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Dear Editors:

In response to your April 15, 2013, [Time Magazine Briefing](#) (page 5 of the printed issue, “Most rare profession in America with 310 prosthodontists working today”), a significant degree of inaccuracy is referenced by the [United States Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics](#) in the number of U.S. prosthodontists. In fact, there are 3,372 Prosthodontists in practice in the U.S., per the American Dental Association, Health Policy Resources Center, *Distribution of Dentists in the U.S. by Region and State, 2010*.

Prosthodontists are specialized dentists with three-to-four years of advanced training in replacing missing or broken teeth with implants, crowns, veneers or dentures for optimal oral health. Prosthodontists treat patients with complex dental needs and coordinate this advanced care with the other dental specialties. Prosthodontic treatment goals are designed to provide long-term patient outcomes that improve speech, chewing and smiles.

Patients who have benefited from seeking the services of a prosthodontist are featured on the American College of Prosthodontists’ consumer website [GoToAPro.org](#) (e.g. [Ronnie’s before and after pictures](#).) The website posts up-to-date information and statistics on prosthodontists and prosthodontics and permits patients to find a local prosthodontist via zip code.

Sincerely,

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