

16. Maxillofacial prosthodontist: the god's apprentice

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God is the ultimate creator & but prosthodontists recreate what the time, age and nuances of life has taken away from an individual. Role of a prosthodontist is to rehabilitate the lost teeth and other contiguous structures, whereas a maxillofacial prosthodontics further expands its role to other orofacial structures. The importance of maxillofacial prosthodontics can be ascertained with its contribution to the multiple medical disciplines ranging from neurosurgery to anaplastology. . This paper describes the state of awareness of this field and its capabilities among the medical & dental practitioners and an array of representative cases involving interdisciplinary management of patients with craniofacial defects as well as defects of limbs, which can be used to orient the medical fraternity towards the role and scope of maxillofacial prosthodontics.

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