

Implants Provide Relief from Uncomfortable Dentures

Many people who have missing teeth often report they have uncomfortable partial or full dentures. In addition, the wearers routinely have pain and difficulty chewing. These prosthetic teeth have less than ideal support as they rest directly on the gums.

According to Dr. Elizabeth Wilson at the Center for Cosmetic and General Dentistry (CCGD), "One of the most exciting advancements in dentistry is the ability to attach a full or partial denture to dental implants. This increases stability and comfort which ultimately results in being able to chew better. In addition, the teeth are beautiful! My patients love being able to smile and eat foods they enjoy."

Implants are artificial roots of teeth that are placed into the jawbone and fuse in place much like an artificial joint. Most patients find that the discomfort

from the procedure is minimal. After healing, prosthetic teeth can then be attached to the implants. Depending on the number of artificial roots that are implanted, the dentures can either be fixed or fixed-removable.



Dr. David Woodward, another dentist at CCGD, says "When four or more implants are placed in a jaw it enables us to construct a fixed denture that is held in place by small screws which thread into the implants. This type is not removed and is most like having

natural teeth again. The wearer cleans it with a toothbrush and floss similar to the technique used before they lost their teeth."

Dr. Woodward explained further, "If less than four implants are utilized, a fixed-removable prosthesis is best. It has special snap-like attachments that secure

it to the implants which greatly increase the stability and comfort of the denture. This type fits very snugly and can be removed by the wearer for cleaning".

Dr. David Wilson has been practicing at CCGD for 33 years and has found that utilizing advanced technology results in the highest quality implant supported dentures. He states that at the Center for Cosmetic and General Dentistry, "We utilize the latest 3D Cat-Scan radiography coupled with CAD-CAM designing software to properly diagnose the problem and design the best solutions for our implant patients. We can design implant placement with superior accuracy to insure the most stable, comfortable and functional dentures available."

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