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Implants

Twentieth century technology and dental science are now perfecting the practice of placing titanium inserts in the jaw commonly referred to as "implants".

Properly designed and placed, the implant will restore much of the natural chewing strength, appearance, and security you have with natural teeth.

Even though dental implants are just now receiving public recognition, tens of thousands of people already have them. As with many modern-day medical practices, implantology goes back 4,000 years to the Egyptians. Many of the mummies found in King Tut's tomb had crude dental implants!

Some of the major changes you can expect with a successful dental implant are:

* The ability to eat many types of foods you haven't been able to eat for years. Natural teeth can withstand biting pressure of up to 540 lbs. per sq. in. After years of deterioration from wearing dentures, many people can only absorb 50 lbs. per sq. in. With a successful implant you could have the ability to absorb as much as 450 lbs. per sq. in. That means you could eat apples, raw vegetables, meat and even peanuts without worry.

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Our Implant Couple

This is the story of Dale and Dorothy Allwein.

Once upon a time in May 1992, Dale joined Dr. Silvers and staff (Barbara, Joan and Laura) for a trip to the Midwest Implant Institute.(MII)

The Midwest Implant Institute is a facility that teaches implant dentistry. The curriculum consists of a series of lecture courses that lay the basic scientific foundation for implantology. After these courses are completed, the dentists are required to return to MII and participate in the placement of implants. First, they must observe while other dentists place implants. Then the dentist assists an experienced dentist to place one in a patient. Lastly, the dentist brings a patient from his own practice, along with his staff, for an implant to be placed. This time it was for real! We placed the implant ourselves under the close supervision of the MII faculty.

We actually placed two blade type implants to attach an entire lower arch of teeth for Dale while his wife, Dorothy, watched the procedure on closed circuit TV.

Dorothy had so much confidence in the office staff and the procedure that when she broke a front tooth in May of 1994, her decision was to extract the

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Cough Drops

Cold and flu season is rapidly approaching. You remember: burning, itchy eyes, achy muscles and sore, scratchy throats. We all stock up on over the counter remedies such as antihistamines, night time sleep medications, pain relievers and cough drops.

We wanted to share with you some interesting information about those cough drops we all pop into our mouths, one after the other. Recent studies have shown an increase in tooth decay when sugar sweetened cough drops are kept in the mouth for extended periods of time. This can be avoided by choosing sugar-free cough drops. Unfortunately, so far all sugar-free cough drops contain the sweetener Sorbitol. Ingested frequently, even in small doses, Sorbitol can cause diarrhea.

The American Dental Association recommends that, whichever one you choose, they should be taken not more than one per hour. If you use the sugar sweetened ones, you should immediately rinse your mouth out with water to assure the sugar is dissolved and off the teeth. Because of the uncomfortable side effect of sugar free cough drops, you should drink extra amounts of fluids to help alleviate the possibility of dehydration in an already ill body.

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* No more pain or discomfort that results from ill-fitting dentures.

* The nuisance of taking care of traditional dental appliances, such as partials or flippers will be gone.

* You'll have the security of knowing your dentures or partials won't dislodge or come out when you eat, laugh, or sneeze.

* You'll regain the ability to speak distinctly and freely.

In summary, you could regain nearly all those capabilities that people have with natural teeth, giving you renewed confidence in yourself, and eliminating fear and worry about your oral health.

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remaining portion of the tooth and place an implant after the extraction site healed. A temporary replacement was used to maintain her smile until the implant could be placed.

The implant was placed in October of 1994 and a crown was affixed to it. No one can possibly tell the false tooth from her natural teeth without an x-ray. This procedure allowed Dorothy to regain her smile, speech and chewing abilities.

The Allwein's were just in our office recently for a visit and are living happily ever after with their implants.

White is not Just for Snow

Remembering back to all that white stuff that inundated us last winter? Hoping not to see that much white ever again?

Well, hold onto your hats! We will be seeing plenty of white around our office. Not in the form of snow (we hope) but in shiny, brilliant, white teeth.

No, teeth will not be falling from the sky. We are now introducing "Platinum", a great new bleaching system to brighten smiles all over the Harrisburg area.

This new system is less expensive than the older ones and easier for the patient to apply. With constant monitoring by Dr. Silvers, the patient will see great results in a short amount of time.

If you find yourself with the winter doldrums and would like to be able to look in the mirror and see something bright and cheerful, give us a call to schedule an appointment. We'll brighten your teeth so when you smile, you'll cheer everyone in your path.

Burdge Towel Refreshes After Treatment

We would like to thank our patient, Cora Burdge, for the wonderful idea of warm, moist facial towels to be used after treatment. Sprayed with lemon juice, they smell so fresh! It's no coincidence this great idea came from Cora. She is also Pauline's mother.

Accepting New Patients

Patients often ask if we are accepting new patients. Our practice has grown over the years by word of mouth. We are delighted when our patients think enough of the special care and atmosphere of our office to refer their family and friends. A referral from a patient is the finest compliment we can receive.

If you have a friend, family member or co-worker you would like to refer, please feel free to do so.

Pennsylvania Game Commission Offers Essay Contest

This is the seventh contest to be held giving young people the opportunity to become involved with the Commission's ethics program, SPORT. The contest also gives them a chance to win some fine outdoor equipment. The theme this year is: "Why I Consider Myself To Be An Ethical Hunter."

If you know anyone interested, have them contact our office for a copy of the essay rules.

Orange Sale

Once again the Rutherford Lions Club is having its annual orange sale. Many of our patients have enjoyed the fruit for the holidays. This year the oranges will arrive in time for Thanksgiving on Nov. 20, 1996.

Orders are due Nov. 6, 1996.

The prices per case are:

Navel Oranges \$15.00

Pink Grapefruit \$13.00

Hamlin Juice Oranges \$12.00

Tangelos \$15.00

If you would like to enjoy the fruit and help our Lions Club, please call Barbara at 564-1681.