

Do you want to improve your smile?

The concepts and rules dictating the development of a pleasing smile were determined by prosthodontists almost a century ago in order to make dentures appear more natural. Prosthodontists learn these concepts by reviewing the literature in seminars and treating patients during their training programs. Although there are many references to "cosmetic dentists" in commercially published materials, the American Dental Association does not recognize "cosmetic dentists" as a specialty.

Prosthodontists receive extensive training in veneers, crowns/caps, bridges and the correction of esthetic imbalances of a smile. Doesn't your smile deserve a specialist's care?

Do you wear dentures?

When dealing with extensive decay and/or periodontal (gum) disease, many people must resort to dentures to replace their natural teeth. Over time, the jawbone shrinks, and successfully wearing dentures becomes more and more of a challenge. Using skills and techniques based on research and experience, a prosthodontist possesses the ability to provide the best possible custom-fitted dentures. Your prosthodontist may recommend dental implants to stabilize the denture and prevent your jawbone from excessive shrinking.

Are you missing one or more teeth?

If you are missing one or more teeth, you should consult a prosthodontist. Depending on the number of missing teeth, the condition of the remaining teeth and the patient's age, motivation and desire, teeth may be replaced by implant-supported crowns/bridges, conventional fixed bridges or removable partial dentures - only a specialist knows for sure.

Are you interested in dental implants?

In the past two decades the use of dental implants has progressed from the extreme to the conservative. Initially the implants developed in Sweden by Dr. Bränemark years ago were used in patients missing all of their teeth. Now the same principles are applied to replacement of a single tooth, multiple teeth or an entire arch of teeth with the same high degree of success. Depending on the condition of your mouth and your desires, a prosthodontist can recommend the type of treatment right for you.

Many prosthodontists now provide implant placement surgery as a routine aspect of patient care. In many cases, prosthodontists are the ideal specialist to provide the dental implant surgery as well as the restoration. The success of the restoration depends on the implant placement, and the prosthodontist is the one member of the dental team who recognizes where the implant should be placed to ensure a satisfactory result.