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## Advances in Implant Dentistry

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**We are living in an age of** unbelievable, widespread technological advancement and the field of dentistry is no exception. Imagine your doctor having replacement body parts that the body accepts and function just as well as the original! Well, today your dentist does, and they are called dental "titanium root form" implants and every day they replace teeth roots predictably with success rates up in the 90th percentile!

Advancements in implant technique and design have had a revolutionary impact on the way dentists practice dentistry. Bouncing partials and dentures can now be a thing of the past. Implants can provide retention and a solid foundation. Implants can be utilized for a single missing tooth as well. There is no altering the adjacent teeth and the implant tooth can seamlessly blend and function like the natural tooth!

**Why are dentists excited?**


Implants are a more permanent solution. Implants do not decay. Dental implants maintain bone height which provides needed facial support as we age.

**Why are some dentists even more excited?**

Recently, a few dentists, including myself, have embarked on delivering replacement teeth the same day as

the implants (for select patients who have adequate bone quantity and quality). The old implant protocol involved waiting a full three to six months for the implants to fuse to the bone before placing the teeth called "osseointegration." It can be a hassle to wear a removable device for months while the implants heal. But, new breakthroughs have allowed a protocol that delivers a tooth or an arch of teeth the same afternoon after the morning the implants are placed. Imagine wearing bulky, loose dentures that flop around in the morning and, that same day, walking out with esthetic functional fixed teeth that totally restore confidence. Or imagine losing a tooth to trauma and literally getting another tooth that same day! Implant technology is changing lives.

Same day implants enhance self esteem, restore the ability to enjoy food and simply allow comfort, both physically and emotionally. Patients are delighted with the outcomes—life altering events orchestrated by caring dental professionals.

Implants are predictable and routine and the healing waiting time has been much reduced and/or eliminated in many cases. People have found an increased quality of life. Enhanced smiling, eating, talking and chewing, and a renewed confidence are the result of this advanced dental technology. 

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