



Dr. Linda Golden—Zircolith Dental Implants: An Update

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Missing teeth in the oral cavity is one of the most challenging dental problems faced by patients. Dentists have sought to solve this problem using diverse means ranging from removable to fixed replacements to dental implants. Dental implants are currently the prime choice for replacement of missing teeth. For decades, metal-based implants have been applied in dentistry and other aspects of medicine. Titanium implants are the most popular metal implants. However, metals are known for their corrosive nature in a highly electrolytic environment, such as is found in the oral cavity. Metals are also known to be potent allergens, thus a percentage of people may unknowingly react to titanium implants, resulting in varying degrees of reactions.

Zircolith dental implants are ceramic zirconia implants, which eliminate all the challenges associated with metallic implants while providing full mechanical support for the crown or bridge. These implants have the best compatibility in the human body and are highly biocompatible for most patients. There is also minimal formation of bacterial plaque around these implants, thus they prevent the development of periodontal diseases.

Zircolith ceramic implants allow for very aesthetic and healthy regeneration of the gingiva and other periodontal tissues. Zircolith implants are also as white as the natural teeth, thus are more aesthetic than the metallic sheen of titanium implants. Aesthetics are further improved by the ceramic design, which allows for these implants to be ground like natural teeth. This makes them easy and safe to work with, to the delight of one's dentist.

All these properties give the patient a natural feel in the mouth when Zircolith implants are used, so much so that patients even forget that a replacement has been done.

The good news is that both the original treatment as well as the newer implant style are both available at the Golden Dental Wellness Center. The procedure is explained in depth and excellently performed by Dr. Linda Golden and the highly professional staff.

Replacement of missing teeth has never been safer, easier and more aesthetic than it is now with the development of the Zircolith implant. A consult is available to discuss the new style of Zircolith implants as well as the already proven styles as described in the health brief in the September 2012 issue of Natural Awakenings of Long Island.

