The PHPDA denture project was a great experience for all!

87% of the denture project patients surveyed, strongly agreed that the care they received from their student, staff and faculty at the school of Dentistry was excellent. From their quotes, it is clear that partnering with PHPDA is invaluable.



"We are so grateful to PHPDA. This project if one of the finest examples of team work between SKCDS, PANW and UW SoD to support the oral health of our patients in our community. Our students have been delivering top notch dental treatment to our

denture project patients. Our patients are extremely satisfied with the quality of the work and the professional environment offered in our clinics"



Dr. Sami DoganDirector of
Prosthodontics Clerkship

Testimonials

Because pictures are worth a thousand words...

"Hey, I got 150 comments on my teeth when I posted my picture on Facebook... What an awesome feeling! Thank you for helping me



you for helping me. You are a true Blessing."-*Tommy*

"It has been 20 years since I have my last dentures, and it's amazing what I am able to eat with the new dentures!"-*Charles*

"I came to UW Dentistry by way of Project Access Northwest, for extraction of my remaining teeth.



When I was still in the dental chair, I heard someone mention that they were putting me on the list for dentures (I really needed them). Little did I know how great that was going to turn out. I initially had anxiety about receiving care in

a school setting. The staff, the student and faculty were so courteous and proficient that I felt instantly comfortable. I am overjoyed with my dentures! They are beautiful and I can chew so much better."-*Lori*



Lori with Andrew, 3rd year Pre-doctoral student

"My dentures have helped me immensely, I can finally chew food again. It's the best!"-*Phil*

"Before the dentures, my son had hard time eating solid foods... now he can enjoy everything!"-**Mother of Dennis** (developmentally delayed patient)

"I want to talk to people again!"- *Edward*

"I want to give the highest rating possible for my dentures!"-*James*



"They brought a smile to my face!"-*William*

"I am able to smile again in life and at my job. I want to talk to people."-*Alfonso*





Robehr received his dentures on 12/4/2015, smiling with Adrian, 3rd year Pre-doctoral student



Our Students

"The denture project is a unique program that helps to rebuild the lives of individuals in our society who have fallen through the cracks. These patients are fully edentulous, and neither have the funds, nor do they qualify for Medicaid. By giving these individuals an opportunity to smile, chew, and function again, we are

(in reality) providing them with confidence and the ability to be active member of society without being Gibran, 4th year judged. I



Pre-doctoral student

learned a lot regarding patient management, the circumstances that lead patients to being edentulous and the impact it has on their personal lives. I learned to be compassionate empathize with my patient, and to work with them to create a smile that they were happy

with. Often, while working with this patient population, it is more than just fabricating a set of dentures. You must learn to step into their shoes, while providing them the care they deserve."-Gibran

"This project has shown me the skills I've acquired in dental school can be life changing. At his wax try-in appointment, my patient looked in the mirror and began to cry, he never thought this would be a possibility. I am in support of this project and I feel that I gained as much from it as my patient did."-Justin



Justin, 4th year Pre-doctoral student and his patient

"I'm writing to share my experience with the denture



project. My patient was able to get his dentures regardless of his financial limitations. He had not been wearing his previous dentures because of comfort, which limited his options for nutrition. This was a significant factor since is also a special needs patient living independently. Additionally, we as students are able to have the opportunity to work with patients who may have otherwise declined treatment because of finances. We gain experience while our patients receive the benefit of new, properly fitting dentures. My experience was very positive! Thank you PHPDA! "-Chris, 4th year Pre-doctoral student