

Where do you go from here?

If the question refers to title, I believe we define ourselves by what we are able to do tomorrow, not by what some paper or diploma said we did before. So where does prosthodontics go tomorrow? The profession must embrace both the specialty and the discipline to reach the wider population. We must realize there is a world of opportunity that is colored with diverse economic, cultural, and social tones. Our ability to move forward as a profession requires that we look carefully at these different opportunities and decide that there are other questions there that

are truly worth answering. For example, can we find professional value in the study of genetic susceptibility to diseases we treat or to genetic variability of responses to therapies we provide? Should we care about the social cost of oral disorders or diseases and their possible treatments? Should we move beyond bulk materials science to the translation of novel chemistry and biology that solve fundamental problems of oral biology? If we address such questions, then we go forward as a profession. I worry that if we do not take this professional path forward, then we will follow a rapid vocational descent that will not benefit the profession or the patients we treat.

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