A Guide to Prosthodontic Consultation
Recommendations for Effective Prosthodontic Consultation in the Undergraduate Clinics

When is a prosthodontic consultation needed?
- During examination, diagnosis and treatment planning, clinical findings that are considered to be beyond the scope of a novice general practitioner (GP) in private practice, where the GP would refer the patient to a prosthodontist for consultation and/or treatment.
  - The prosthodontist should be asked to consult on the prosthodontic prognosis and/or recommended treatment when one or more of the following situations is present:

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What the student and clinic instructor need to do BEFORE requesting the consult:
- Collect all of the data that is required based on the Record Protocol document.
- Confirm with the patient a commitment for further treatment if referred.
- Document the purpose of the consultation, and specific questions to be asked of the prosthodontist.
- Document the patient’s general and prosthodontic status, the prosthodontic history and status of the specific site of interest, and how it might impact on the proposed restorative treatment plan.
- Propose possible answers to your questions to the prosthodontist before the specialist answers them.
Obtain instructor approval for all of the above PRIOR TO requesting the prosthodontic consultation.

What the Prosthodontist will do during a Prosthodontic consult:
- Ask the student to state the purpose of the consultation and the specific questions being asked.
- Listen to the student’s summary of the prosthodontic history, status and site-specific restorative treatment plan.
- Determine if any other consultations are required.
- Decide whether referral to the Implant Fellowship, Faculty private practice suite, or outside private practice is required.
  - Help the student arrange for referral to the implant fellow or private practice.
- Ask the student to propose possible answers to his/her questions before providing answers to them.
- Discuss with the student/instructor the patient’s short/long term prognosis and recommended prosthodontic and restorative treatment, as well as the underlying reasons/rationale.