

Ask The Dentists

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I would like to invite our entire readership to read Dr. Richard Winter's third installment of "Upgradeable Dentistry" at www.winterdental.com this philosophy is unique and a topic that Dr. Winter lectures on Nationally.

The overall explanation is that too often dentists will come up with treatment recommendations which are based on a patient's insurance and not necessarily upon what treatment will serve the patient the best.

If finances are difficult, the concept of "Upgradeable Dentistry" will allow people to improve upon their dental situation at a pace that is comfortable financially, emotionally and personally.

Often a denture can be upgraded to a mini-implant denture with small diameter implants to help retain the denture and allow for preservation of bone and greater biting forces.

There are videos of Dr. Winter placing and restoring mini-implants on www.wisconsinreconstructiveimplantdentist.com and this can also be accessed from www.winterdental.com

Small diameter implants, which are 3.0mm in diameter can be a wonderful upgrade to also allow for a denture that really "snaps in." Another option for Upgrading are "Snap-on-dentures" which are dentures that we reinforce with metal that snap on to Locator attachments. Photos of this are also available on our websites.

From here we can use bar overdentures where bars can connect implants for added stability, support and strength. This scenario allows a denture with a metal substructure to snap on to a precision milled bar for a wonderful implant supported restoration.

Hybrid prostheses or screw retained or cemented dentures are a "fixed option" that gives people back their teeth twenty four/seven! They don't have to remove their teeth when



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sleeping and offer beautiful support for lips and facial support for people that have lost tone from years of denture wear. Examples are available on our website and videos show how easy the surgery can be.

Lastly, implant bridges on implants offer a gorgeous reconstruction back to having a full complement of teeth with beautiful crowns that look and feel very similar to your original teeth.

We offer complimentary consultations to discuss which "Upgradeable Option" is right for you based on your budget. Please call us at 414-464-9021 and mention this article for a special consideration. Again, we look forward to meeting you and hope you read Dr. Winter's articles under publications at winterdental.com.

Yours for better dental health,
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