



The Penchas Update

A Decade of Supporting the Complex Prosthetic and Implant patients

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CASE OF THE MONTH: Rampant Decay - The rehabilitation landmine.

Rampant decay is still prevalent in our population. Once established, it is difficult to reverse the disease and the result is rapid destruction of tooth structure. When the teeth of the patient are restored with crowns, the deterioration continues. It may in fact progress faster.

Rampant decay has multiple causes. Poor oral hygiene, "meth mouth", Multiple medications and radiation to the oral cavity are examples.

Restoring a patient with this complex problem can be misleading, with the clinician noticing multiple areas of decay around recent restorations.

This is the time for you to extract yourself from a downward spiral that can end badly. Explain to possible complication and refer the patient.

New protocols like the CariScreen device (www.carifree.com) help me with diagnosis and follow-up. But the actual treatment is still complex and individual.

It would be my pleasure to help you with your patient.



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1 Severe dry mouth from radiation therapy causes rampant decay within several months.

2 Rampant decay has a similar presentation - but may have multiple causes.

3 Poor hygiene, high carb intake such as "mountain-dew mouth" can cause rampant decay.

4 Restoration of the patient failed over a short period, and he was referred for treatment of the cause and the esthetic problem.

5 "Meth mouth" is a known outcome of meth use. The clinical view is similar to "mountain dew" mouth - a young patient with rampant decay and rapid loss of dentition

6 Restoring the patient involves clinical and legal decisions about the long term prognosis versus the cost.

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WIN-WIN PARTNERSHIPS

As a seasoned, highly qualified Prosthodontist, I can help solve your patient problems, improve the efficiency and profitability of your practice, and generally make your professional life a whole lot easier. My name is Dr. Jonathan Penchas and I'll take on your most troublesome, difficult and time-consuming patients so you can concentrate on your core business, making the most of every business day.

YOUR PATIENTS ARE IN GOOD HANDS

As a Maxillofacial Prosthodontist, I have received the ultimate education in the field, including an additional fellowship in dental oncology and Maxillofacial Prosthetics after a residency in prosthodontics, giving me extra training in intra and extra oral prosthetics and rehabilitation.

YOU'RE IN GOOD COMPANY

Chances are, even if some of these specialties fall within your skill set and office capabilities, having the time and inclination to deal with most of these complicated issues can quickly become trouble you don't need. In fact, these types of patients tend to have a greater likelihood of being more costly to you because of the potential of something going wrong, or even posing subsequent legal risk to your practice.

Your office may also lack the special tools and techniques required to efficiently treat these complex cases, and it's certainly not worth your investment for these infrequent patients. Of course, treatment without the proper equipment can become a serious liability to you. Ironically, about 90% of these special problems arise from less than 10% of most

general practice patients. And of course, I'll happily return the patient to you for long-term general care and treatment, just like a good partner.

I specialize in:

- Fixed and removable replacement of teeth, oral and extra oral structures
- Full mouth reconstruction/rehabilitation
- Implant retained crowns/partials/dentures
- Conventional complete dentures
- Occlusion (bite) disorders
- Maxillofacial Trauma such as motor vehicle accidents and sports injuries
- Genetic syndromes/disorders such as cleft lip/palate
- Radiation and chemotherapy management of Oral or facial cancer
- Snoring and sleep apnea

LET'S MAKE A DEAL

Add it all up and referring your problem patients to Dr. Jonathan Penchas really is a win-win partnership for both of us. Whether it's severe medical problems, be they congenital, traumatic or cancer-related, or simply the replacement of difficult teeth, I combine the best of medical and cosmetic results for your patients. And, they'll thank you for it. Just give me a call or an e-mail. We'll strike up a partnership that will make us all winners.

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