



What Every Savannahian Needs to Know About...

# Restoring Missing Teeth

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### What are my options for restoring missing teeth?

Depending on the dental situation, you can restore with dental implants, fixed dental bridges, removable partial dentures and complete dentures.

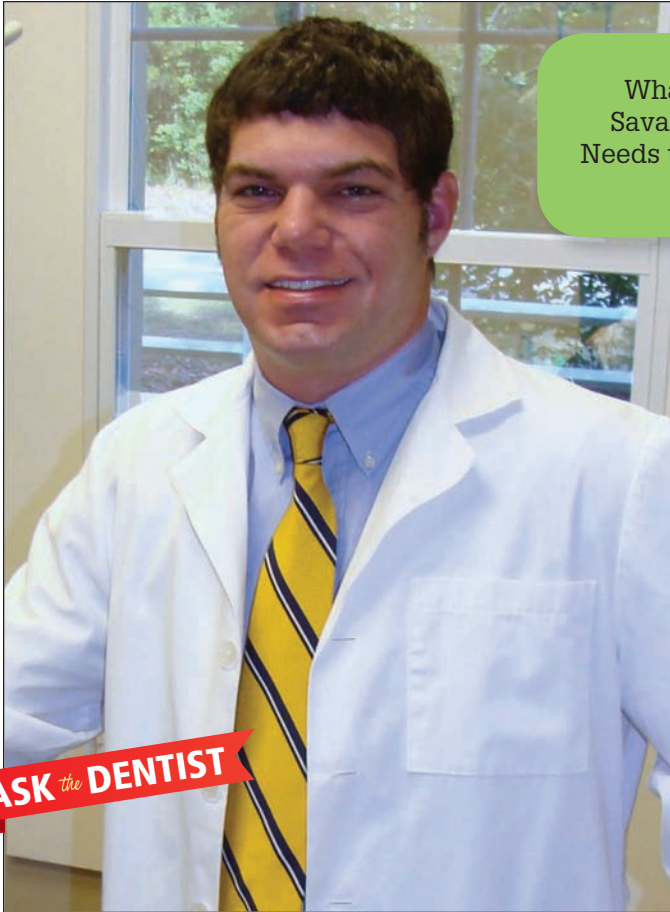
### What do you recommend?

It depends on your needs. Implants are the longest lasting and usually worth restoring, because they are anchored in bone instead of other teeth. But fixed dental bridges can look great, work very well and last a long time if they're well cared for. Finally, removable partial or complete dentures can be used. They are often the most affordable option.

### STATS

**Education:** D.M.D., Medical College of Georgia School of Dentistry  
**Affiliations:** American Dental Association, South Carolina Dental Association  
**Licenses:** Georgia and South Carolina Dental Licenses

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## Esthetic Dentistry

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#### What are the benefits of esthetic dental procedures for patients?

Over time, colored fillings can wear out or stain, and front teeth wear and chip. The best restoration treatment for these patients is esthetic veneers or crowns that allow the patient to regain a natural, confident smile. Veneers and crowns also support the lips and the soft tissue in the gums, resulting in overall improvement in facial support and appearance.

#### What is something patients should know before considering esthetic dentistry?

Not everyone is a candidate for certain esthetic procedures, and people with severe bite problems or TMJ issues really need a thorough examination to determine if they need more comprehensive treatment. I evaluate every patient to be sure we choose the right treatment plan to address the most important oral health issues.

#### STATS

**Dental Degree:** DMD, Medical University of South Carolina

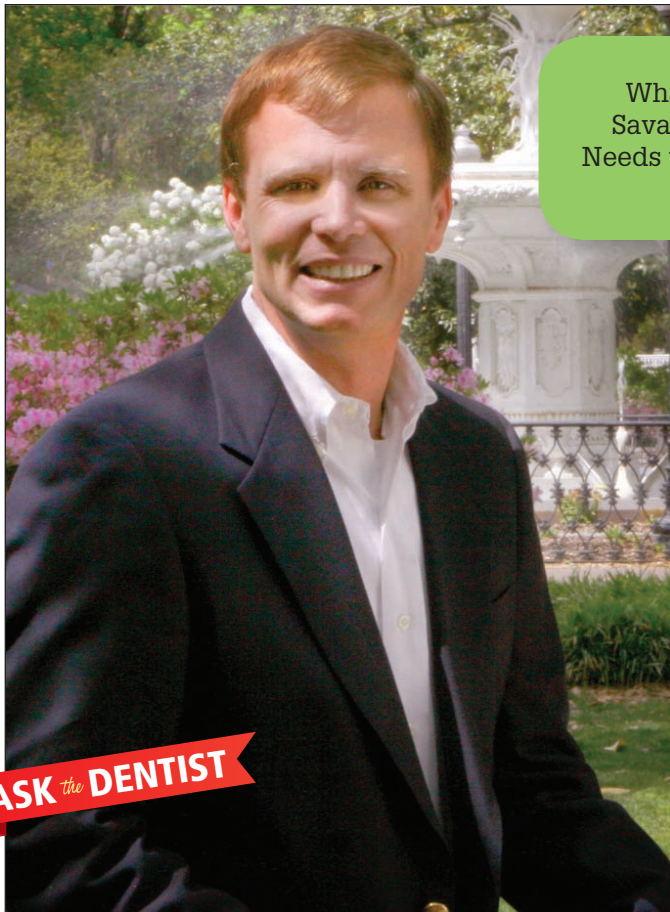
**Previous Experience:** General dentistry in the U.S. Air Force

**Areas of Concentration:** General dentistry, esthetic dentistry, cosmetic dentistry, pediatric dentistry

**Licensure:** Georgia and South Carolina

**Organizations:** Member of the American Dental Association

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## Nonsurgical TMJ Treatment

### Eric Gladden, D.M.D.

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#### What is TMJ Disorder?

Problems with the TMJ (tempromandibular joint) and the muscles around it can present in many ways. Symptoms may be as simple as excessive tooth wear or as complex as clicking or popping in the jaw joint. A feeling of water or fullness in the ears, headaches and pain in the face and neck may also occur.

#### How do you treat the problem?

We begin with the simplest, least expensive solutions such as warm compresses, biofeedback and occasionally medications. When those don't help often physical therapy, transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (tens), night guards and new generation splints may be employed.

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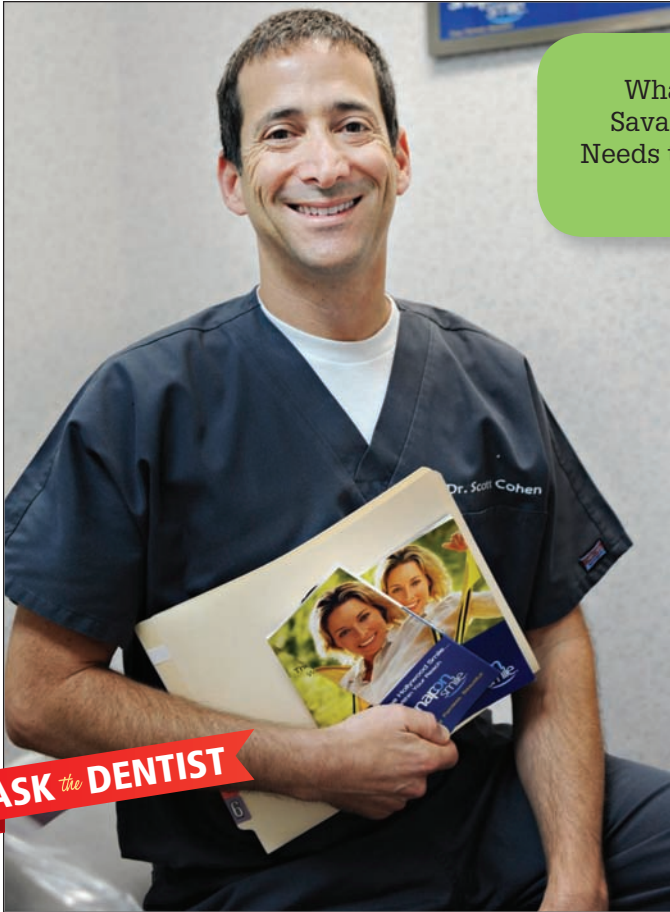
**Education:** Doctorate of Medical Dentistry, Medical College of Georgia; Doctorate of Pharmacy, College of Pharmacy, University of Georgia

**Organizations:** Academy of General Dentistry, American Dental Association, Georgia Dental Association, Savannah Dental Society (Board Member)

**Academic Affiliations:** Clinical Assistant Professor, School of Dentistry, Medical College of Georgia

**Other:** Nine years in practice of general, cosmetic and restorative dentistry

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## Snap-On Smile™

### Scott A. Cohen, D.D.S., P.C.

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#### What is the Snap-On Smile™?

It's a patented, custom-made, acrylic dental appliance that patients can choose as an alternative to crowns, bridges or porcelain veneers. It's very natural-looking, affordable and more comfortable than other removable dental appliances.

#### How do I wear it and how long does it last?

You wear it all day, and take it out at night, like contact lenses. Of course, you can eat and drink while wearing it. It's very strong and can last three to five years.

#### STATS

**Dental Degree:** University of Tennessee Memphis

**Other:** 23 years in cosmetic and general family dentistry. On staff at Memorial University Medical Center and St. Joseph's/Candler Health System

**Organizations:** Member, Georgia Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry, Georgia Dental Association, American Dental Association

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## CAD-CAM Dental Technology



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#### How does a dentist use CAD-CAM?

Our CAD-CAM (computer-aided design/manufacturing) system enables us to create incredibly well-fitting veneers, crowns, bridges, implants and Invisalign® and other restorations.

#### Why do you use it?

Patients appreciate that they don't have to sit with nasty-tasting silicone modeling gel in their mouths. Instead, a tiny digital camera makes a 3-D scan of their teeth and gums and sends it to a lab. Our system combines the accuracy of computer milling with the artistry of our laboratory's ceramist, resulting in beautiful, well fitting restorations for our patients.

#### STATS

**Dental Degree:** Medical College of Georgia School of Dentistry

**Residency:** Palmetto Richland Memorial Hospital

**Organizations:** Fellow, Academy of General Dentistry; The Georgia Dental Association, and the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry