

Extending the Life of Ailing Implants

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As experienced implant doctors are comfortable with building bone volume for implant placement, a new challenge arises when implants begin to lose crestal bone. Often the implant is successful for many years and then begins to show signs of peri-implantitis. If proper evaluation, case selection, compliance and technique are implemented, a doctor may be able to regenerate bone to improved levels. This can allow a patient to keep their implants for a longer period time. Many patients are very confident and comfortable with bone grafting procedures and feel it is worthwhile to try corrective measures. Additionally, the implant doctor can avoid some aggressive explantation and longer and more complex surgeries.

Profile

- * American Board of Oral Implantology-diplomate, examiner
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- * American Academy of Implant Dentistry recipient of the Paul Johnson service award 2022.
- * American Dental Association
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