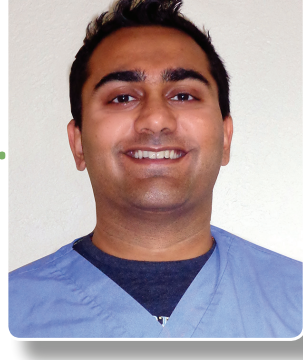


The Perspective

Look at our Dentistry



KEY TOPIC: Taking On A Fixed, Removable, or Combination Rehabilitation Case

by Dr. Amit Kamat, D.M.D, M.S., FACP
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The following case is currently in treatment and I wanted to share the progress and clinical tips. Patient presented to the office, not happy with the look and function of his teeth (Pic 1). Based on the clinical and radiographic exam, the patient's diagnosis consisted of compromised function secondary to partial edentulism, compromised esthetics and dental attrition. Treatment expectations and budget were discussed. A restorative plan was proposed and accepted by the patient. Whenever taking on a fixed, removable, or combination rehabilitation case, keep in mind the location of anterior teeth, occlusal plane, and the occlusal vertical of dimension. These are the three most important factors to establish and maintain throughout the case. The case was sequenced as follows: 1. Preliminary impressions and jaw relation records for lab

fabricated provisionals #4-7 and #8-11, and an immediate mandibular complete denture (Pic 2). 2. Extraction of all the remaining mandibular teeth, anterior mandibular alveolectomy, implant placement in sites #19, 22, 27, and 30 for Zest Anchor Locator attachments (Pic 3). 3. Preparation and delivery of lab fabricated provisionals #4-11 established the proposed plane of occlusion. I allow approximately three months to confirm the patient was comfortable with the proposed vertical dimension of occlusion and tooth position (Pic 4). 4. Uncovery of implants #19, 22, 27, and 30, delivery of Locator abutments, and conversion of the immediate mandibular complete denture into an interim Locator retained denture. 5. Final impression for layered Zirconia FDP #4-7 and individual crowns #8-11 (Pic 5). 6. Delivery of the maxillary restorations (Pic 6). The last phase of treatment is the fabrication of the definitive Locator retained mandibular overdenture, which is currently in progress. The patient is very happy with the case progression and the improved esthetic and functional outcome. ☺



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Paying It Forward

by Dr. Steve Barrett

For a second straight semester, our doctors took time to participate in a round table discussion on the USF campus in Tampa. The USF Pre-Dental Society hosted four of our leading doctors during one of their monthly club meetings. Dr. Patel, Dr. Caputo, Dr. Millstein and Dr. Adibi were true inspirations to the students. With both general dentists and specialists present, the students really had a chance to ask questions ranging from the dental school application process, to life in dental school, and what each of their specialties were all about. It was a fast-paced hour meeting with each doctor rotating between groups. Thanks to all of you who were "Paying It Forward". ☺



MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT

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The Science Behind Everyday Procedures

by Nick Azzara

When it comes to dental materials, the situational nuances sometime seem infinite when trying to make dental material and technique decisions for each patient. Dan Krueger (Scientific Affairs Manager, 3M) was with us in Tampa, Jacksonville and Orlando from February 22 - 24, to help our doctors scientifically demystify these choices. The course title was "Mastering Materials: from Adhesives to Impression". The "whys" for each material protocol were explained with great clarity, better than most of us have ever heard before. Months prior to the program, Dr. Barrett and the 3M team looked at our specific protocols. Mr. Krueger was armed with specific information and turned that into detailed recommendations relevant in our operatories. In the Orlando program, we were honored to be joined by a contingent of University of Florida graduating dentists who shared in the experience. A recording will be available through the Greenberg Dental Resource Site. Summary of important points, protocol updates and procedures will be released by Dr. Barrett as well. ☺



Dr. James Katsur presented Dan Krueger with a certificate of appreciation.



University of Florida graduating seniors seen here with Drs. Greenberg, Barrett, and Dan Krueger.

Dr. Scott Aaron, DMD Speaks At Prestigious Damon Forum

by Nick Azzara

Greenberg Dental's very own Dr. Scott Aaron, DMD (Orthodontist, Florida) was one of the premier speakers at the prestigious Damon Forum this past month at the Ormco Global Headquarters in Orange County, California. Orthodontists from around the world gather for this yearly event from both private and group practices. Dr. Aaron is recognized for being one of the most experienced and well-rounded clinicians prescribing the gold standard for passive ligation bracket, the Damon bracket. According to Dr. Aaron, there are significant benefits to passive ligation if clinicians understand this technology. The Damon system applies passive self-ligation to move teeth efficiently, with less pain, in less time than traditional brackets. Most often, this is accomplished without the need for uncomfortable expanders and costly extractions. Other benefits include more ideal root positioning, that in turn supports broader smiles without the unsightly "tipped in" or "dark corridor" effects. With thousands of successful cases completed here at Greenberg Dental, many in coordination with our General Practitioners, Dr. Aaron and his colleagues have the experience to help all of us at Greenberg Dental and Orthodontics provide the best in oral care technology, affordably. ☺



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MORE YES'S THAN NO'S

by Dr. Steve Barrett

I recently listened to a dental podcast and the one line that stood out for me was when the speaker said, Dentists should say **more Yes's and less No's**. We have often said the doctor who says **NO** is putting up roadblocks for patients to get treatment in the office. But I like this simple approach and thought process of just saying **more Yes's than No's**. Here are some examples. When a patient wants to come to the office as an emergency patient, just say **YES**. When a patient is late for their appointment, just say **YES**, we will see you when you get here. When a patient has a limited budget, say **YES**, we can work within your budget and offer them a payment plan. **YES**, this can even apply to your staff. When you have a staff member who may have day care issues and needs a small modification of their work schedule, say **YES**, we can accommodate you. Give it a try for the next 30 days and I guarantee you positive results. You, your staff and most of all, your patients will be happier. ☺



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We welcome your feedback or any questions!

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