

## DENTAL IMPLANTS

*“All of our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them.” —Walt Disney*

Fear is something we all experience but rarely find the courage to face. Paula Hampton faced two extraordinary fears for most of her life. The first was fear of water and the second was fear of the dentist. Her fears are common for many of us. Paula postponed her dental treatment for many years due to traumatizing dental experiences as a child. She became convinced that her teeth were beyond help. Then Paula met and subsequently married her soul mate Matt. Tears come to Paula's eyes as she describes her experience. “Matt encouraged me and helped me conquer my fears. He told me the best way to overcome my fear was to face it head on. I had seen many stories about Dr. Jirik helping others achieve their dental dreams. I thought that if those people are willing to drive from all over Arkansas to see Dr. Jirik there must be something he can do to help me. Matt advised me to make an appointment. Dr. Jirik understood my concerns and fears. He asked me what my expectations and goals were. When I explained my self consciousness and embarrassment about my smile he showed me a way to get the smile I wanted without turning into a basket case.”

Dr. Jirik offers IV sedation for those of us like Paula with an extreme fear of the dentist. For many it is a necessity to sleep through an appointment. Utilizing IV sedation instead of oral or pill sedation allows us to precisely sedate a patient to the desired level and duration. If the patient falls asleep, that's great with IV sedation. If you do more than snooze with a pill then there is cause for concern. We can predictably manage the most

apprehensive patient or complicated procedure without patient recollection and the accompanying stress. Today's technology allows us to create winning smiles for those who have difficulty eating, speaking or smiling. Dull smiles can be brightened significantly with Zoom in-office bleaching. Crooked, misshapen teeth can be turned into a straight, white smile with cosmetic veneers or crowns. Whether missing a single tooth or all your teeth, we can improve your ability to eat and smile with dental implants. Our goal is to provide our patients the most advanced dental treatment in one comfortable environment without compromise on quality or results. Dr. Jirik has the ability to create a look and type of crown or denture that complement one's personality, facial features and lifestyle. We feel a smile is as unique as the person and should reflect who you are. When making an investment in your smile, it is very important to know you are choosing a dentist with years of experience and education in the newest technology. Our advanced facility and unique education enables us to treat anyone with cosmetic, implant or reconstructive needs.

Paula says, “With Matt's help I've faced both my fears and conquered them. We now have a pool where we spend a lot of time swimming and relaxing. Who could have known three years ago I would have a pool, let alone get in it. As for my new smile, it is beautiful and functional. I couldn't be happier. I would do it all over again in a heartbeat. I love the person smiling back at me in the mirror.”



### *Samuel F. Jirik, D.D.S.*

Dr. Samuel F. Jirik is an Arkansas native and long time Cabot resident. He and his wife, Kim, have two children, William, 11, and Annalise, 7. Dr. Jirik has been practicing dentistry since 1986 and has placed and restored more than 3,000 dental implants since 1989.

Dr. Jirik received a

bachelor of science degree in Health science from the University of Arkansas in Little Rock. His dental degree was obtained from the University of Tennessee Center for Health Sciences in 1986.

Dr. Jirik recently spoke after former Arkansas Razorback Football Coach, Lou Holtz, at a dental conference in Kansas City.

He holds positions such as:

- Diplomate, American Board of Oral Implantology/Implant Dentistry
- Fellow, American Academy of Implant Dentistry
- American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry
- Past President, American Academy of Implant Dentistry, Southern District
- Fellow, American Academy of General Dentistry
- Past President, Society for the Preservation of Oral Health
- American Dental Association
- Arkansas State Dental Association

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