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Dear Healthcare Professional:

In recent years, there have been several reports that Bisphenol A (BPA) can act as an estrogen mimic. Rest assured that Kerr does not use BPA in any of its formulations. Many dental manufacturers, including Kerr, utilize Bisphenol A diglycidyl ether dimethacrylate (BisGMA) in their restorative materials, which should not be confused with BPA. In a recent article in *Pediatrics*¹, it was noted that Bisphenol A Dimethacrylate (BisDMA) (an ingredient not present in Kerr products) can hydrolyze to BPA by salivary esterases, however, BisGMA does not undergo this same reaction. Further, BisGMA does not show estrogenic activity or interact with the estrogen receptor.

Thank you for your interest in Kerr products.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'David A. Tobia'.

David Tobia
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¹ *Pediatrics*, **Bisphenol A and Related Compounds in Dental Materials**, Fleisch, A. F.; Sheffield, P. E.; Chinn, C.; Edelstein, B. L.; Landrigan, P. J., Vol 126, No. 4, October 2010, 761.