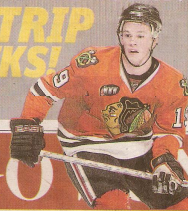


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"When implants were first placed, there was a healing period, leaving the patient without teeth. Now teeth can be extracted, implants placed immediately with natural looking teeth during the healing period, never leaving the patient without teeth. The patient is immediately able to eat and smile confidently. In fact, it is now 12:30 and I completed a procedure an hour ago,"

stated Dr. Russell Baer from University Associates in Dentistry.

A dental implant is a small titanium screw that serves as a replacement for the root portion of a missing tooth. Dental implants are the modern day solution to missing teeth and are recognized as a more effective treatment as it does not compromise the surrounding teeth like bridges do or the slippage caused by dentures. The implant actually integrates with the jawbone, giving you a natural looking third set of teeth.

CT Scans have opened the door for patients with more complicated cases. The scan allows the dentist to view the data in 3-D through computerized

software. The scan shows the important anatomy, sinuses, nerves and arteries and will determine the precise position of where the implants will be placed. A special computerized guide is created to ensure this accuracy and is used during the actual surgery. I have created the exact surgical procedure before I have even touched the patients' mouth," stated Dr. Baer.

"While the traditional dental implant can take months and multiple dental appointments to complete, and can require incisions in the gums," says Dr. Martin Marcus, from University Associates in Dentistry, "the computer-guided system we use eliminates that step, and the pain and associated recovery time that comes with it. Also, the connection of new teeth to these implants allows patients to throw away their dentures immediately."

Dr. Baer, who regularly travels the country teaching and lecturing on implantology, states, "Whenever I speak to my colleagues in the dental field, I'm always amazed at how few of them actually use this technology. Many of them are astonished to learn how this technology can help patients by reducing pain, shortening the procedure time and ultimately providing a long-term solution that also allows them to return to their normal life right away."



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