



What your Denturist needs you to know about **IMPLANTS** The Option of Choice for Denture Stability

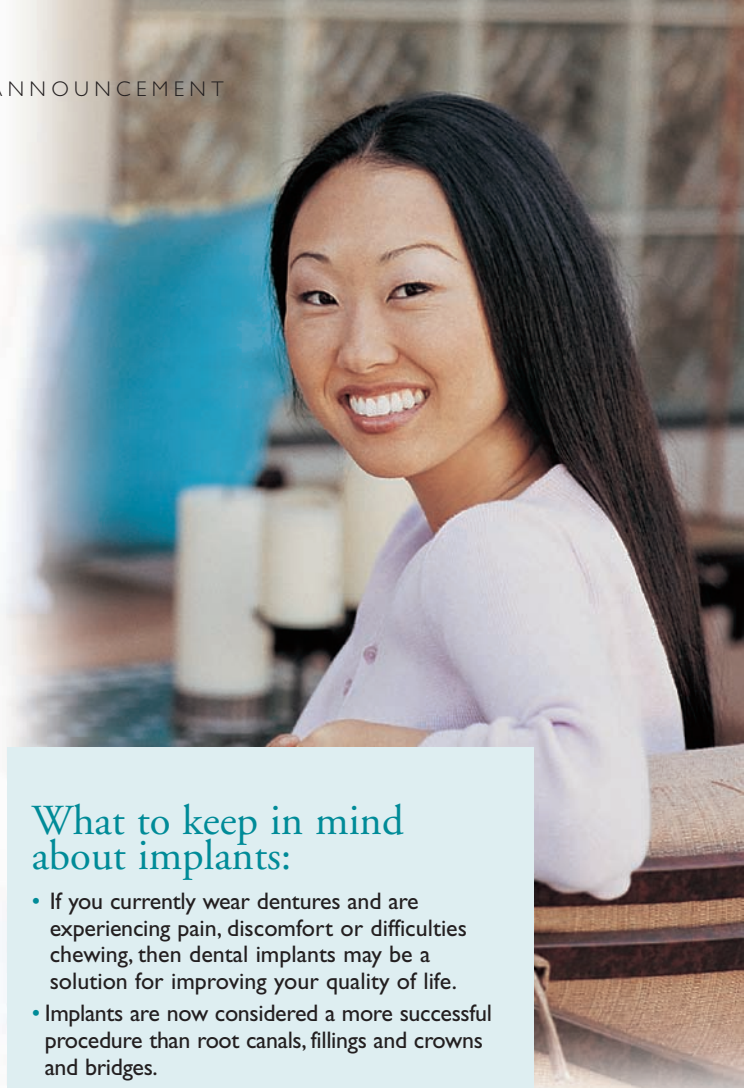
If you currently wear dentures and are experiencing pain, discomfort or difficulties chewing, then dental implants may be a solution for improving your quality of life. Today's high success rate for dental implants and their affordability have made this procedure an extremely popular choice for denture stability and replacement of missing teeth. Implants are now considered a more successful procedure than root canals, fillings and crowns and bridges.

The Team Approach

Implant procedures often involve an oral health team approach. Your Denturist should be consulted for careful evaluation and decisions regarding the denture appliance to be anchored to the implants. Once a treatment plan has been established with your Denturist, a referral to an oral surgeon will determine your candidacy for implants, based on your dental and medical health history. The implants are then placed and they will anchor into the bone. Once the bone has completely healed around the implants, a finished denture is made with matching attachments that will secure to the actual implants.

Implant placement is a surgical procedure which is typically completed in a few hours. During the healing phase, patients may wear their old denture, refitted with temporary soft liners. The number of implants to be placed is determined by you, your Denturist and the oral surgeon.

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more popular as both professionals and the public have become aware of the benefits of dental implants. To determine the best options available, contact your Denturist for a consultation.

Did you know?

You don't need a referral to visit a Denturist. Denturists must be licensed with the College of Denturists of Ontario in order to practice in Ontario and their Certificate of Registration (license) must be prominently displayed in their office.

See your Denturist, the Denture Specialist.

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