

## Ryaz Ansari

**Specialty:** Oral and maxillofacial surgery

**Practice:** Rosenlicht & Ansari Oral and Implant Surgery Center in Manchester

**Dental school:** University of Western Ontario

**Years practicing:** 10 years

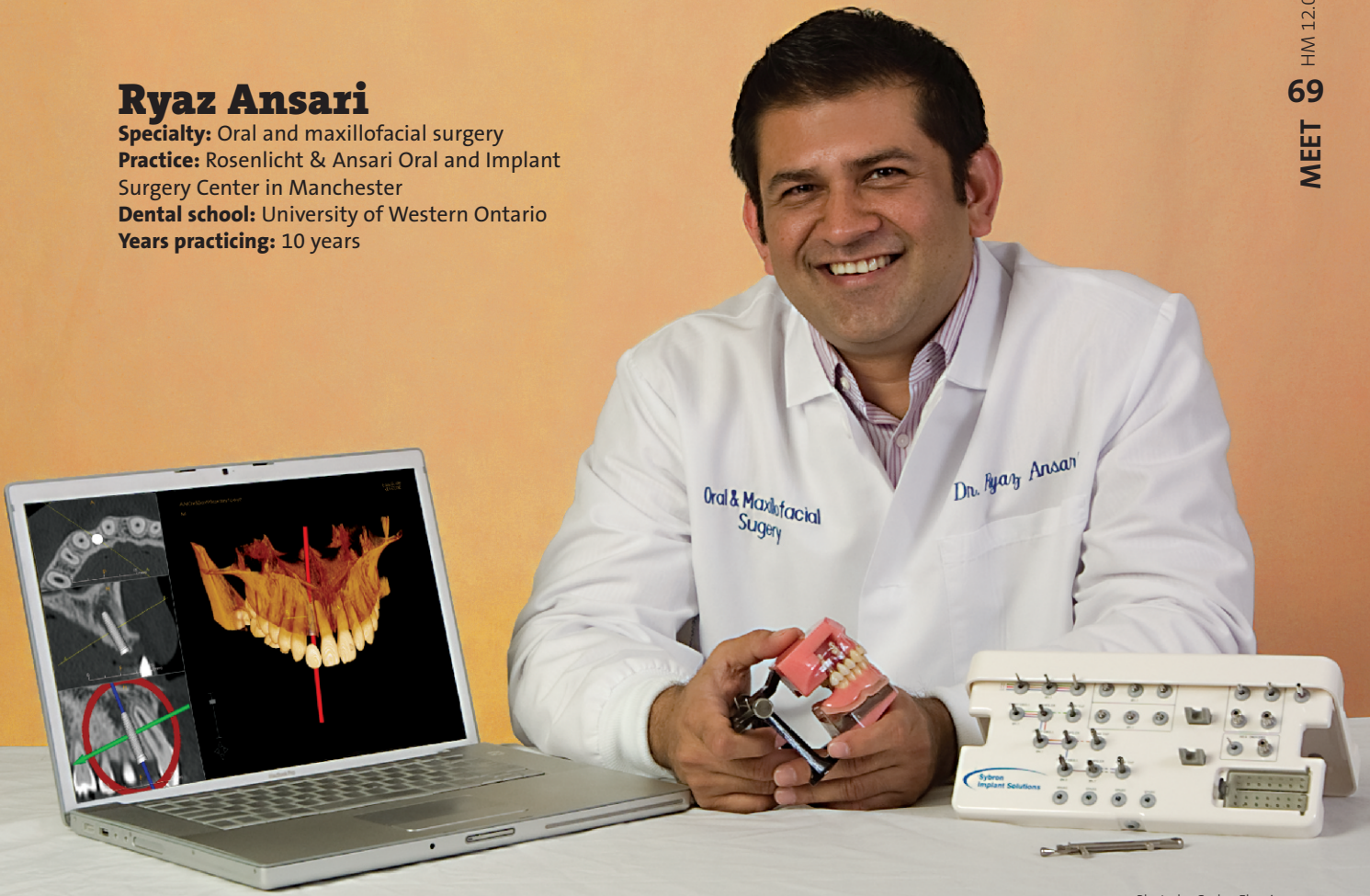


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### Why did you become a dentist?

Because the dental field offered me an excellent medium to apply all my talents. I enjoy using my skills and techniques to help people feel better and improve their quality of life. I love the personal interaction with patients, and also the ability to apply some of the latest technology and research to my work.

### What's one piece of advice you wish your patients would heed?

I wish patients would place greater value on their oral health – not only to have better teeth, but because of its enormous impact on the rest of the body and their overall health, especially with the newfound links to heart disease and diabetes.

### What brought you to Connecticut?

Dr. Rosenlicht had spent 25 years developing a practice that differentiated itself by delivering the highest quality care with the latest techniques and technology. It mirrored my own practice philosophy. Besides, Connecticut is a great place to raise a family.

### What recent technological innovations have changed oral and maxillofacial surgery?

Three-dimensional imaging and computer guided surgery are revolutionizing the field. We were one of the first to apply this technology in Connecticut and are guiding its evolution. In addition, lasers allow us to make precise, bloodless incisions. Piezosurgery, another new technology, is a way of cutting bone without affecting delicate soft tissue or important structures. All of these innovations allow us to perform procedures less invasively, with greater precision and accuracy, which in turn dramatically improves the patient's oral surgery experience.

### What question should patients always ask you?

"Why are you suggesting this specific treatment for me?" It is vital to understand why a treatment is being suggested in order to make an informed decision and understand its overall importance