

Dental Implants

Feel carefree and confident with dental implants

Years ago we wrote about Mr. Bill Mitchell. He is a 45 year veteran of the radio and television industry and has spent most of his life in the public eye. A smiling, jovial man Mitchell exudes confidence on and off the golf course, which is one of his favorite places. So, when he began to lose his teeth he made an appointment with Dr. Jirik, who has been placing and restoring implants for the last fourteen years.

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keeping his dentures in place. After an extensive consultation with Dr. Jirik, Mr. Mitchell decided to try dental implants on his lower arch. The implants were placed and an overdenture was made that snapped into place on the implants. Although apprehensive about pain, Mr. Mitchell was pleasantly surprised to discover there was little discomfort involved with the procedure. “It was like nothing ever happened,” Mitchell exclaimed.

Since dental implants, his life is back to normal. Mitchell can eat just about anything he wants, his

speech has improved considerably, his self-confidence has been preserved and he says “people can’t tell the difference” (including himself).

According to Dr. Jirik, dental implants have been around for the past 40 years, but in the last two decades, modern technology, combined with increased knowledge, have made dental implants very successful. There are basically two types of dental implants. The first is an endosseous implant (in bone), which is placed in the jawbone and works best for patients with good to excellent bone. The second type is a subperiosteal implant, which is a custom framework that fits over the jawbone and under the gum tissue. This implant is ideal for patients with advanced bone loss. Removable or fixed teeth can be made to fit over either type of implant.

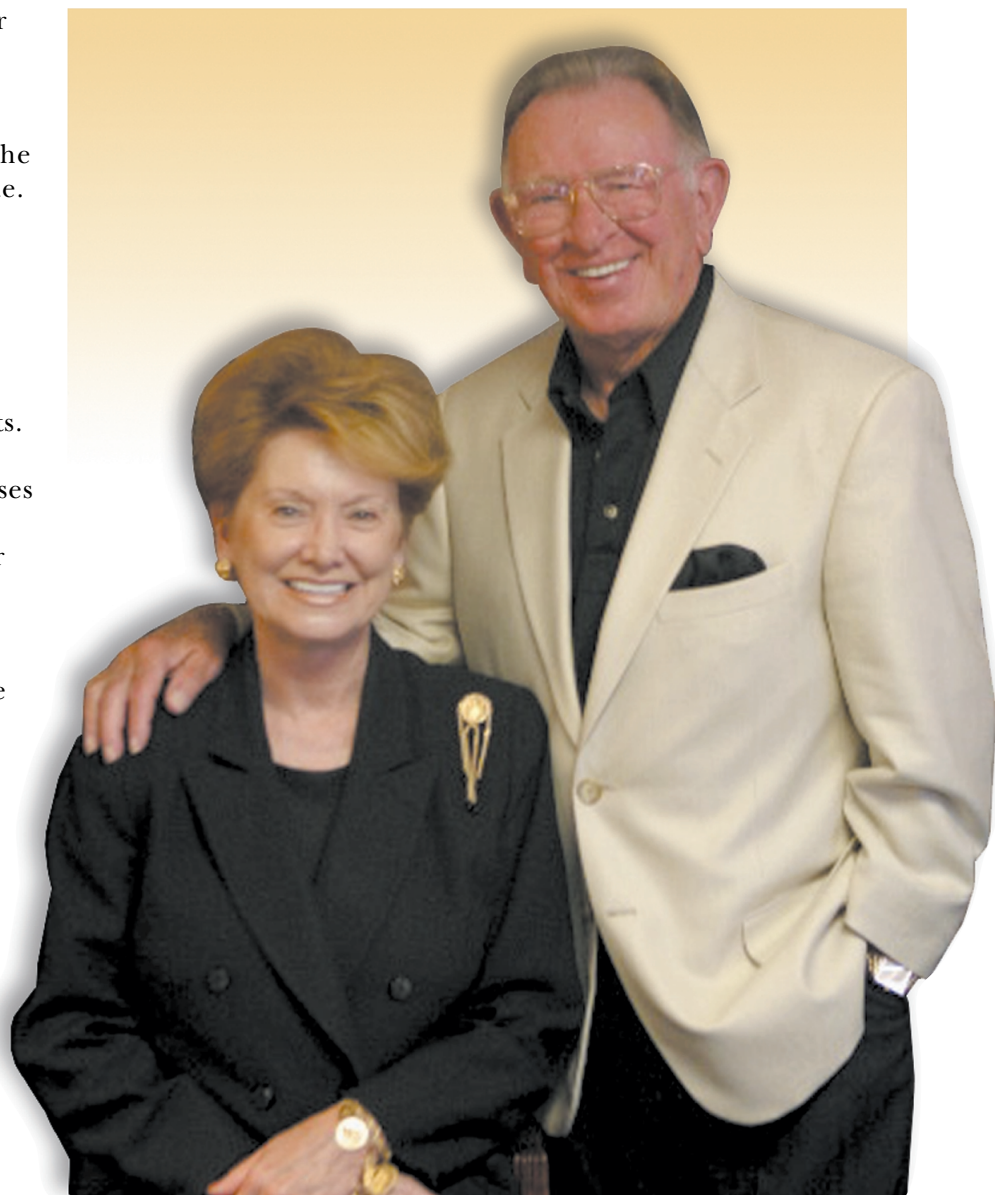
There are several steps in the process of placing dental implants. First, the patient is thoroughly evaluated. The dentist then assesses the patient’s needs and desires (whether functional, cosmetic, or both). Dr. Jirik determines the appropriate treatment for the patient’s situation and an appointment is made to place the dental implants. As the implants integrate into bone, the patient wears a temporary denture or bridge until permanent teeth, dentures or fixed bridgework can be made.

Mr. Mitchell was so pleased with the care and consideration he received at Dr. Jirik’s office that his wife Mary decided to schedule with Dr. Jirik for her dental work. “Dr. Jirik’s great reputation has led Bill, many of our friends and myself to enjoy

all the benefits of a great smile. As a career professional I have the desire to sustain my energy, looks, and vitality for the years to come. As age takes place the only thing that changes is the appearance in the mirror. Women today are into style, appearance, exercise and good health. A pretty smile makes a good and lasting impression,” exclaims Mrs. Mitchell.

“I never received a compliment on my smile until after my dental implants. Now people tell me all of

the time that I have a beautiful smile. My new smile makes me feel carefree and confident. My mouth is now healthy and that is so important for the entire body. Bill and I would both do it all over again. Our dental work is an investment that we will enjoy for a lifetime. Many times we plan a vacation or visit a spa but these things are enjoyed only momentarily. Bill and I both feel a beautiful smile is something you can enjoy each day of your life.”



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