

New Year, New You!

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Many of our older citizens and geriatric patients have lost their posterior teeth unfortunately. When teeth are lost, the supporting alveolar bone melts away, and it's gone for good. That is why people who have lost most of their teeth and are not wearing dentures appear to have a caved-in appearance to their mouths. The loss of teeth can affect the facial structures such as jaw, muscles, jaw joints, and even the skin. It has been shown that individuals that have their own teeth are healthier, happier and live longer than those without.

In the past the only thing that could be done for these patients is the fabrication of a "Removable Partial Denture" that holds onto the remaining teeth with metal clasp. Too many patients that I encounter wear their partials in their pocket because they are uncomfortable,

unattractive and intrusive. This can cause social embarrassment and poor nutrition.

The good news is that we now have ways to rebuild the bone through grafting. A properly trained and skilled dental professional can rebuild the lost bone and give you adequate bone to support placement of dental implants. This is wonderful news, because it allows you to no longer have to wear an embarrassingly poor fitting denture or partial.

It is still recommended to have dental implants placed as soon as possible after tooth loss to continue supporting the bone. The only things that maintain bone levels are the roots of your teeth or implants. With the placement of dental implants you can now have teeth that are solidly anchored to your bone. You now have solid teeth with which you can apply full bite force without fear or discomfort.

Although replacing your teeth with dental implants is not a one day procedure in most cases, the end result is worth it and all the patients we've worked with would never go back if they had to do it over.

Come in for a complimentary consultation to see what options you may have. Changing Lives One Smile at a Time! ♦

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