

## PATIENT ACCEPTABILITY

### Divisions of Removable & Fixed Prosthodontics, Implant Dentistry

#### Undergraduate clinics; Faculty of Dentistry, Dalhousie University

**1. Generally: patients with the following conditions will NOT be treated at the Faculty of Dentistry:**

1. Amount of treatment required cannot be managed in a reasonable time period.
2. Patients who can't commit to time required to make prostheses.
3. Patients who will be unavailable for appointments for extended periods of time (e.g. patients who winter away from Nova Scotia).
4. Dentate patients requiring an increase in the occlusal vertical dimension.
5. Patients with insufficient interocclusal space for replacement teeth.
6. Patients with medical or other contraindications to treatment.
7. Patients with unreasonable expectations or suspected emotional/psychological problems that students could not reasonably handle.
8. Patients requesting materials or restorations deemed non-acceptable in certain situations.
9. Patients who refuse to have the required number of radiographs during treatment.

**2. Fixed: patients with the following conditions will NOT be accepted for fixed tooth-borne restorations:**

1. Patients who require a fixed restoration exceeding four units.
2. Patients who require fixed restorations of multiple edentulous sites exceeding six units.
3. Patients with multiple fixed restorations in the treatment plan, where the occlusal vertical dimension will have to be maintained by the provisional restorations.
4. Cantilevered FPD's.
5. FPD's that must be double abutted.
6. FPD's that include a pier abutment.
7. Multiple porcelain veneers (more than 2).
8. Patient with poor oral hygiene or high caries rate.

**3. Removable: patients with the following conditions will NOT be accepted for removable prostheses:**

1. Minimal/no residual ridge.\*
2. Floor of mouth is higher than the residual ridge (with or without tongue raised).\*
3. Movement of lip, cheeks, or tongue causes soft tissue over the ridge to move.
4. Patients who require ridge augmentation or vestibuloplasty.
5. Complete upper denture opposing only six anterior mandibular teeth, unless patient is in agreement to getting a removable partial mandibular denture.
6. Complete upper denture only opposing edentulous mandibular arch, unless patient is in agreement to getting a removable complete mandibular denture.
7. Removable partial or complete denture opposing existing denture when the artificial teeth are worn or not in appropriate position.
8. Patient requiring removable partial denture (RPD) with onlay rests.
9. Patient wanting or requiring intra or extra coronal attachments (no precision/semi-precision RPD's).

\* Possible implant overdenture patient

**4. *Implantology: patients with the following conditions will NOT be accepted for implant dentistry:***

1. Any patient requiring treatments deemed too complex prosthetically or surgically. In some situations, a single unit crowns may be deemed too difficult.
2. Patients who require any surgical procedures other than sinus lifts, onlay bone grafts or minor recontouring of exostoses.
3. Patients who require a single fixed restoration exceeding 4 units.
4. Patients who require fixed restorations of multiple edentulous sites exceeding 4 units made in the same treatment phase.
5. Patients missing all their posterior teeth (except when approved by a prosthodontist faculty).
6. Patients who require cantilevered pontics (except when approved by a prosthodontist faculty).
7. Patients who require implant fixed complete denture(s).
8. Patients requesting implant-supported overdenture with no palatal coverage.
9. Patients who demand immediate placement of implants following tooth extraction.
10. Patients who demand immediate loading of implants following placement.
11. Patients who will not accept the suggested number of implants or implant restorations that the faculty deem necessary for treatment.
12. Patients who have had implants planned or placed outside the Faculty.