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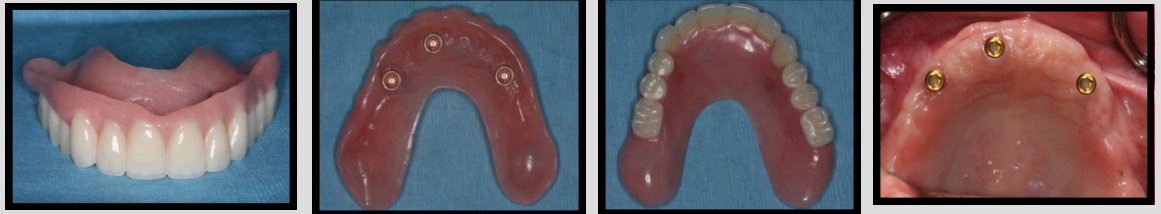
#### Headline: MAXILLARY OVERDENTURES - AN OFTEN OVERLOOKED TREATMENT OPTION

Implant retained dentures are simple, cost effective, and have the capacity to significantly change our patient's lives for the better. Available for both maxillary and mandibular dentures, the maxillary option is often overlooked.

The distinct advantage of maxillary overdentures is the ability to reduce the amount of palatal coverage, resulting in a "horse shoe" shaped denture. This seemingly small change in denture design results in a dramatic improvement in the patient's confidence and comfort by allowing their tongue to touch the roof of the mouth. This results in **improved speech** and more importantly, **improves the sensation of taste**.

Below is an example of a maxillary denture retained by three Straumann® implants using Locator® abutments. This case highlights the denture design modification permitted by the additional retention of implants - **lack of palatal coverage** and **minimal vestibular extension**.

A list of benefits to review with your patients when discussing implant retained overdentures:



- 1) Improved fit, comfort, and confidence.
- 2) Dramatically enhanced function.
- 3) Eliminates the need for messy denture adhesives.
- 4) Enhanced speech and taste (with palate-less maxillary denture).
- 5) Maintenance of jawbone about implant sites.

Last but not least, possibly the greatest advantage to implementing implants into your denture treatment plans - **decreased adjustments and happier patients**. I have included an article which simplifies the steps involved in retrofitting a denture with Locator abutments.

Please note that for **all dental implant examinations our fee is \$96, and the full amount is credited back to your patient at the time of implant surgery - thus the implant exam is essentially free**. Our fee for a dental implant remains \$1875 for posterior, and \$2125 for anterior implants. We are also pleased to provide and deliver the abutments (including Locators®), impression components, and analog to make your life a little easier - it's our way of "Simply Doing More".

**\*\*If you are new to Straumann implants, we have arranged for you to receive a prosthetic kit at no charge for your first overdenture case - please call for information.**

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