

Modern Smiles

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Today's Adults Are Opting For A Lasting Solution!

Years ago, aging adults resigned themselves to thinning hair, droopy pouches under the eyes, and wearing dentures or partials. Now, things such as hair transplants, eyelid lifts and dental implants not only camouflage the aging process, they help us feel as young as we look. Today's mature adults are hardly *old* in appearance or in their active approach to living life to the fullest.

In June 2009, a Pew Research Center Social & Demographic Trends survey on aging revealed a wide gap between expectations of young and middle-aged adults on old age and the actual experiences reported by older Americans. The survey findings, from a nationally representative sample of nearly 3,000 adults seems to show that the older people get, the younger they feel.

Among 18 to 29 year-olds, about half say they feel their age, while about a fourth say they feel older than their age and another quarter say they feel younger. By contrast, among adults 65 and over, 60% say they feel younger than their age, compared with 32% who say they feel exactly their age and just 3% who say they feel older than their age.

Moreover, the gap in years between actual age and "felt age" widens as we grow older. Nearly half respondents 50 and older say they feel at least 10 years younger than their age. A third of respondents ages 65 - 74 say they feel 10 to 19 years younger than their age and 1-in-6 say they feel at least 20 years younger than their age.

After relocating to Summerville from New Jersey in the late-1980's, Karen was referred to the dental office of Dr. James Andrews by a neighbor.

Over the years, she's had both routine care and esthetic enhancements. Most recently, however, an upper, side tooth broke leaving insufficient tooth structure to support a crown.

Karen's choices were a bridge or dental implant. Although a crown-&-bridge combination would cost less, Karen felt, *"For not that much more money for an implant, I'd have the satisfaction of knowing this was done and I wouldn't have to worry about it again."*

Karen was familiar with the implant process since her mother had been through an implant procedure. After the initial numbing, Karen describes the placement process as similar to a crown prep. After the placement, Dr. Andrews covered the area with gum tissue.

Over the next 3 months, the implant settled in as a tooth root replacement, although Karen had no sensations of its presence.

The next step *"only took a half-hour,"* which was to attach a porcelain crown to the implanted portion. Now, with its natural look and feel and being anchored by the jaw, Karen's replacement tooth should last her lifetime with proper care.

"My mother always said 'Take good care of your teeth' and I've always made that a commitment," states Karen. *"I believe the condition of your teeth sends a message to others about you as a person."*

Dr. Andrews adds, *"In some situations, a crown-&-bridge works fine. However, dental implants are an ideal tooth replacement option with proven longevity and a natural look and feel. We want our patients to know all their options and have access to what is best for their needs. This definitely includes implant dentistry for tooth replacement."*

To discuss implant dentistry or other tooth replacement options, call **(843) 871-6351** for a consultation or ask at your next visit!

Payment Options For Treatment



†he confidence and health benefits of a flattering, fit smile are unsurpassed. While Dr. Andrews wants everyone to enjoy a healthy, appealing smile, he also understands that some dental treatments can be a challenge when it comes to the fee.

We have good news! Chase Advance, Wells Fargo, and Care Credit are available to provide financial support to patients with many advantages, including:

- ❖ NO down payment
- ❖ NO prepayment penalty
- ❖ LOW monthly payments
- ❖ LOW fixed interest rates
- ❖ Monthly payments that fit your budget
- ❖ Possible tax advantages

The application process is fast and confidential. These options are available so you can enjoy a terrific smile NOW with easy payments that keep you smiling! Call to inquire or request an application by mail.

Send A Friend's Smile

Dr. Andrews is always happy to accept new patients and is especially appreciative when patients send friends and family. Feel free to

suggest others call or visit our web site: AndrewsDr.com. We like to show our appreciation for your referrals, so please remind them to mention your name when they schedule their first appointment.

QUESTION: "I recently read where some denture creams contain toxic ingredients. Can this be true?"

Answered By Dr. James Andrews:

What you may be hearing about are lawsuits being brought against major manufacturers, such as Proctor & Gamble (maker of Fixodent) and GlaxoSmithKline (maker of Poligrip) due to the effects of zinc poisoning.

One of the ingredients in denture creams is zinc. When overuse of denture creams put too much zinc in the body, it depletes the body's natural balance of copper. Since copper regulates neurological activity, such an imbalance can lead to nerve damage or even neuropathy, a painful nerve disorder for which there is no cure.

The issue at hand seems to evolve around the amount of denture cream an individual uses on a regular basis. Although manufacturers estimate that a tube of denture cream will last between 1-2 months, some admit to using a great deal more. When an excessive amount is used, it is often to secure an ill-fitting denture or partial.

When dentures are first

made, they are shaped to conform to the gum ridge for which they will adhere. Denture creams help to keep the denture in place, however, as the ridge declines in height and width, there is less and less of a foundation for the denture. Reapplying denture cream several times a day may help for a brief amount of time, but no cream or adhesive can overcome the loose fit for very long.

Because dental implants are held by the jaw bone, just as natural tooth roots, they restore chewing comfort and biting stability. Implants allow you to eat the foods you love and laugh without worry. Denture creams and pastes are not needed. Dental implants are safe, successful and designed to last a lifetime. I can't think of one good reason to select dentures over dental implants. Nor can the growing number of adults who are selecting implants as the preferred method of tooth replacement.



COMING IN APRIL!
Dr. James Andrews Is Becoming
I.V. Certified To Provide The
Ultimate In Relaxation
SLEEP DENTISTRY!

THE VERY LATEST IN DENTAL LASERS
THE CO2 LASER

Dr. Andrews is pleased to introduce his latest piece of advanced dental equipment – a CO2 Dental Laser. The CO2 Laser is a carbon dioxide laser and uses CO2 gas. Watery tissue absorbs this type of laser energy, which doesn't penetrate very deeply but vaporizes surface cells.

The beam from a CO2 laser is invisible, however, a second laser beam is based on the elements of helium and neon to create a red beam. This allows Dr. Andrews to see the laser energy as he uses it in the treatment of gum problems as well as gum recontouring, biopsies, and removal of oral lesions. The CO2

laser is used in some procedures involved in the removal of soft oral tissue, such as gum contouring associated with esthetic procedures or uncovering dental implant sites. A CO2 laser can also be used to loosen the frenum, the tissue under the tongue that is tight on some.

This Laser is another advanced feature that Dr. Andrews finds enhances patient comfort and treatment outcome. "We're committed to providing advanced features and staying on top of the very latest techniques. We believe our patients expect this from us, which is flattering," he states.

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