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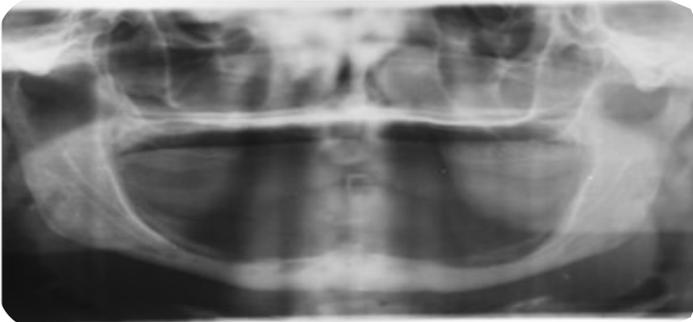
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“One of the Nicest Things We Do for Patients”

....Dr. Lew Winston describing the lower implant overdenture restoration.

OverDentures

Lower dentures create a myriad of problems for patients due to the lack of alveolar bone and the lack of a suction fit that upper dentures possess. Lack of retention during eating and speaking, friction causing denture sores, pressure on the mental nerve causing lip and chin numbness and embarrassment of dislodgement are the most common issues. Fortunately, we are able to correct these issues by easily placing 2 – 4 implants in the anterior mandible and retaining the denture with locator attachments.



All of our practices see multiple patients that can benefit from this service and we'd like to review the concepts of the locator retainer and show how easy it can be to incorporate in your practice.

Minimum of 8mm of Bone Height

One nice aspect of lower overdentures is that virtually every patient is a candidate. As long as there is a minimum of 8 mm of bone height, we can usually get implants in position. The decision to place 2, 3 or 4 implants depends upon the space between the mental foramen and the desired stability. In cases where teeth are being removed, we can place the implants at the time of tooth removal by lowering the alveolar bone to gain the necessary width.



Locator Abutments In Place



Once the implants have integrated over 3 months, we will test the implants to be sure they are solid and we will place the locator abutment. The abutment is the component that remains in the mouth.

Impression Copings In Place



There are two ways to place the retainer housing in the denture:

The first is to have the dental lab process it into the denture when the denture is fabricated. We will provide you with all of the necessary components. Simply snap the impression post onto the implant in the patient's mouth and take your final impression. Send the analogs we provide with your routine denture information to your lab. Your lab will process the metal housings in the denture. When the patient returns for seating, simply select the amount of retention desired by choosing the appropriate colored insert. Use the Locator Core Tool to remove the black processing insert and insert the one desired.

To Retrofit An Existing Denture

Place the white block out spacer over the abutment to avoid locking the denture onto the abutment.

Snap the metal housing over the white spacer onto the abutment and hollow out a space in the denture

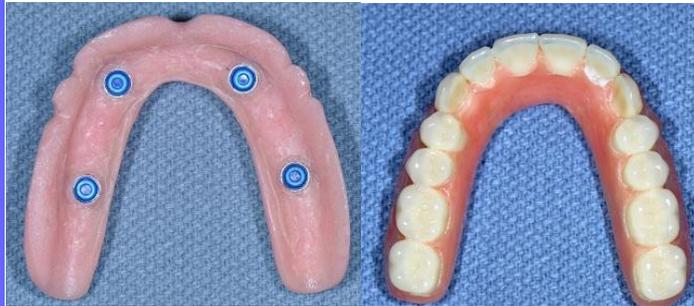


to hold the housing.



Use self cure acrylic to hold the housing in place while the patient gently bites into normal occlusion. You may need to inject through a small hole created in the labial. Once this sets up, simply place the desired retention insert as in the previous example. The plastic inserts need to be changed about every year and literally take less than 5 minutes. It can be done by an assistant and still add to your daily production.

Note that we can place four implant/locators in the upper jaw to retain an upper denture that does not have any palatal coverage. This is ideal for patients that have large tori or have a bad gag reflex.



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Offering this service to your patients will result in less adjustments and patients that will be ever grateful to not be wearing gooey adhesives. We make the process very simple by providing all of the components you will need. We truly believe that this will make the challenge of providing stable lower dentures to your patients a much easier, more predictable procedure.

*****Our Professional Relations Coordinator, Heather, is available most any time to come to your office to assist with the procedure or to provide a lunch and learn for your team regarding the Locator Retained Overdenture.*****

As Always, if we can be of any service to you or your patients, please don't hesitate to call on us.

Warmly,

The Doctors and Staff at Falls Oral Surgery

