

THE FACTS ABOUT

Full-Mouth Dental Implants

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LEARN WHY

putting off treatment can be dangerous to your health and your pocketbook.

FIND OUT WARNING SIGNS

that you might need to replace your teeth and restore your confidence.

PLUS 5 THINGS

to know if you are considering implants from anywhere else.



“I was never happy with my smile ... until I got full-mouth dental implants. Now I can't stop smiling!” — Susanna, dental implant patient

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Dentures? Who, **me?**

If you've always figured dentures are for other people, you're not the only one. In fact, nearly 60% of people who took part in a recent Prevention.com survey said they don't expect to need a tooth replacement solution because they take good care of their teeth.

But the truth is, dentures are more prevalent than you might think. Approximately 20 million women age 40 and over, 19% of the population, wear full or partial dentures. And according to research published in The Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry, the number of U.S. adults needing dentures is projected to increase from 33.6 million in 1991 to 37.9 million in 2020.

You're not alone in your search for a solution to your dental problems.

And putting off the inevitable comes with **high risks.**



On the cover:



Susanna is a Dental Implants GPS Riverside patient who lives in the Inland Empire. She's had her new smile for a year and is loving it.

Why It's Important to Get Dental Treatment Right When You're Diagnosed

There are many reasons for not getting dental treatments right after being diagnosed. Many people feel too busy and figure they'll put off the procedure until it's absolutely necessary. Others may be nervous about the procedure or the cost. Still others may have extenuating circumstances, such as a sick parent, and dental appointments simply fall by the wayside.

What Happens If I Wait to Get Dental Treatment?

It's easy to make excuses, but the truth is, it's absolutely essential to get your procedure done as soon as possible after being diagnosed. Waiting to get dental treatments can lead to a host of problems, including infection, tooth loss or even serious health concerns.

You Could Suffer Complications

The longer you wait to get something treated, the more serious it becomes. Ultimately, that will lead to more time and stress than if you'd just made the appointment immediately.

You Incur Added Expenses

When you require emergency treatment or need to be squeezed in to see the dentist for a procedure after hours, you usually have to pay extra for the special treatment. These emergency moments, often lead patients down the expensive road of patchwork dentistry. You may spend thousands of dollars on small fixes that over time end up costing a fortune. Once you decide to fix the entire problem, all of your expenses end and you're no longer riding the merry-go-round of constant dental appointments. Your problem is solved for life.

You Will be in Pain

Having a problem with your mouth just plain hurts. The risk of not getting dental procedures when you need them is that you may develop pain. Every meal will become torturous, and even talking could cause discomfort. That's no way to live.



Serious Health Issues

Not taking care of your teeth impacts more than your oral health. Studies have linked bad dental care to a variety of poor, or even deadly, health outcomes. There are clear links between gum disease and other systemic issues, such as heart disease, diabetes and respiratory disease, to name a few. A dental exam can also identify oral cancer, digestive and bone health problems.

Putting off treatment can have major implications. At Dental Implants GPS, our 1-day full-arch dental implant solutions can stop the pain and suffering you may be enduring and can give you back a healthy, beautiful smile.

THE COST OF DELAYING DENTAL CARE

- + 1 in 3 Americans delayed dental care because of their current financial situation¹
- + 80% know that delaying care will cost them more in the long run²
- + 20.5 million work days missed annually are due to dental health-related illnesses³
- + 16% increase in ER visits for dental problems from 2006 to 2009, resulting in over 800,000 ER visits in 2009 - a trend that is expected to continue

¹ADC Cost of Delay Study 2021

²ADC Cost of Delay Study 2021

³US Department of Health and Human Resources, Oral Health, US 2012 Annual Report

Are There Signs that you Might Need The GPS Implant System?

Here are 7 warning signs that full-mouth dental implants are probably in your future.

1. Your gums are red, swollen, tender or bleeding

These are classic symptoms of gum inflammation, from milder, early stage gingivitis to the more advanced and severe periodontal disease. Gum disease is the cause of approximately 70% of adult tooth loss and affects three out of four people at some point in their lives.

If left untreated, gum disease can quickly progress to bone loss which in turn can lead to tooth loss.

2. Your teeth are loose, shifting or the gaps between your teeth are wider

When teeth shift position or when spaces open up between teeth, bone loss can be a hidden problem.

3. You have a toothache

Severe pain can be a sign that decay has progressed so much that it's attacking the nerve in the center of the tooth.

4. You're already missing a couple of teeth

People who have lost more than two or three teeth have a serious problem and should be seeking some sort of solution. Some patients who have lost back teeth say, "I still have my front teeth and they look good, so who cares." But when fewer teeth are doing all the work,

there is a greater chance of losing more teeth. It's a domino effect.

A surprising 17% of adults age 65 years and older have had all of their natural teeth removed, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

5. You're having trouble eating hard or chewy foods

Difficulty eating certain foods indicates a growing problem that will continue to get worse and continue to limit your ability to eat until your only choices become soft food.

6. You have indigestion

If you've got a recurring stomachache or indigestion, your teeth might be to blame. When patients can't chew properly, they end up swallowing bigger pieces of food and that's hard on the stomach.

7. You're self-conscious about smiling

Sometimes dental implants can be an aesthetic choice. Patients may elect to have this procedure done earlier than they might absolutely need to because of the appearance of the front teeth.

BOTTOM LINE:

If you are having pain or discomfort with your teeth, it's time to come in for a free consultation to determine the extent of your problems and if your situation needs immediate attention.



5 Important Things to Know if You're Considering Full-Arch Dental Implants

Getting a full-arch dental implant procedure can be a great idea for a number of reasons. Above all else, we can give you a set of beautiful, functional, life-long teeth that also give you a youthful look. But there are a number of questions that people have before actually going forward with treatment.

1. You need to know you're seeing experts in the field of implant dentistry. If you were having a heart problem, you would go to a Cardiologist who is a heart specialist. If you are getting your mouth rehabilitated you should make sure you go to an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgical Specialist who has successfully treated thousands of patients. The team at Dental Implants GPS has over 60 years of collective experience and several of our specialists are also Medical Doctors. Our team focuses solely on this procedure to ensure our patients get the highest quality solution.

2. You need to know what you're getting for your money. Watch out for the bait and switch. There are many providers out there that offer a lesser quality solution at insanely low prices or don't include all the costs involved. Make sure you are comparing apples to apples when doing the research as some clinics may seem less expensive on the surface but are more expensive in the long run. They also may offer one-day solutions that are cheap traditional dentures made with acrylic that have tiny bubbles that house bacteria and have negative side-effects.



Dental Implants GPS is committed to all of our patients and offers patients the peace of mind of knowing when you need it most, you have an expert doing your case. Having a surgery is not the time to look for the cheapest option.

3. You want a one-stop solution. GPS Doctors and team together, as well as an onsite lab, allows us to provide your treatment in one day. From extractions to dental implant placement, and beautiful new teeth in one week! Much faster than other local clinics who may take a year to get you your final teeth.

4. You want to make sure you sound the same. The GPS System is a permanent solution to your dental problems. They are not like traditional dentures that can shift or move, thus impacting your speech. A GPS Smile is unlikely to have a significant impact on your speaking. Patients tell us after they've acclimated; they don't notice any difference in their speech.

5. You want them to look natural. Of course, if you go from missing many teeth to suddenly having a full set of pearly whites, your loved ones and co-workers are going to notice. However, our implant bridges are designed to have a natural look, so it's unlikely that any given person on the street is going to notice that they aren't your natural teeth. In fact, because our Zirconia smiles have such a radiant look, the type of noticing that will happen is when people admire just how well you keep up your teeth and how young you look.

Next Step

Having dental work done is never an easy decision. But procrastinating isn't the answer either.

We have so many happy stories from patients, just like you, who tell us they only wish they would have come to see us sooner.

When you know you can change your life in such a significant way, you want your new life, your renewed life to begin that very minute.

The easiest way to your better life is to make an appointment **and keep that appointment**. The rest is up to us.



TRADITIONAL DENTURES VS. THE GPS IMPLANT SYSTEM

For those of you who are already wearing a traditional denture, you already have experienced the negative effects.

Conventional dentures come with a stigma. You've seen the pictures of dentures in a glass. Too many people don't wear them because outdated dentures just don't stay in place. With advancements in technology and treatment, we are able to offer exclusively to our patients, the GPS Implant Bridge Technology. This advanced digital system includes dental implants on the top and bottom jaws and super strong zirconia teeth that allow you to go about your daily life with confidence.

At GPS, we are able to provide those patients, who are not happy with their ill-fitting dentures a stable solution. However, we also treat patients who are suffering with missing and failing teeth and are looking for a high-quality, cost effective treatment option.



Fantastic experience. The office was able to get us in the same day. We scheduled the tooth extraction within three weeks. The staff was responsive and nice. Dr. Pfeiffer was so caring with my ten year old and made him feel so comfortable through the whole process. I wish every office was like this one. – Tina H



Show nothing but love for their patients! They don't judge you just help you with your confidence and beautiful smile. – Irma Bibbs



Dr Baker and his team in the Riverside office are ABSOLUTELY AMAZING!!! I am FOREVER thankful. I spent two years researching, going to consultations and I never felt comfortable with anyone or any place. The moment I walked in the door I was treated with warmth and kindness. I've never felt unsure, uncomfortable, or pressured at any time to move forward. There are a lot of dental implant places out there that made me feel like I was "buying a car". Dr Baker and his team NEVER made me feel unsure of anything ... Thank You Dr Baker and the entire Riverside office for everything. You have changed my life forever. – Andrea Almanza