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WHY YOU DESERVE A SPECIALIST: WHAT CAN A PROSTHODONTIST DO FOR YOU?

Warren Libman, DDS, MSD is an expert in the field of Prosthodontics. Born and raised in Montreal, Canada he graduated at the top of his class from McGill University Dental School. He received several other accolades and awards, including the prestigious honor of top student for clinical skills in restorative and prosthetic dentistry. After completing a residency at the Jewish General Hospital in Montreal, Dr. Libman followed his passion for Prosthodontics to earn a certificate and advanced master's degree from the world renown Prosthodontic program at the University of Washington in 1990.

Dr Libman has been continually active in his field, as a teacher, researcher, and private practitioner. He is an affiliate professor in Graduate Prosthodontics at the University of Washington and is a member of several professional organizations. He is a past president of the Washington State Society of Prosthodontists and maintains a busy schedule with his involvement in numerous study clubs as well as lecturing both nationally and internationally.

Dr. Libman has been serving the dental community in private practice for 20 years. During this time he's been recognized by his peers in the "Top Prosthodontist" category in several notable publications, including both

of Seattle Magazine's Top Dentists issues, Puget Sound Consumers' Checkbook Magazine, The Best Dentists in America and other notable publications.

We thought that Dr. Libman would be a good source to answer some questions about the dental specialty of prosthodontics.

WHAT IS "PROSTHODONTICS"?

"The official definition is: The dental specialty pertaining to the diagnosis, treatment planning, rehabilitation and maintenance of the oral function, comfort, appearance and health of patients' dentitions. In other words a prosthodontist is an expert in the science of tooth restoration and replacement, which encompasses veneers, crowns, bridges, implants, and dentures. The training involves a minimum of 3 additional years after dental school at an accredited university program."

WHICH DENTAL PATIENTS NEED A PROSTHODONTIST?

"Certain patients present with problems that are outside of their dentists' comfort levels. It could be a tricky veneer case where the cosmetic outcome is crucial, or a patient with missing teeth and a complicated bite, or perhaps someone with dentures who is considering implants. These are the patients that get referred to my office. And I often work as part of a team with other dental specialties, acting as the "quarterback" in crafting comprehensive plans that will result in the best possible outcomes for these patients."

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO PURSUE THIS FIELD?

"To me, this is the fun part of dentistry. You get to be the problem solver, architect, artist, and clinician. And after doing it for 20 years, not only do I still get a thrill from creating a beautiful smile, but think of how gratifying it is to create comfort and improved function in patients that have suffered with debilitated dentitions, missing teeth, or poorly fitting dentures. It was an easy decision to focus my career on this area that I love."