

## Dental Implants

# One good decision, two bright smiles

"I made my decision!" says Mrs. Betty Freeman of Vilonia. "The last straw was a denture sore that really concerned me. I thought it might be oral cancer. I was scared to death to go to another dentist but I kept reading about Dr. Jirik in the paper. I saw the article on Jennings Osborne and I knew it was time to make an appointment. I've dealt with dentures since 1975 when my dentist decided to take all my teeth and put me in an upper and lower denture. But now I understand that was not the best treatment for me. My dentures began to slowly rock and shift. I didn't want to smile because my denture teeth looked false and they weren't white. It was hard to eat because my dentures moved so much. The denture adhesive I used was not working. I called Dr. Jirik and made an appointment. He did a complete exam and explained that I would benefit from a custom implant called a Subperiosteal."

Mrs. Freeman was an ideal candidate for a Subperiosteal implant, a custom-made one piece implant and bar which fits directly on the lower jawbone underneath the gum tissue. Mrs. Freeman had extreme bone loss and her ridge was making her dentures rock uncomfortably. The implant allows the denture to be snapped into place, which makes movement a thing of the past. Many patients love the idea that it only takes three visits to complete their new smile. The first step is a CAT scan of the patient's jaw. The information is sent to a lab and the implant is made on a model generated from the information recorded from the CAT scan. The second step is trying on the denture

for wax-up approval and the third is placing the custom-made implant and overdenture, which attaches to the support bar on the implant. Our patients love this part because picking out a new smile is a lot of fun. Our lab has the ability to create any kind of smile our patients want. Mrs. Freeman loves her sexy, new bright white smile and so does her family.

"I still have an upper denture but my lower denture is fixed, no more rocking. I can eat anything I want with no embarrassment. My face is fuller and I have lips again. The best part about my teeth is they're beautiful! My daughters say I look younger and they ask me to show my 'Colgate' smile. Dr. Jirik was so willing to help me and I was so pleased with my result that my husband James decided to have treatment too!"

"I was wearing upper and lower partials by the time I made an appointment with Dr. Jirik. I didn't want to smile and it was very difficult to eat because the partials moved around so much," says Mr. Freeman. "Betty had such great results, she insisted I get my teeth fixed too."

Dr. Jirik recommended fixed crown and bridge work to eliminate the partials that Mr. Freeman disliked. Mr. Freeman still had quite a few teeth. A bridge was used to give him a fixed solution. We corrected his bite and gave him a great smile with beautiful teeth.

"Dr. Jirik is one special person to me," says Mr. Freeman. "He came up the hard way, his parents helped him get through school and he has worked hard to build a clinic that helps people. He's just a 'good ole boy'. The one thing that impressed me the most about Dr. Jirik, he

doesn't beat around the bush. He told me exactly what was wrong with my mouth and he wanted to treat everything so I can have a smile that lasts."

"We love Dr. Jirik

and his office staff. Everyone is friendly and the office is so relaxed and comfortable. It seems everyone is always laughing and having fun. We think Dr. Jirik is the go to guy for any kind of dental work you need."



### *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

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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
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