

SMILES in the SPOTLIGHT

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CREATING UNFORGETTABLE SMILES

CASE PRESENTATION

Female patient presented with history of bulimia, neglect and failed dentistry. She was esthetically and functionally compromised and had severe problems with tissue biotype, periodontal disease and bone integrity.

TREATMENT CHOICES

With a choice between a hybrid - All on 4 or a full fixed porcelain case, we determined a full fixed porcelain was required to handle all of these issues and give the patient an excellent result in functionality and esthetics.

PROCEDURE

The patient underwent extensive surgical procedures including extraction of all remaining teeth, bone regeneration and implant placement. Sixteen customized titanium implants and abutments (8 maxillary and 8 mandibular) were required for this fixed reconstruction. The use of pink ceramics was necessary due to the extent of soft tissue and bone tissue damage.

RESULTS

With the professional collaboration of a great surgical team, Dr. Perez and an excellent lab, the patient was extremely pleased with the final result.

For more information concerning this case, contact Dr. Perez at www.fairwaydental.com or call 214-731-0558.



Before Treatment



Lower implant fixtures placed



Upper customized titanium abutments placed



After treatment – retracted smile



After treatment – normal smile

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Dr. Pérez graduated from Marquette University School of Dentistry in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He was selected by the Marquette faculty to receive recognition and was honored with the prestigious Teledyne Hanau Prosthodontics Award for having demonstrated outstanding knowledge and skills in the study and practice of prosthodontics during his clinical requirements. Dr. Pérez received his specialty degree in Prosthodontics from the Medical College School of Dentistry in Augusta, Georgia in 1995.

After his residency, he joined the U.S. Navy Dental Corps in San Diego, California, where he served as staff prosthodontist and director of the Removable Prosthodontics Division at the Naval Dental Center, the largest Naval dental facility in the world. He designed and supervised clinical courses for dental officers, and also trained Advanced Clinical Dentistry and Advanced Education in General Dentistry residents there from 1995 to 1998. After completing his naval commitment, he began private practice in 1998.

Dr. Pérez is a member of several local study clubs and the American College of Prosthodontists (ACP), the national professional association representing prosthodontics, the largest discipline in dentistry and one of nine dental specialties recognized by the American Dental Association. He is also a member of the Academy of Osseointegration.

Dr. Pérez opened his practice in Carrollton, Texas in 2002. He enjoys cycling, soccer, golf and traveling with his wife Cristina and his two sons, Luis E. and Javier.

implants

There is a growing demand for implants due to technological advances in modern dentistry and the increase in life expectancy. Average life expectancy for Americans is 78 years and as the American population ages, so will the incidence of age-related dental complications. Baby boomers are choosing implants in lieu of bridges or dentures. Also relevant are the young Americans interested in general cosmetic surgery, and a beautiful smile is a key component of a makeover.

The dental implant market continues to expand due to the success of implants when compared to Endodontic treatment. Studies indicate that a growing population of endo candidates are choosing to remove the tooth and place an implant.

In terms of satisfied patients, implants can replace what nature has taken away with a synthetic root that becomes stronger than anything nature provided originally. Implants produce highly gratifying results that creates a sense of hope in happy patients who love what you do for them. Their gratitude is motivating to the dental team, and inspires a sense of excellence among them.

Dental implant treatment is emotionally rewarding for both the patient and the team.