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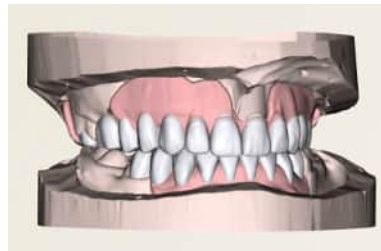
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Do You Have Patients With A Genetic Disorder?

Before



After



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

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

Read more on the next page...

◆ 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.

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.

More Examples

Stay informed on new findings and best practices for cosmetic and restorative dentistry.

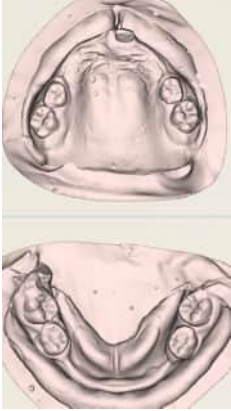
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Treatment of a Young Patient with Ectodermal Dysplasia

by the Specialists of *Pleasanton Prosthodontics* — Dr. Maggie Chao & Dr. Olivia Nguyen



When “Max” was nine years old, he was referred to our specialty office because of his genetic condition, Anhidrotic Ectodermal Dysplasia. This condition caused him to have hypodontia, with first molars as his only permanent teeth, along with five remaining deciduous/baby teeth. The lack of teeth causes improper development of his alveolar processes. He exhibits an overclosed vertical dimension of occlusion (VDO), making his face look aged. He had his first set of removable partial dentures made at age 4. With his new set, we restored him with removable partial *overdenture* prostheses, which bring the denture bases over his existing teeth to open his VDO. We used digital designing and a 3D-printed try-in to establish his occlusal scheme efficiently. As you can see, his confidence radiates with a new smile!



Before

After



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 at: office@PleasantonPros.com

◆ Do you have a patient in Max’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.

Key points from NFED's “A Dental Guide to the Ectodermal Dysplasias”

Adapted from nfed.org



According to the National Foundation for Ectodermal Dysplasias (NFED), the **ectodermal dysplasias** are a group of inherited disorders that involve defects of the hair, nails, teeth, skin and sweat glands. Other parts of the body may also be affected. The many types are recognized by the combination of physical features. When a person has at least two types of abnormal ectodermal features — for example, malformed teeth and extremely sparse hair — the individual is identified as being affected by ectodermal dysplasia. There are more than 180 syndromes.

DENTAL PROBLEMS

- Unpredictable patterns of tooth eruption and loss, widely spaced teeth, poorly shaped teeth, cavity prone teeth, and missing teeth.

IMPORTANCE OF DENTAL TREATMENT

- Meeting their dental needs is as important as meeting their medical needs.
- Allows patient to eat a wide variety of foods.
- Improves smile and creates age appropriate facial appearances.
- Improves speech. Sounds such as “ch, th, and sh” are easier following dental treatment, making words more easily understood.
- Dentures, for those who need them, may stimulate tooth eruption when tooth buds are present.
- Most importantly, dental treatment has a positive effect on the psychological and emotional well-being of children affected by ectodermal dysplasias.
- The improved appearance resulting from the treatment helps children to be accepted by their friends, families, and others.

DENTAL TREATMENT

- Consult a dentist as soon as a diagnosis of an ectodermal dysplasia is suspected or confirmed.
- Most children can begin treatment for tooth replacement at three years of age.
- Dentures: Parents must understand that although the making of dentures takes place in the dental office, learning to wear them, learning to eat, and learning to be comfortable with them occurs at home.
- Certain children will not be emotionally or developmentally ready to accept some types of treatment. In such cases, it might be advisable to delay some elective aspects of care until the child is older.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT KIND OF DENTIST:

- Any dentist with appropriate training, interest, or experience can provide treatment for people affected by ectodermal dysplasias.
- A pediatric dentist, however, has been uniquely trained to deal with children’s behavior and their special dental needs.
- If restorative dental needs are complex, a dentist trained in the specialty of prosthetic dentistry, may be consulted. If the patient’s general dentist feels this would be helpful, he or she will refer the patient to a prosthodontist.

Ectodermal Dysplasias — QUICK FACTS

- A group of genetic syndromes all deriving from abnormalities of the ectodermal structures.
- Most common is abnormal development of the skin, hair, nails, teeth, or sweat glands.
- An estimated 3.5 of 10,000 people are affected by it.
- Considered “rare” conditions because they affect less than 200,000 people in the United States.

◆ 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.
2. You have a patient with complex needs that may drain your time.
3. You have a demanding patient who wants perfect esthetics.
4. You have a question and want to discuss a case with a colleague to ease your mind.

NEW REFERRAL TOOL

The fastest & easiest way to refer a patient

PleasantonPros.com/doctor-referral

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Dr. Maggie Chao and Dr. Olivia Nguyen at **Pleasanton Prosthodontics** are specialists in prosthodontics and are available to help you and your patients with complex cases.

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Referring Doctor: First Name, Last Name
Preferred Doctor: Any (First Available)

First Name, Last Name, Phone

+ Additional information

Reason for Referral (Prosthodontist):
Prosthodontist
Complete Partial Denture
Complete Prosthodontic Evaluation
Crown and Bridge
Implant Reconstruction
Limited Prosthodontic Evaluation
Removable Partial Denture
TMJ

Teeth: Select full mouth
Upper Right, Upper Left, Lower Right, Lower Left

Comment

Attached files: Browse

Click 'Browse' or drop files here to

Send

PleasantonPros.com/doctor-referral

(then click “[Online Referral Form](#)”)

◆ 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.