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Do You Have a Patient Like This?



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

If you have a patient with several missing, broken or worn teeth, they may be a candidate for a full mouth reconstruction 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. I'd like to invite you to lunch, dinner, or an office meeting to talk more about a difficult procedure or to share ideas. With your reputation for quality dental care, and my experience with restorative treatments, we can work together on advanced cases and both benefit! I'm looking forward to talking with you on the phone or meeting in person.

**Please call either office location with specific days and times
when you are available for a meeting...**

CASE SUMMARY: Full Mouth Reconstruction

Dr. Bryan Jacobs, Prosthodontist

Patient “Elaine” was referred to me by another dental professional in the area who was busy with their patient load, and Elaine’s needs were more complex than they wanted to manage. I met with her at an initial consultation, then had a follow-up visit to review initial treatment recommendations.

When I met her, Elaine was in her late sixties, had retired and had recently celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary. Despite all these good things in her life, she was being treated medically for depression. She opened up about this, saying she felt that not being able to eat out with friends and feel comfortable with her teeth and smile was a contributing factor to her depression.

Elaine’s primary concerns were the appearance of her smile, securing or getting rid of her partial denture, and limiting surgical procedures. She felt her partial was no longer functioning well and didn’t like seeing the metal “hooks” on her partial.

Her complex diagnosis included:

- Significant supraeruption of the maxillary posterior teeth,
- Loss of vertical dimension, and
- Severe wear.

As a prosthodontist, I have experience planning multi-stage treatment plans over several months, sometimes years, and can coordinate with a patient’s general dentist and other dental specialists.

A series of treatment plans were proposed, and Elaine opted for a plan that aimed for correction of her occlusal plane, restoration of original tooth shape, and a more esthetic appearing partial denture — in this case an implant-retained removable partial overdenture on locator abutments.

The treatment sequence for Elaine included the following:

- To limit her to a single surgery, two fairly small implants (3.5x8mm) were placed distal to the mandibular teeth — one on each side. I tested Elaine’s treatment plan with full mouth provisional restorations, including a locator retained interim partial.

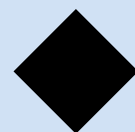
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Do you have a patient in Elaine’s situation? Or another complex case?

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. Other dentists refer to me as **The Complex Case Specialist™** because I perform complex cases every day.



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- An interim phase that also allowed me to test if a shortened dental arch would suffice for Elaine's functional needs — the 10 maxillary teeth proved to be more than sufficient.
- Final restorations were in ceramic, with PFM survey crowns on the partial abutments.

Elaine (and her husband) were thrilled with her result. She brought a gift for my wife and me. She loved that nobody could tell she had a partial, even when she brought her lower lip down.



I gave Elaine my full warranty and sent her 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.

Takeaway from this case example: As clinicians we must not assume our older patients only want minimal care — in my experience, the opposite is true! If you have comments or questions about how I treated Elaine from this example, please contact me and I'd be happy to speak with you.



Have A Laugh: Gollum from the "Lord of the Rings" movie...



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.



Dr. Bryan P. Jacobs

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About Dr Jacobs' specialization:

As a Prosthodontist, Dr. Bryan Jacobs specializes in fixed and removable prostheses, dental implants, and all phases of esthetic dentistry. Dr. Jacobs' prosthodontic training and 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 sleep disorders including sleep apnea or snoring can receive custom appliances specific to their airways.
- Patients with severe neglect of their oral health can receive a full reconstruction to restore function and esthetics.

A Special 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.