

ADDING VALUE TO YOUR PRACTICE

Working with a prosthodontist will benefit you in many ways.

Enhancing Your Patient Care

- Planning treatment for patients with difficult problems
- Providing specialized care as an element in your treatment plan
- Managing patients with complex and/or multidisciplinary needs

Strengthening Your Practice

- Increasing your time to meet other patients' ongoing care demands
- Demonstrating your commitment to treatment that is in the best interest of the patient
- Creating two-way referrals as the prosthodontist refers patients to other practitioners as necessary

TEAM UP WITH A PROSTHODONTIST

To locate a prosthodontist for referral, use the American College of Prosthodontists' online directory at www.gotoapro.org. The ACP is recognized by the American Dental Association as the specialty organization for prosthodontics. Prosthodontists are experts in implant, esthetic and reconstructive dentistry.



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TOP 5 REASONS TO REFER TO A PROSTHODONTIST

- 1 Treatment requiring several specialists
- 2 Intricate esthetic procedures
- 3 Complex implant restorations
- 4 Challenging dental cases
- 5 Comprehensive reconstructive dentistry



HELPING YOU HELP YOUR PATIENTS

A prosthodontist is a valuable asset in the planning and delivery of care for patients with complex oral conditions.

A prosthodontist's training and experience are essential in treating situations that involve:

1 Treatment requiring several specialists

Patients with extensive rehabilitation involve care from multiple medical disciplines, which often present unique and time-consuming problems for a general dentist. Prosthodontists are trained to manage and appropriately stage the treatment needs of such patients. When the rehabilitation is completed the patient returns to the referring general practitioner for continued maintenance and further dental care.

2 Intricate esthetic procedures

From the restoration of a single maxillary central incisor to the rehabilitation of an extremely worn dentition, pleasing esthetic and functional results are critical to both the patient and the practitioner. Prosthodontists are uniquely qualified by their training in the selection of dental materials and the use of various types of restorations to find the solution that fulfills each patient's desires.

3 Complex implant-supported restorations

Patients with significant restorative problems may require an extensive multi-phase rehabilitation. This may include extraction of teeth, the surgical placement of implants and the fabrication of implant-supported crowns, bridges or complete arch prostheses. A prosthodontist can determine the appropriate restoration for your patient to restore both function and esthetics.

4 Challenging dental cases

Providing conventional or implant-supported dentures for edentulous patients with severely resorbed ridges, vertical dimension discrepancies or significantly inadequate interarch space can be difficult. Treating dentate patients with extremely worn teeth, deep vertical overlap and/or a history of bruxism, clenching or Temporomandibular disorders also present a difficult scenario. The design and placement of dentures, crowns, bridges and removable partial dentures for such patients is often time-consuming and frustrating. Treatment by a prosthodontist will ensure a successful outcome.

5 Comprehensive reconstructive dentistry

Patients with severe functional deficits resulting from trauma, cancer surgery or developmental defects such as a cleft palate or other craniofacial anomalies require treatment that deals not only with the current problem, but looks ahead to the future to avoid compromises in appearance as well as function (including speech, swallowing and chewing). Prosthodontists possess the special skills and expertise required for prosthetic replacement of maxillofacial structures (i.e. ear, nose) rehabilitation of severe burn scars, patient management during radiation therapy and sleep apnea treatment.

