



Before and after photos of a patient of Dr. Mitchell's with snap-on dentures

In summary

Snap-on-Dentures are an exciting treatment option for those patients that have or will have dentures.

Studies have shown that patients with snap-on-dentures rated their quality of life significantly higher than those with new conventional dentures.

Other benefits include:

- Preservationists of existing bone
- Increased chewing efficiency



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IMPROVE YOUR QUALITY OF LIFE WITH SNAP-ON-DENTURES



A symposium was held at McGill University in Montreal, Canada in 2002 to analyze and discuss the potential benefits of Mandibular (lower jaw) 2-Implant retained over dentures (a type of snap-on-denture.) The resulting consensus statement was astonishing.

All current and future denture wearers should be aware of the results.



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What's the problem with regular (conventional) dentures?

Many patients have problems adapting to their complete dentures, and especially to the lower denture. The widespread use of denture adhesives is one indication that these dentures are inadequate for many denture wearers. Conventional dentures rely upon the remaining ridge following the removal of natural teeth. This ridge is constantly resorbing (shrinking) from the time the teeth are removed. Furthermore, it has been shown that the lower ridge resorbs four times faster than the upper ridge! Numerous people wearing conventional dentures report that they cannot eat many foods, particularly those that are hard or tough. This forces them to change their diets in unhealthy ways and causes their nutrition to be poorer than that of people with natural teeth.

What do patients think?

Snap-on-dentures have been shown to be superior to conventional dentures in clinical trials that ranged from 6 months to 9 years. Patients find a lower snap-on-denture is significantly more stable, and they rate their ability to chew various foods as significantly easier. In addition, they are more comfortable and speak more easily. As a result, these patients have a tendency to change their diets, eating foods they previously couldn't. Instead of softer processed foods, these patients can enjoy fresher foods. There is also evidence that this improves their nutritional state. Such improvements may have a strong positive impact on general health, particularly for senior adults who are vulnerable to malnutrition.

A study of 1500 denture patients, half with snap-on-denture and half with conventional dentures were evaluated. 97% of patients with snap-on-dentures were more comfortable, and surprisingly 87% were happier! There were many reasons given including: being able to go out in social functions, participation in physical activity, intimate contact, smiling more because they didn't have to keep their cheeks and tongue positioned to keep their teeth from coming out.



This diagram illustrates the shrinking after tooth removal of the lower jaw bone over time. Properly maintained dental implants stop this bone from shrinking!

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This diagram of a snap-on-denture shows the dental implants under the gum tissue and the counterpart attachments fixed inside the denture