Digital Dentistry

The American College of Prosthodontists supports improved patient caring through advancements in digital dentistry. In fact, while it may seem new to patients, prosthodontists have been using digital dentistry technologies for more than a decade.

The ACP advises that like with all advancements, it’s not simply the technology that determines the quality, the fit, the materials – it’s the prosthodontist (or dentist) who applies their advanced specialty training to design and control the outcome. Many potential advantages exist when leveraging digital technology including: more control by the individual prosthodontist (practitioner); improved patient experiences (e.g., chair-side crown fabrication); and the ability to use ceramic materials for crown fabrication that would otherwise not be available.

Whether the digital technology is applied through chair-side scanning, design and milling equipment, or through the utilization of digital laboratory based technologies, the prosthodontist and trained practitioners are prepared to identify the best alternative for the patient’s specific situation and needs. To find a prosthodontist, visit GoToAPro.org and type in your zip code. Prosthodontics is a recognized specialty by the American Dental Association.

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