

Dr. Little's Dental News

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LOSING YOUR GRIP?

Denture wearers primarily rely on their "alveolar ridges" (the bony crests in upper and lower jaws that contain the tooth sockets) to hold their lower dentures in place. In some cases, however, due to bone "resorption," the alveolar ridge may shrink to the point where their lower dentures "float" and move while chewing. Increasingly, dental implants are providing those who have trouble retaining their dentures with a good alternative. Acting as substitutes for tooth roots, dental implants not only hold replacement teeth securely in place, but they also help stop bone resorption by stimulating bone growth. The jawbone actually forms a bond with the

dental implants, creating a stable foundation for replacement teeth.

With proper homecare and regular maintenance, your dental implants can last a lifetime, saving you both time and money in the long run! We are committed to taking steps to keep dental care affordable. A healthy mouth has tremendous value, and we work hard to make sure its cost stays reasonable. We provide comprehensive family and cosmetic dentistry in a relaxed atmosphere.

P.S. If the alveolar ridge is too soft or thin to accept an implant, bone from another area of the body (or a special bone grafting material) may be used to supplement the jaw.

Dr. Little provides quality family and cosmetic dentistry.

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