to lower anterior teeth (include bicuspids). The stick bite is always taken on the mandibular arch and can be taken on pre-op, temporaries or preps. We must have a model of what was used to take the stick bite to mount. Temporaries do not have to be removed to take a stick bite.
3. Have patient **close** lightly and place a plastic Bend-a-brush into unset mousse, twist brush to secure and align with patient's eyes.
4. Take a full face photo, with stick bite in place. Cellphone quality is fine, be sure we can see the full face, including the eyes and stick bite.

The stick bite is not used as the final bite for occlusion. Another bite without a stick should be taken if an occlusal bite is needed.

Face bows

Face bows are taken on the maxillary arch. If using the Kois Dento-Facial Analyzer System (earless face bow) it should be taken on the pre-op or temporaries, not the preps. It is designed to measure 100 mm from the condyles to the facial surface of the maxillary anterior teeth (pre-op or temporaries).