



General & Implant Dentistry

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# Dental Update

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## Her Smile Is Confident And Complete!

**t**en years ago, Carrie Seymour attended a seminar on Dental Implants, hosted by Dr. David Kuhn. During the event, she heard patients who had completed implant treatment share their experiences. Their words made Carrie feel this was something she should investigate further.

Carrie had worn dentures since the age of nineteen. *"At that time, you didn't go to the dentist until something hurt,"* explains Carrie. *"The doctor told me I had periodontal disease and pulled all my teeth, rather than treat the disease."* She wore her dentures secretly, never allowing anyone to see her without them, including her husband. This meant she also wore her dentures day and night, adding to problems that would eventually cause significant challenge.

Dr. Kuhn explains, *"Once natural tooth roots are gone, the jaw bone begins to slowly shrink in height and depth. The pressure of wearing dentures actually accelerates this. Wearing a denture both day and night causes the bone to 'melt away' at a more rapid rate."* Eventually, Carrie found adhesives were of little help.

At her initial visit to Dr. Kuhn's office, Carrie immediately felt welcome and comfortable. After her examination, Dr. Kuhn explained that Carrie had lost so much bone on her lower jaw that the best type of implant would be a subperiosteal. Rather than being

implanted into the bone, this type wraps around the jaw bone. Onto posts supported by the subperiosteal implant, a lower denture was attached. Carrie found she could once again chew comfortably without worry about movement.

While chewing had become more comfortable, Carrie continued to experience problems with her upper denture. *"It wouldn't stay put,"* she states. *"I couldn't eat popcorn, steak, salad, or chew comfortably, and when I'd say a few words, I'd have to move my upper teeth back into position to continue,"* she says. *"It was becoming harder and harder to handle volunteer positions at my church."*

Finally, Carrie decided to rid herself of her upper denture as well. She discussed her treatment options with Dr. Kuhn, who recommended six implants strategically placed in her upper jaw. This would support a full, upper denture, restoring stability for both chewing and speaking.

Recalling the procedures to place both the lower and upper implants, Carrie *"had no discomfort whatsoever; none."* Under oral sedation, Carrie states her treatment was like being in a dream. *"I vaguely remember faces coming up to check on me afterwards and could hear conversations, but was never uncomfortable,"* she adds.

After the overdenture was attached to her upper implants, Carrie re-experienced a long forgotten sensation. *"For the first time since I was nineteen, I could feel the texture of food against the roof of my mouth. For all those years, I'd had a plate. Now, the sensation and texture of food is so different!"*

However, the most noticeable change, to others, has been in her speech.

*"People tell me that my speech is amazing now and they can tell a definite difference,"* Carrie states.

In addition to visitation duties for her church, Carrie has added another way to help others. While she kept her dentures a secret for many years, she has begun sharing the benefits of Dental Implants with others. She says, *"I hope to prevent someone else from having to go through having all their teeth pulled. You need to take care of what you have and seek out a doctor who will help you save them."* But for those who have lost their teeth and are enduring Carrie's former frustrations, she is happy to share the good news of Dental Implants. *"I want everyone to do this!"*

If you, or someone you know, would like to discuss today's choices in tooth replacement, call **1-800-682-4191** to arrange a complimentary consultation appointment. Dr. Kuhn adds, *"With the tremendous options in implant dentistry, there is no reason anyone should have to deal with the problems caused by dentures."*

# Latest Educational Undertakings!

## • November 7-8, 2003:

The dental practice of Dr. David Kuhn served as a training center for the dental practice software, Dentrix Dental Systems, hosting dental practices from the east coast on the latest developments in Dentrix software, which provides computerized efficiency to schedule, track, and interact with patients. The course was accredited by the Academy of General Dentistry for continuing education. An advanced feature addressed was the software's ability to utilize digital X-rays so patients can more-actively participate in treatment decisions.

## • December 4-5, 2003:

Bi-Annual meeting of the Dental Implant Associates of North Carolina at the dental practice of Dr. Kuhn. Members combined their knowledge to further improve their Dental Implant techniques. Dr. Kuhn was also a featured presenter on the latest restoration methods.

## • February 6-7, 2004:

Dr. Kuhn completed a 12-hour course on the latest in proper bite alignment as part of esthetic treatment. The course was held by LVI Institute For Advanced Dental Studies in Jacksonville and was accredited by the Academy of General Dentistry.

## Dr. Kuhn & Team Complete Training "Marathon"!



## • September 17-19 & November 19-21, 2003; January 20-23, 2004:

### *"Hygiene Excellence & Patient Care"*

involved over 60 hours of training for Dr. Kuhn and the entire team. This course was conducted by JP Consultants Institute, a nationally recognized training company. Their emphasis is on enhancing patient care according to individual needs, and helping the patient to structure an optimal result based upon their desires.

## Learn More About Your Smile!

**d**r. David Kuhn periodically hosts discussion sessions on today's options in tooth replacement and smile restoration.

### *"Today's Options For Tooth Replacement"*

seminars are informative gatherings that address tooth loss and the resulting reduced function that affects overall health. Patients who have completed treatment are also present to share their experiences and answer questions.

Call **1-800-682-4191** for dates and times of an upcoming *"Today's Options For Tooth Replacement"* or to reserve your seat for any of the following locations: Fayetteville, Rockingham, Asheboro, Laurinburg, Bennettsville, and more!