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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...

At 64-years-young, patient "Eric" was supposed to be dreaming of a relaxing retirement. Unfortunately, he had been in an auto accident when he was 22, sustaining facial trauma, and was concerned about his oral health and appearance. For four decades, he had RPDs of some fashion, replacing them as he lost more teeth. Now it was time for a longer-lasting solution that could also give him the smile he wanted.

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

Read more (and see the final photos) on the next few pages...

◆ 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 me with specific days and times when you're available to talk or meet.

CASE SUMMARY: Full Mouth Reconstruction

Dr. Bryan Jacobs, Prosthodontist

Patient “Eric” was referred to me by another dental professional in the area who was busy with their practice, and Eric’s needs were more complex than they wanted to manage. Eric originally asked me to repair the broken metal in his upper partial denture, but he actually wanted to improve his entire smile.

As a prosthodontist, I am comfortable with complex cases, including patients with high esthetic demands. Eric felt comfortable knowing that I have experience with complicated dental issues, and have developed protocols to ensure the highest esthetic outcome of the restoration.

The treatment plan was for a maxillary complete denture over mandibular full-arch implant prosthesis. Here’s an overview of this case through the photos:

- Figure 1 (top right photo) shows the diagnostic waxing completed for fabrication of immediate prostheses and surgical guide.
- Figure 2 shows custom staining of denture gingiva.
- Figures 3 and 4 show the surgical guide used to capture both the final impression, vertical dimension, and CR record in one visit.
- Figure 5 is a panoramic post-treatment. Eric is now having the maxilla similarly treated.
- Figures 6 and 7 (next page) show the completed mandibular prosthesis.

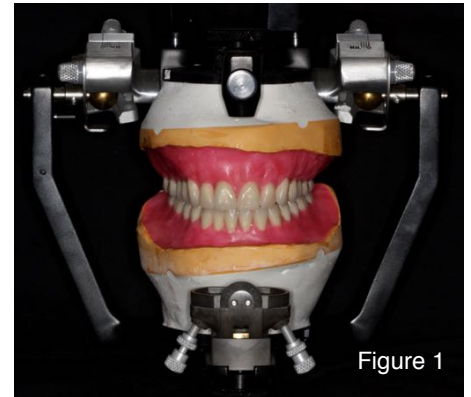


Figure 1

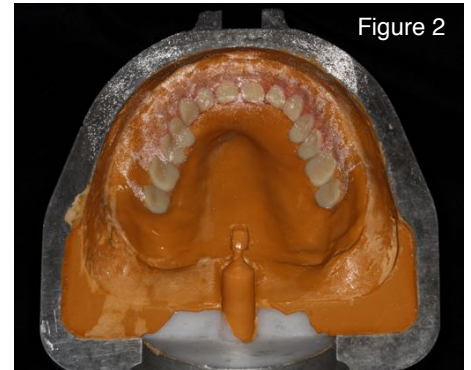


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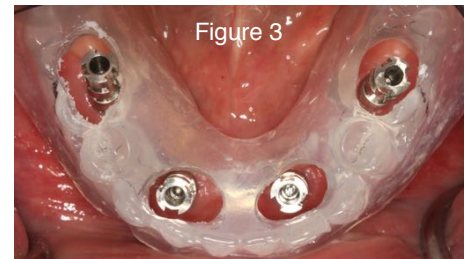


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Do you have a patient in Eric’s situation? Or another complex case?

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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A couple interesting notes about this challenging case:

Interesting Note #1 —

Final implant impressions and CR record for zirconia prostheses are extremely technique sensitive. There are many ways to do this and I don't always do them the same way. In this case, I achieved them both in one step, in a predictable fashion - without requiring mounting the case while the patient waits.

Interesting Note #2 —

Custom gingival staining on dentures, combined with high-quality teeth in a personalized arrangement, provide for a noticeably more lifelike prosthesis.

Once Eric is financially able, he would also like to transition the maxilla to a fixed implant prosthesis. I gave Eric my full warranty and 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.

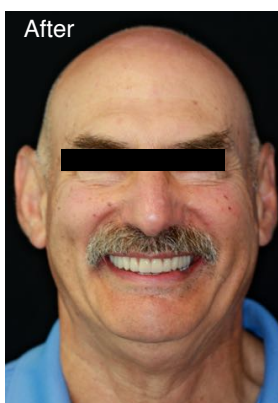
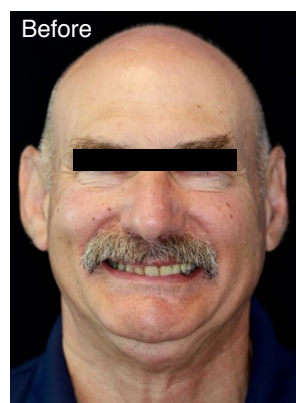


Figure 6



Figure 7

If you have comments or questions about how I treated Eric from this example, please email me at:

bryanjacobs@dentalprofessionals.com

Have A Laugh: Denture-Inspired Phone Cover

I hope I made you smile during your busy day!

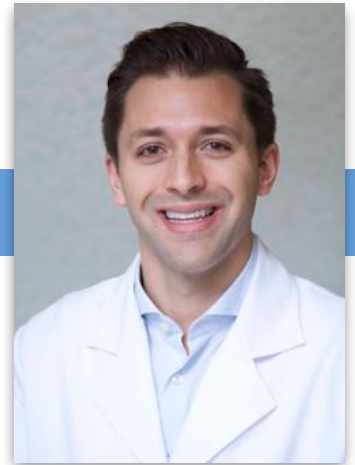
I take the care of patients referred to me very seriously, including knowing how to educate them so they feel comfortable.

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

DMD, MS, Prosthodontist ♦ The Complex Case Specialist™



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 severe neglect of their oral health can receive a full reconstruction to restore function and esthetics.

Dr. Bryan Jacobs practices prosthodontics at Dental Professionals in Chicago and Skokie

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!"

Dr. Jacobs' has an easy online referral form at: DentalProfessionals.com/referring-doctors

◆ 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.