How is my treatment maintained?

Your treatment will be thoroughly evaluated by our faculty before, during and at completion to assure there are no problems or misconceptions of outcome. It is during these times that your concerns should be addressed, not after completion. Upon completion of your care in our clinic, you will need to have regular cleanings and recall appointments. This can be completed at the Dental School or by your private dentist. An annual exam is required in the Graduate Prosthodontic Clinic after your cleaning appointment to maintain continuity and proper maintenance of your dental care.
We welcome you as a potential patient to the Marquette University School of Dentistry Graduate Prosthodontic clinic. Your care will be provided by a resident who is a qualified dentist and is now being trained as a specialist. Prosthodontics is the dental specialty responsible for treating the needs of patients who no longer have their own teeth, patients who have esthetic needs, patients who have complex dental needs (such as full mouth crown and bridge, and implants), and patients who have a history of oral cancer, trauma, congenital or developmental considerations or need to have function restored in their mouth.

The MUSoD Graduate Prosthodontics Clinic is an accredited educational center where dentists acquire an additional 3 years of training to become leading practitioners and educators. Our residents treat patients on a daily basis under the supervision of our Prosthodontic faculty. Together with a highly trained and knowledgeable staff, your individual dental needs can be fulfilled.

Becoming a MUSoD Prosthodontics Patient

- First, you will be screened by one of our faculty. There is a small fee for this screening, however we must have a current panorex x-ray which will incur a charge if it is taken at the School of Dentistry. Because of the high interest in treatment in our clinic, there is a waiting list for our services.
- Second, individuals accepted as patients in our clinic will be assigned to a graduate prosthodontic resident for treatment planning. If you have pain or infection you will be evaluated for immediate emergency treatment.
- The third step in becoming an active patient is establishing a treatment plan for your needs. Typically, several treatment plans are considered to meet your particular health, cosmetic, functional, and financial needs. Any medical problems that limit your ability to undergo dental treatment must be addressed before treatment begins.

You will choose one treatment plan, and by doing so, you are accepting all financial responsibility for that treatment plan. Before treatment begins, the estimated cost of treatment will be explained, and once accepted, your treatment will begin. One third of the treatment cost is due upon starting treatment, the second third is due when the laboratory phase of treatment begins and the final third is due when your crowns or dentures are inserted. The signed treatment plan and 1/3 payment represents the start of active treatment. Treatment costs range from approximately $900 each for a complete denture to around $2300 for a fixed bridge that involves three teeth. An expected cost for a single implant and crown is about $2500. Many patients who need complete dental rehabilitation including all or most teeth have treatment costs from $20,000 to more than $30,000.

Being an Active Patient

Treatment is usually provided during 3 hour appointments when you will receive individual attention from your Prosthodontic Resident and Faculty. Treatment will not occur without Faculty supervision and recognition of signed treatment plans, updated medical and dental history, and verification of up-to-date payment for services. The complex nature of treatment, the busy clinic schedule and the demand for our services requires that ALL appointments are kept and patients be on time. The continuity of care is important for your overall treatment, therefore we require at least 24 hours notice for cancellations. Any patient who misses or is more than 30 minutes late for 3 appointments in our clinic will be dismissed from our care.

Concerns

Prosthodontic rehabilitation is a multi-step process that occurs over several months to more than a year especially when treatment includes multiple implants. If you have any questions about your treatment plan, we invite you to ask questions and become an active partner in treatment. Patient input is invaluable in determining a successful outcome. At times, there are limitations to what can be achieved. If you have any concerns or questions about your ongoing treatment, please discuss them with your resident, the attending faculty, the patient care coordinator or the program director. Every patient in our clinic is an important part of our plan for success in Graduate Prosthodontic education.

Our clinic specializes in

**Rehabilitation of Diverse Dental Problems.**

Working with other specialty clinics, oral diseases are treated, conditions are improved and dental rehabilitation that is both esthetic and functional is provided by our residents, staff and faculty.

Before  

After

Dr. G.A. Thompson

Patients with inherited defects in their teeth or inherited missing teeth are treated in a comprehensive manner to provide a lasting healthy and attractive smile.

Before  

After  

Dr. S. Koutnik