

Advances In Prosthodontics™

New Findings & Best Practices for Cosmetic & Restorative Dentistry

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Do You Have a Patient With Extremely Worn Dentition?



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, they may be a candidate for oral rehabilitation with the assistance of a Prosthodontist.

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◆ 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.

CASE SUMMARY: Composite Restorations

by Dr. Maggie Chao, Prosthodontist

Patient “Jim” was 60 years old when he was referred to my office from his general dentist because his teeth kept breaking. He added complexity to the case because he said, “I need this fixed quickly because I am leaving the country in 1 year!”

As a prosthodontist, I have experience planning treatments that coordinate with a patient’s general dentist and other dental specialists. Working with an orthodontist and an oral surgeon, this is how we did it in record time: **10 months orthodontic treatment and single implant #30** (all that is left is to deliver the implant crown).



Treatment of worn dentition is one of the most challenging conditions that we face as dentists. How long can our restorations last when these occlusal Olympians continue their prize-winning workout against our beautiful work? For Jim, check out the photos below to see how he wore through a 3-year old zirconia bridge and the condition of his lower anterior teeth...



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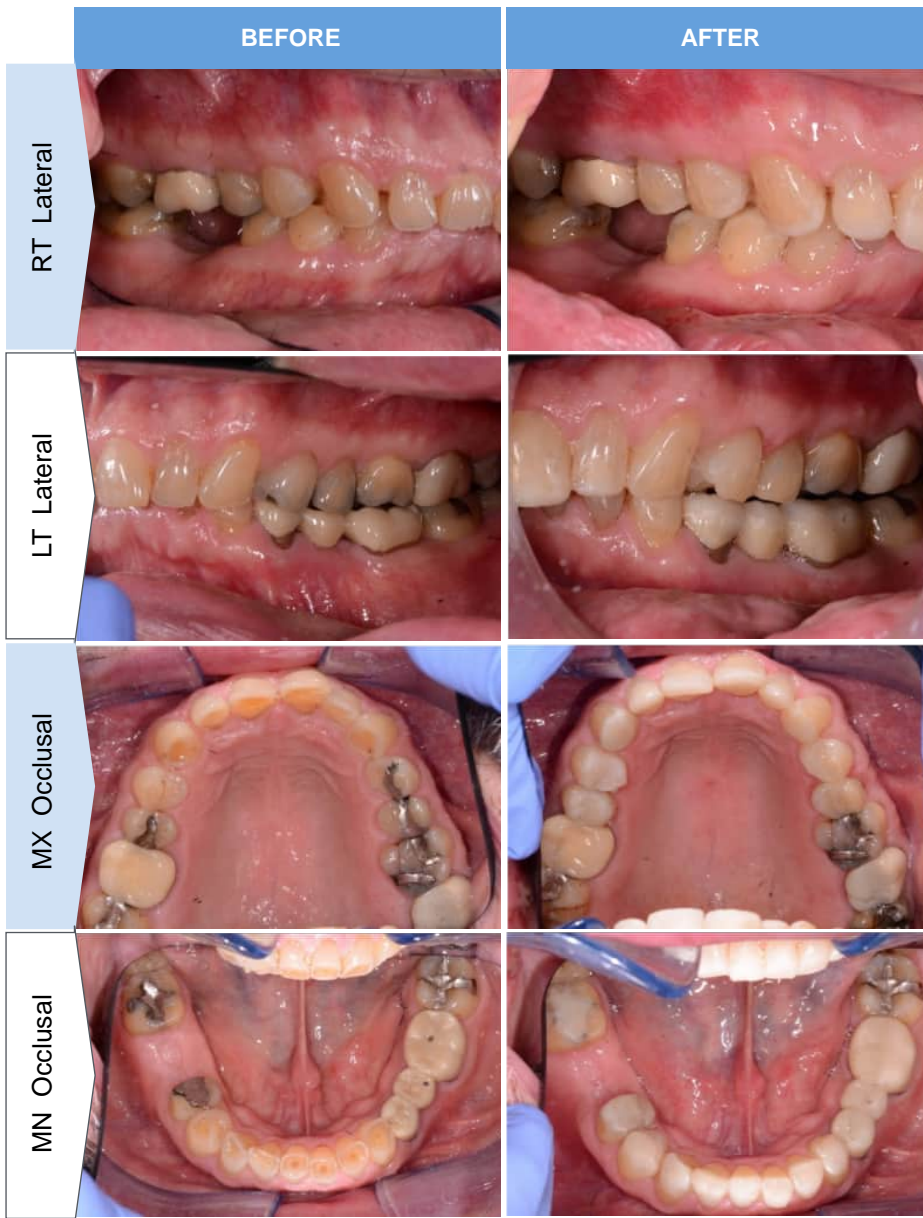
Do you have a patient in Jim’s situation? Or another complex case?

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.



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Where did we start on a case like Jim? We started by diagnosing the etiology of his wear and using composite for trial therapy. In one day, I added full-mouth, “table-top” composite restorations that accomplished several things: 1) It opened Jim’s Vertical Dimension of Occlusion; 2) It gave the orthodontist space to place his brackets for better anchorage; and 3) It gave us better tooth proportions to work with. With today’s bonding materials, composite can even adhere to a zirconia bridge with decent predictability.

With this service, Jim’s orthodontic treatment was able to progress rather quickly. He had full-orthodontic brackets and now has a functional occlusion. He is ready for his world-wide travels and will return for quadrant dentistry with his general dentist. I appreciate the opportunity to set this type of patient up for success working alongside colleagues.

I gave Jim my full warranty when I sent him back to the referring office for long-term care. I 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 comments or questions, please email me at: drchao@pleasantonpros.com

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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. It’s my goal to help every patient understand even the most difficult procedures, so they can regain the function and esthetics they desire.



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Dr. Maggie Chao works with dental professionals near Pleasanton and the Walnut Creek areas.

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 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.



Personal Message To Fellow Dental Practitioners:

“As the referring dentist, you know your patient's mouth and have key insight into your patient's needs. I want to work with you to provide your patients with the best possible treatment outcomes. I will treat your patient in a manner that will reflect well on you and strengthen your relationship with your patient. I am here to make you look good! When your patient's care is completed, they are referred back to your office for their ongoing dental care. I am grateful for your collegueship and trust with your patients!”

◆ Why other dental professionals work with a Prosthodontist

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

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

Examples include patients with vertical dimension discrepancies, severely resorbed ridges, inadequate interarch space, TMJ, 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.