



## Latest Advances in Prosthodontics: Improving Patient-Centered Outcomes

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Both patients and clinicians expect that prosthodontic treatments have a positive impact on oral health and wellbeing. However, since prostheses are directed towards influencing patient's oral function and aesthetics, the patient's perception may be the key parameter in assessing treatment outcomes because those relevant dimensions (oral function and aesthetics) can only be subjectively estimated by the patient.

Over the past two decades, the importance of measuring patient-centered outcomes has been increasingly reported in the literature as a complementary but recommended tool for assessing prosthetic treatments. The outcomes of said procedures are variable and cannot be assessed reliably using clinical measures alone. For example, the improvement of masticatory function after replacing missing teeth may be assessed simultaneously by subjective and objective methods to effectively quantify changes in mastication.

The focus of this Special Issue is to review what is currently known about the effect of prosthetic treatments on patient functioning and wellbeing by measuring patient-centered outcomes.





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