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- Follow your dentist's instructions on how to load gel into custom bleaching tray. Use no more than 1/3 to 1/2 of the syringe.
- Brush teeth before inserting tray. Lightly tap tray to adapt tray sides to teeth.
- Wear Opalescence 10% or 15% for 30 minutes before sleeping. Use it 2 days on with 1 day break.
- Remove excess gel with clean finger or soft toothbrush. Rinse twice; do not swallow rinsed gel.
- Clean tray with soft brush and cool water. Store tray in case provided.

## **Bleaching Precautions**

- If you are pregnant, don't bleach.
- · Do not use tobacco products or eat while bleaching.
- White spots that appear on the enamel or that appear during bleaching may blend during bleaching process.
- Teeth are naturally darker along the gumline. These areas may require more time to lighten than the rest of the tooth surface and usually will remain slightly darker.
- If you have any questions regarding the appropriate use of this product, including how long it will take to bleach your teeth, please consult our dentist as soon as possible.

## **General Precautions**

- A small percentage of patients may experience sensitivity with bleaching. Should this occur, remove the tray and contact us.
- Food and juices high in citric acid can cause sensitivity to the teeth.
- Some patients have noticed temporary discomforts of the gums, lips, throat or tongue. Should any of these symptoms persist for longer than 2 days or get progressively worse, call us right away. These side effects will usually subside within 1-3 days after treatment is discontinued.
- Coffee, wine and tobacco can re-stain your teeth over time. Should this occur, the teeth can be re-whitened within a few nights using Opalescence.
- Regular dental checkups and cleanings are important before and after bleaching to maintain a healthy smile.
- If you have old metal fillings, they may leave a dark purple color in your bleaching tray. This is normal. Crowns, bridges, partial dentures, veneers or composite fillings will not bleach.
- Store bleach out of the sun and heat. Refrigeration is recommended. Do NOT freeze gel.
- Discard any unused bleaching gel after treatment is completed.
- Keep out of reach of small children and pets.
  Do not swallow rinsed gel. Product contains peroxide and may contain fluoride, swallowing in large amounts may be harmful.