Is my treatment guaranteed?
Your treatment will be thoroughly evaluated by our faculty before, during and at completion to assure there are not problems or misconceptions of outcome. It is during this time that your concerns should be addressed, not after completion. Upon completion of your treatment in our clinic, you will be dismissed from our care and referred to either your private dentist or recall treatment within the School of Dentistry.

What happens if my Resident graduate?
We strongly encourage all residents to complete assigned patient treatment. However, should delays be encountered, each patient is carefully and directly transferred to another resident. Should you experience complications or delays in this process, you are invited to contact the patient care coordinator or the program director immediately.

How long will it take to be admitted into your clinic?
Ten residents provide care for many patients. Our goals of teaching and clinical excellence both take time. It is not uncommon for admission following a screening visit or phone call inquiry to take many months. In addition, referral from our UNC Predoctoral Student Dental Clinics is no guarantee of admission and a waiting period is often necessary.

What is your policy for payment?
Before treatment can begin, you will have to pay 1/3 of the total fee. The remaining 2/3 is due at appropriate times as lab work is sent in and as the final treatment is completed. Payments may be made by cash, check, Mastercard or Visa. If you have dental insurance, we will happily provide you with the appropriate paperwork, but you have the responsibility to pay the cost of your treatment directly to UNC School of Dentistry.
We welcome you as a potential patient to the University of North Carolina’s 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 or trauma and need to have function restored in their mouth.

The UNC 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 UNC Prosthodontics Patient

You may only come to our clinic by direct referral, either from your private dentist or one of the other clinics within the School of Dentistry

- First, you will be screened by one of our residents and attending faculty. There is no fee for this screening, however we must have a current panorex x-ray which will incur a charge if it is taken here at the School of Dentistry. There is a high interest in obtaining treatment in our clinic, therefore there is a significant waiting list for our services.
- Secondly, individuals accepted as patients in our clinic will be assigned to a graduate prosthodontic resident for treatment planning. This step may not occur for many months. If you have pain or infection you will be referred 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 signed treatment plan will be maintained in our records. One third of the treatment cost is due upon starting treatment, the second 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 $2700 for a fixed bridge that involves three teeth. An expected cost for a single implant and crown is about $3000. Many patients who need complete dental rehabilitation including all or most teeth have treatment costs from $25,000 to more than $35,000.

Being an Active Patient

Treatment is 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. 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 your most beautiful 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 the plan for success in Graduate Prosthodontic education and your patience is greatly appreciated.

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.

REHABILITATION OF EXTREME DENTAL PROBLEMS.
Patients with defects in their teeth or missing teeth are treated in a comprehensive manner to provide a lasting healthy and attractive smile.

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