

# Advances In Prosthodontics™

New Findings & Best Practices for Cosmetic & Restorative Dentistry

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## Do You Have Patients with Terminal Dentition?



Here are examples of patients referred from other dental professionals...

If you have a patient with failing / failed dentition or failing restorations, they may be a candidate for a full mouth rehabilitation with the assistance of an advanced Prosthodontist.

Example 1 of 4 above, more examples on the next page...

## ◆ Do you want another opinion on a complex case? Or to meet and share ideas?

There are many ways we can help each other by working together on complex cases and by sharing knowledge and experience.

With your reputation for quality dental care, and my experience with restorative treatments, we can work together on advanced cases and both benefit!

If you'd like to meet to discuss a treatment, or talk on the phone about how we can help each other, please call or email my office with specific days and times when you're available to talk or meet.

## ADVANCED EXAMPLES: All-on-4® (AO4) Treatment Concept

by Dr. Maggie Chao, Prosthodontist

With just four dental implants (sometimes more depending on the patient), I can replace an entire upper or lower arch and give your patient back their natural function as well as a beautiful smile. This is the All-on-4® (AO4) treatment concept. Instead of dealing with the discomfort of dentures or missing teeth, many people are opting to transform their smiles with AO4 treatment. It's a breakthrough in replacing missing teeth, and helps patients avoid deterioration of bone and poor nutrition — plus they regain the self-confidence to smile again. Using my advanced training and experience with AO4, patients can often receive a temporary restoration the same day as surgery, then have their final restoration delivered within a few months after healing time.

EXAMPLE 2:



EXAMPLE 3:



EXAMPLE 4:



### ◆ Do you have a patient with terminal dentition? Or another complex case?

If you have a question about a case and want another opinion, give my office a call. Or, if there's a case that you want to work together on, please fill out and send in the enclosed referral form.

My office and I will take great care of your patient and keep you informed. Dental professionals refer to me as **The Complex Case Specialist™** because I perform complex cases every day.

Quickly Get the Latest Research On Procedures & Materials For Better Outcomes...

## **A longitudinal study of the survival of All-on-4 implants in the mandible with up to 10 years of follow-up**

Malo P, de Araújo Nobre M, Lopes A, Moss SM, Molina GJ, J Am Dent Assoc. 2011 Mar;142(3):310-20

### **Background**

Immediate-function implants have become an accepted alternative for fixed restoration protocols in edentulous mandibles on the basis of documented high success rates. The All-on-4 concept (Nobel Biocare, Göteborg, Sweden), a surgical and prosthetic protocol for immediate function involving the use of four implants to support a fixed prosthesis in patients with completely edentulous mandibles, represents one of these protocols. The authors conducted a study to document long-term follow-up of the All-on-4 concept.

### **Methods**

This longitudinal study included 245 patients with a total of 980 immediate-function implants (four per patient), all placed in the anterior region, to support fixed full-arch mandibular prostheses. The inclusion criterion was having an edentulous mandible, or a mandible with hopeless teeth, in need of fixed implant restorations.

### **Results**

A total of 21 implants failed in 13 patients, giving cumulative patient-related and implant-related success rates of 94.8 percent and 98.1 percent, respectively, at five years, and 93.8 percent and 94.8 percent, respectively, with up to 10 years of follow-up. The prostheses' survival rate was 99.2 percent with up to 10 years of follow up.

### **Conclusions**

The results support the conclusion that use of the All-on-4 immediate-function implant concept in completely edentulous mandibles is viable in the long term.

### **Clinical Implications**

High prosthesis survival rates can be achieved by the use of four implants to support a full-arch fixed prosthesis in the mandible.

## **◆ Have A Laugh: Dental Potty Humor**

I hope I made you smile during your busy day! I take the care of patients referred to me very seriously, including knowing how to educate them so they feel comfortable. I specialize in the treatment of complex cases, usually involving several procedures over months of care.

The next time you see a challenging case, please feel free to call me and we can discuss treatment planning or I can help you with any part of the treatment. My goal is to be a resource for your office by helping manage difficult and time-consuming procedures, restoring the function and esthetics that the patient desires, then referring them back to your office for their ongoing care.



# Dr. Maggie T. Chao

DMD, Prosthodontist ♦ The Complex Case Specialist™

Let's change patients' lives by working together using this communication tool with complex treatments!



## About Pleasanton Prosthodontics:

Pleasanton Prosthodontics is a specialty practice limited to fixed and removable prostheses, dental implants, and all phases of esthetic dentistry. Dr. Chao's extensive prosthodontic training and private practice experience make treatments of complex cases more successful, including the following examples: Patients with ill-fitting dentures, severely worn or damaged teeth can receive a single dental implant or a full arch of natural-looking teeth... Patients who have suffered from traumatic injury, congenitally missing teeth, or a chronic condition can receive oral prostheses, which may be a combination of dental implants, crowns, bridges, or veneers... Patients with severe neglect of their oral health can receive a full reconstruction to restore function & esthetics.

### PleasantonPros.com/doctor-referral

There are 2 ways to use this section of Dr. Chao's website to make treatment communication easier, help patients, and do less administrative work: 1) **Online Referral Form** is fast and secure, and 2) **Collaborator** (example to right) allows sharing of documents, radiographs, CT scans, and messages... organized and available to all colleagues working on a case... and HIPAA compliant with no software to install - simply create a password and log on anytime you want to view / update info. **It's free to use!**

This collaborator tool makes inter-office communication easier

Patient	Treatment	Referred by	Assigned Doctor(s)	Status	Modified	
...	No treatment specified	...	Maggie Chao	Surgery	2/28/2018	View
...	BR04 - prosthetic case	...	...	Accepted	2/27/2018	View
...	BR04	...	...	Surgery	2/27/2018	View
...	No treatment specified	...	Maggie Chao	New	2/27/2018	View
...	LAB	Maggie Chao	...	Post-Op	2/26/2018	View
...	Complete denture upper	Maggie Chao	...	Scheduled	2/24/2018	View

Hide Case Status

1 New 2 Accepted 3 Scheduled 4 Consult Complete 5 Treatment Accepted 6 Surgery 7 Post Op

REFERRAL FORM DOCTOR TALK PATIENT TALK ATTACHMENTS RECENT ACTIVITY

## ◆ Why other dental professionals work with a Certified Prosthodontist

Prosthodontists are specialists in implant, esthetic, and reconstructive dentistry.

1. **You have a patient requiring treatment outside your typical scope of practice.**

Examples include patients with vertical dimension discrepancies, severely resorbed ridges, inadequate interarch space, severe bruxism, traumatic tooth loss, or congenital abnormalities.

2. **You have a patient with complex needs that may drain your time.**

If your patient may require treatment from several specialists, Prosthodontists can help because they are trained to appropriately stage and manage complex treatment plans.

3. **You have a demanding patient who wants perfect esthetics.**

Examples include patients with a high smile line or needing a single tooth replacement in the esthetic zone. A Prosthodontist is trained in selecting the best solutions for high-demand patients.

4. **You have a question and want to discuss a case with a colleague to ease your mind.**

A Prosthodontist can be an excellent resource for you to ask questions because they are trained in many types of complicated treatments. For example, you may want to consult or refer to a Prosthodontist for complex implant-supported restorations. A Prosthodontist can work with you or complete the treatment for you to achieve the best in both function and esthetics.