



Prosthodontists are dental surgeons who specialize in creating oral prostheses to replace teeth that are missing and correct mouth and jaw deformations. The aim of their work is to help people have normal oral functioning, such as chewing and speaking normally, and to improve the appearance of their teeth.

A prosthodontist is a dentist who specializes in treating complex dental and facial matters, including the restoration and replacement of missing or damaged teeth with artificial devices. They are highly trained in dental implants, crowns, bridges, dentures, jaw disorders, and more.

Prosthodontists are often trained to provide:

- Bonding.
- Bone Grafts.
- Bridges.
- Crowns.
- Dentures.
- Full Mouth Reconstruction.
- Implants.
- Inlays and Onlays.

A prosthodontist is a recognized dental specialist who completes three years of postgraduate education in the aesthetic restoration and replacement of teeth—after earning a general dental degree. They can effectively diagnose and treat even the most complex cases.

Unlike general dentists, prosthodontists specialize in repairing natural teeth and replacing missing teeth. Missing and extracted (removed) teeth are replaced with artificial teeth (dentures), dental implants, caps, or crowns.. Specially trained prosthodontists also work with people with head and neck deformities, replacing missing parts of the jaw and face.

Education and Training

Prosthodontists have advanced training in the field of aesthetic restoration and replacement of teeth. This training involves completing three additional years of study after dental school and undergraduate school.

The process of becoming a prosthodontist involves completing:

A bachelor's degree

Dental school

The National Board Dental Examinations to become a licensed Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) or Doctor of Medicine in Dentistry (DMD)

A three-year residency and education through an ADA-accredited (approved) prosthodontic graduate program

An American Board of Prosthodontics certification exam

Reasons to See a Prosthodontist

There are various reasons why you would visit a prosthodontist. It could be due to an accident involving the mouth, a congenital (birth-related) condition, or simply cosmetic reasons. Although many traditional dentists can provide these services as well, prosthodontists are extensively trained in state-of-the-art techniques and procedures for treating complex dental conditions.

There are a number of services a prosthodontist specializes in, including:

Prosthodontists specialize in proper fit and placement of crowns, bridges, and removable or solid dentures. A prosthodontist will first assess the current condition of your gums and jawbone to determine the best size and shape, and then design one to those specifications.

Jaw, Sleep, or Snoring Issues

You should see a prosthodontist if you want to fix temporomandibular problems or disorders, as well as address sleep or snoring disorders.

The temporomandibular area of your body includes the muscles and joints around your jaw. Most people refer to issues concerning this area as TMJ. Many people suffer from problems with this area that become more noticeable while yawning, chewing, or sleeping. A prosthodontist can help you work through your problems by getting you the right treatment.

Traumatic Injury Repairs

Prosthodontists specialize in repairs from traumatic injuries to the mouth, teeth, and face.