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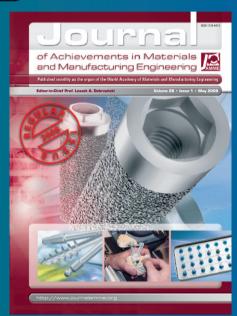
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the dentistry branch focused on carrying storations or rectifying the function with artificial appliances as substitutes for the missing soft or hard tisand surrounding area. taining the oral cavity improvement of the patient's comfort, appearance, and health by rebuilding the naturestoration with the artificial materials the missing teeth and adjoining tissues in the oral cavity area. The goal of the prosthetic dental treatment of lost mastication funcdysfunctions with the simultaneous preven-



tion of the denture base foundation pathological states, and also retaining or improve ment of the aesthetic appearance of the face and resulting in improvement of the general feeling, and therefore also patient's health with the important role played by prophylaxis in this area.

Aesthetic dentistry is developing also in the last decades as an important branch of Aestrictic dentistry is developing also in the last decades as an important branch of dentistry. Requirements pertaining to aesthetics grow along with improvement of living conditions and affluence of the society, as the realisation of the philosophical strive to beauty, which should be clearly differentiated from the notion of cosmetics, as interventions aimed at attaining the appearance satisfying the patient only. Adaptation of the patient to prostheses is also connected both with their functioning in the patient's oral cavity without injury, resulting from their correct fabrication and seating according to the rules of the medical and engineering crafts and also with their psychical acceptation by the patient, connected with his personality and competent tending him or her by the dentist. Thanks to introduction of many contemporary materials and materials technologies into the scope of the dental techniques and also in case of implementation of the new clinical methods, the modern dental prosthetics offers big potential of not only rebuilding and restoration of the missing dentition, deciding directly the patient's health improvement, but also reinstating or improvement of the face aesthetics, and with this improvement of his or her psychical state. Dental prostheses are the artificial appliances custom designed and fabricated in each case for the particular patient in the complex clinical and fabrication process. Clinical activity in the area of dental prosthetics is, therefore, inseparably connected with the technical procedure in the prosthetic laboratory and therefore the good col-laboration is so essential of the dental technician or even engineer with the dentist. Responsibility for the correct fabrication of the dental prosthetic devices rests both with the dentist, who is - however - irrevocably responsible for the entire treatment, but also with the dental technician or even engineer, therefore, each of them can expect from the other party not only carrying out of the particular tasks in a competent way, but also demand carrying this work at the highest level, thanks to which it becomes possible to reduce and even eliminate the risk of the wrong workmanship without prosthetic restoration, elimination of pain and exposing the patient to the unnecessary health complications, discomfort of using the prostheses and disappoint-ment resulting from the unsatisfied aesthetical expectations.

The result of the dentist's efforts in rehabilitation of the dental apparatus is dependent equally on his or her knowledge and practical skill, as on the level of the cooperating dental technician or even engineer. These are the two equiponderant part forming the cooperative team, whose collaboration may shape much more when the dental technicians are educated at the same level as the dentists. Expanding this idea one may conclude that educating engineers and masters of engineering majoring in the area of dental engineering is purposeful. This opinion differs from the approach prevailing in Poland nowadays, consisting in the specialist education of dental technicians and even engineers by circles of the dental faculties of the medical academies, because of the significant extension of the general knowledge in the area of dentistry with the teaching of engineering topics, which makes difficult a deeper understanding of the materials and technological issues to the specialists trained in their profession in this way and most probably may feature a restraint to development of this branch