



*Did you know there is a way
to make loose dentures more secure?*

Stabilizing dentures using dental implants

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The problems with loose dentures

Millions of people around the world are missing enough teeth to require the use of a denture. Many of them struggle to keep their dentures secure, particularly in the lower jaw. If you have this problem, you already know about the embarrassment of slipping dentures, not being able to eat the foods that you love and the ineffectiveness of denture adhesives. Fortunately, there is a way to make your denture work the way it was intended: **stabilize it with dental implants.**

Benefits of denture stabilization

- *Restores proper chewing, allowing a better diet and improved health*
- *Improves speech and confidence*
- *Increases comfort with less irritation of gum tissue*
- *Ends the cost and inconvenience of denture adhesives*
- *Often can utilize your existing denture*
- *Minimally invasive procedure*

Dental stabilization with implants explained

Too many people who have conventional dentures don't wear them for the simple fact that they don't stay in place. Dental implants offer a way to keep dentures in place and allow you to go about your daily life with confidence.

The use of dental implants to stabilize dentures has proven to be successful for hundreds of thousands of people. The number continues to grow daily as word spreads about the effectiveness and long-term durability of the treatment. In fact, dental implants have the highest success rate of any implanted surgical device.

In the procedure, titanium posts (implants) with integrated ball-tops are inserted into the jaw, where the bone will heal around them.

The procedure typically takes about an hour, and can be done under local anesthesia. Your existing denture is modified to sit comfortably over the implants during the healing phase.

Discomfort from the procedure is usually minor. Your dentist can prescribe medication to alleviate pain and will suggest a modified diet during the initial healing phase.

After the implants have healed, your denture is modified to snap onto the ball-tops. The denture will be secure but may be removed for cleaning with a simple "snap".

Before...



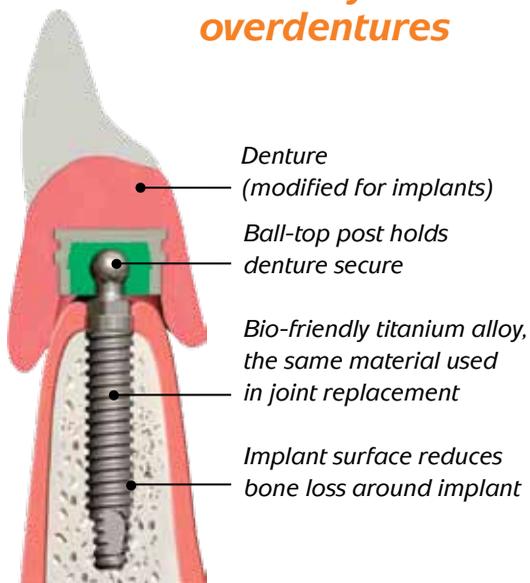
Patient unhappy with denture instability.

During...



Two to four implants are placed with ball-top posts that attach to denture.

Anatomy of overdentures



For more information

For additional information about BioHorizons implants contact your periodontist, oral surgeon or dentist. You can also find us on the web at www.biohorizons.com.



Talk to your doctor

Every patient is different and patient results may vary. Only a trained clinician can choose the best treatment plan for you. Please ask your doctor to explain the benefits and risks to determine if denture stabilization with implants is right for you.



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After.



Modified denture is snapped into place providing stability and confidence.

Implants and insurance

Some dental insurance plans cover a portion of the fee, but most do not. However, payment plans are usually available that can bring implant treatment within your reach.

The benefits of eating what you want, smiling with confidence, and the many other positive changes that a stable denture can bring simply cannot be measured. Your dentist will be happy to answer any questions or concerns you may have regarding dental implant procedures.