

Frequently Asked Questions

What is prosthodontics?

Prosthodontics is one of the nine dental specialties recognized by the American Dental Association. The term “prosthodontist” means replacement and “dentist” refers to teeth.

What is a prosthodontist?

Prosthodontists focus on rehabilitation and the maintenance of function, comfort and appearance of patients with missing or broken down teeth and/or oral and maxillofacial tissues resulting from disease, trauma or cancer.

Prosthodontists are dentists with advanced education in the restoration, maintenance and replacement of missing teeth using scientifically proven materials that are like those found in the body. Prosthodontists are the masters of **complete oral rehabilitation**.

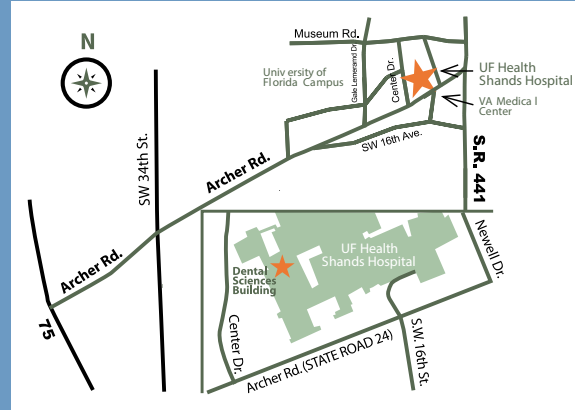
Working as a team with skillful technicians, your prosthodontist is an “architect” who restores the function and appearance of your smile. Prosthodontists have clinical and laboratory expertise in esthetics, crowns and bridges, dental implants and dentures. They treat temporomandibular joint, or TMJ, disorders, traumatic injuries to the mouth’s structures, congenital/birth anomalies to teeth, sleep disorders, oral cancer reconstruction and provide continuing care.

Why visit a prosthodontist?

Prosthodontics specialize in creating or restoring beautiful smiles. A prosthodontist can help if something needs to be repaired or replaced in your mouth, whether you have one missing tooth, several missing teeth or need all of your teeth and gums replaced.

Where can I be seen by a prosthodontist?

The UF College of Dentistry has three UF Health prosthodontic dental centers: faculty practice, maxillofacial prosthetic clinical services and a graduate prosthodontics clinic.



Location

Our dental centers are located on the UF campus, part of the UF Health complex at the west entrance, on the first floor. Faculty Practice and Maxillofacial Prosthetic Clinical Services are in room D1-13 and Graduate Prosthodontics is in D1-19.

To schedule an appointment

Call 352.273.7954 for Prosthodontics, 352.278.1111 for Anaplastogy (Maxillofacial Prosthetic Clinical Services) or 352.273.6910 for the Graduate Prosthodontics program. During your initial appointment, a thorough evaluation and any necessary X-rays will be taken.

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Wednesday & Friday from 8 a.m. to noon**

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Meet our prosthodontics providers

Prosthodontics Faculty Practice

All of our care providers are experts at providing specialized prosthodontics care for patients of all ages. Many of them also have additional specialties that are outlined below.



Maria L. Aguilar
D.D.S., M.S.D., M.S.-CI.

Dr. Aguilar is a clinical associate professor who practices all areas of prosthodontics including implant dentistry and maxillofacial prosthodontics.



Margarete Ribeiro-Dasilva
D.D.S., M.S., Ph.D.

Dr. Ribeiro-Dasilva specializes in treating patients with facial pain and the management of temporomandibular joint, or TMJ, disorders.



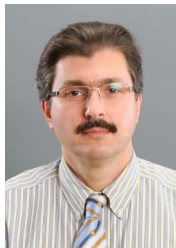
E. Mauricio Castellanos
D.D.S., M.S.

Dr. Castellanos is a clinical assistant professor who also specializes in digital dentistry, implantology and cosmetic dentistry.



Luis J. Rueda
D.D.S., M.S.D.

Dr. Rueda, a clinical associate professor, has experience treating patients suffering from sleep apnea disorders using prosthetics.



Tarek El-Kerdani
D.D.S., M.S.D., FACP

Dr. El-Kerdani is a clinical associate professor, a Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics and a Fellow of the American College of Prosthodontists. He works with digital dentistry and full mouth rehabilitation.



Robert Mann, C.C.A.

Mann is an anaplastologist who specializes in facial and ocular prosthesis and treats patients in the Maxillofacial Prosthetic Clinic.



Monica A. Fernandez
D.D.S., M.S.D.

Dr. Fernandez is a clinical assistant professor who has extensive experience in dental implants, complex oral rehabilitations and digital dentistry, including digital dentures.

Graduate Center

Under the direct supervision of a faculty prosthodontist, our residents treat all levels of cases and fees are reduced because it is a teaching program. There are some minor inconveniences associated with receiving your prosthodontic care in a teaching environment.

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All dental specialties in one facility

We offer same-visit consultations with other dental specialists when necessary - without leaving the building and sometimes without even leaving your dental chair.

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