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Do You Have a Patient with Severe Wear?



Here's the story of a patient who was referred from another patient...

If you have a patient with several missing, broken or severely worn teeth — they may be a candidate for oral rehabilitation with the assistance of an advanced Prosthodontist.

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◆ Do you want another opinion on a complex case? Or to talk 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 our experience with restorative treatments, we can work together on advanced cases and both benefit! If you'd like to discuss a treatment, or talk on the phone about how we can help each other, please call or email our office with specific days and times when you're available.

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Stay informed on new findings and best practices for cosmetic and restorative dentistry. See more examples of complex cases online at:

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CASE SUMMARY: The Power of a Motivational Mockup

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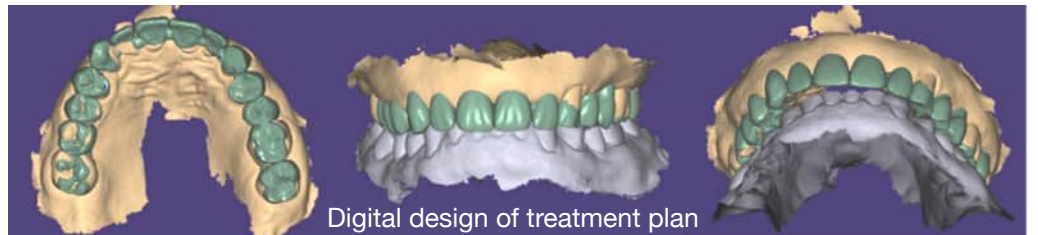
In our office, one of the most useful diagnostic tools we have is the **Motivational Mockup**. In essence, it is a smile simulation or a “test smile.” Imagine bringing in your patient to discuss doing 6 veneers. On the prep day — are you perfectly relaxed about the procedure or are you a little bit nervous? Do you know what the patient wants? Instead of hoping the patient is happy, a motivational mockup gives you a chance to have an interactive dialog with them, alleviating any of their anxiety (or your anxiety about not getting it right!). Here’s how it works...

At the initial consultation, we take a set of photos and digital impressions. Stone casts can be scanned as well. We do a digital smile design, print models and create a silicone index of our proposed treatment plan. When the patient presents, we flow a temporary crown material such as Protemp or Integrity and place it in the patient’s mouth. Remove the matrix and viola! The patient has a chance to admire their smile, ask questions, and discuss what they do and don’t like. You will also get to discuss things that you see — is the incisal edge too long? Do you need to do crown-lengthening? Sometimes bringing up adjunctive procedures is difficult for a patient to understand without seeing what you’re seeing.

Here is a case example that was completed in our office: Patient “Erick” was 72 years old when he was referred to us by another dental professional in the area for grinding his teeth. He said he would like longer teeth overall. He had been wearing a nightguard for many years but the damage had already been done.



As prosthodontists, we have experience with complex cases, and can plan multi-stage treatments and are comfortable treating patients with high esthetic demands.



Erick’s Treatment Plan was for crown-lengthening, maxillary crowns 2-15, and anterior veneers #22-27.

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◆ Do you have a patient in Erick’s Situation? Or another complex case?

If you have a question about a case and want another opinion, give our 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.

We will take great care of your patient and keep you informed. Dental professionals refer to us as **The Complex Case Specialists™** because we perform complex cases every day.

Motivational Mockup: The crown-lengthening hadn't been done; however, by doing a mockup Erick could now appreciate how he liked the shape and size of the teeth, noting that the incisal position was too long. In addition, he understood exactly how the adjunctive periodontal procedure would benefit his smile!



The treatment steps from there were:

- First to design a 3D printed Surgical Guide for Crown Lengthening — we'll have a future newsletter about how we do this!
- Next, Dr. Olivia Nguyen in our office fabricated and placed the Final crowns and veneers.



Important Note: We do mockups for full arches and even single laterals! If you need assistance planning your case, our laboratory can help you do this as well.



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We give all referred patients a warranty and refer them back to the general dentist for regular hygiene unless advised otherwise by the referring office, depending on the patient and treatment. If you have questions about our prosthodontic protocols, please email us:

office@pleasantonpros.com

With 2 prosthodontists in the same specialty practice, we have increased capacity to work with you on challenging treatments, so your patients don't have to wait weeks to get a plan for comprehensive care and/or to address reconstructive emergencies. In addition, we have digital workflows that reduce the number of appointments even for comprehensive treatment, while still maximizing function and esthetic outcomes, so your patients can receive restorative care in fewer appointments.

◆ **How can a Prosthodontist assist you and your dental team?**

We 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 us and we can discuss treatment planning or help you with any part of the treatment.

Our 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.

ABOUT PLEASANTON PROSTHODONTICS



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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 & Dr. Nguyen's 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.



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PleasantonPros.com/doctor-referral

There are 2 ways to use this section of Pleasanton Prosthodontics website to make treatment communication easier, help patients, and do less administrative work:

- 1) **Online Referral Form** is fast and secure, and
- 2) **Collaborator** that allows sharing of documents, radiographs, CT scans, and messages... organized and available to all colleagues working on a case... also 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!



The digital lab at Pleasanton Prosthodontics...
digital waxups,
printed models,
and
occlusal guards

◆ Why other dental professionals work with a Certified Prosthodontist

Certified 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.