

Referral to the Esthetics Clinic

The residents of the Esthetics Clinic concentrate on studying and practicing prosthetic treatment for the express purpose of improving appearance while maintaining or improving function. This protocol divides cases into two groups. More complex patients will be treated by the resident alone. Simple cases allow pre-doctoral students to gain experience under the close supervision of Esthetics residents and faculty.

There are two categories of patients who will be referred to PG Esthetics:

Group 1 - Complete PG-Esthetics (Esthetics-focused patients with multiple restorations and high expectations).

Group 2 - Shared UG/PG-Esthetics (Patients with multiple restorations but reasonable expectations).

Both groups of patients will pay the PG Esthetics fees.

These are the guidelines that PG Esthetics faculty use to determine whether a patient belongs in

Group 1 or 2:

- Multiple restorations from canine to canine
- A single crown or multiple crowns in the anterior area
- One or more implants in the esthetic zone (from first premolar to first premolar)
- One or more veneers
- More than five (5) crowns either in the anterior area or the posterior area that need to be addressed at the same time due to active caries, color matching, and/or occlusion stabilization.
- Patients with less complex cases who otherwise would be referred to PG Prosth, and don't want to be on their longer waiting list.

Pre-doctoral student's responsibilities and transfer procedure:

1. Complete all in-process treatment prior to the transfer.
2. Discuss with patients the difference in fee schedule between PG Esthetics and the pre-doctoral clinic. Although the initial assessment is free, PG Esthetics will charge an exam fee later. There will be a new treatment plan.
3. Write a **Transfer Note** using appropriate referral codes (D0115) in axiUm that should be approved by a practice coordinator. Include the following information:
 - a. Summary of medical conditions being treated
 - b. Dental history
 - c. General statement indicating that the patient is aware of the difference in fee schedules between clinics.
 - d. Reason to refer; summarize the proposed Prosthodontic treatment plan
 - e. Actual Prosthodontic treatment that was completed in the pre-doctoral clinic
4. It is the responsibility of the pre-doctoral student to accompany their patient to the 12th floor front desk to make an appointment for a consultation in PG Esthetics (6-6888).
5. Point assignment for Group 2 pts
 - a. The pre-doctoral student supplies a step card which is filled out, and the PG-Esthetics faculty signs and dates the procedure(s) that the Pre-doctoral student assisted in.
 - b. The PG-Esthetics resident mentions the name of the assisting pre-doctoral student in their axiUm case note for each appointment.
 - c. The pre-doctoral student presents the step card to the PG Esthetics Director or their designee to obtain partial credit for a procedure when appropriate.

Inappropriate referrals:

- Patients with frequent short notice cancellations and history of failed appointments.
- Patients who are not financially committed and who are not committed to treatment.
- Patients with combative personalities, and those with unrealistic expectations as to what can be accomplished in a school setting.
- Patients with outstanding balances will not be given appointments until their record is cleared and all payments/adjustment have been made.

(WAITING ON UPDATED VERSION THAT DR. PAPATHANASIOUS IS WORKING ON)*