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Dear Orthodontic Professional:

This letter is in response to your request for information on 3M Unitek products containing Bisphenol A (BPA). We are aware of recent articles mentioning BPA in connection with baby bottles, food packaging and dental products and the ongoing debate over the actual health effects of BPA. As part of our long-standing commitment to health and safety, we have performed biocompatibility assessments on 3M Unitek products potentially impacted by this issue and confirmed that they are safe for their intended use.

Like other orthodontic manufacturers, 3M Unitek uses a material known as BisGMA in many products. BisGMA is known by its full chemical name of "Bisphenol A diglycidyl ether methacrylate" which is not the same as Bisphenol A. Studies have shown that BisGMA is stable under curing conditions in the mouth and does not break down to form BPA. Our biocompatibility assessment confirms the safety of the products.

Only one 3M Unitek product has very low levels of BPA added: 3M Unitek Concise™ Adhesive. Even under exaggerated exposure conditions which are much higher than potential exposures in the clinical application, our biocompatibility assessment confirms the safety of this product also.

If you have additional questions please contact our Technical Hotline at 1-800-265-1943.

Thank you for your interest in 3M Unitek products.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Horn'.

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