Houston Dental Implant Center Offers Zirconia

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High quality zirconia dental implants available from Uptown in Houston, TX

Houston, TX -- Uptown Cosmetic and Implant Dentistry brings zirconia, an advanced treatment option, to local patients. In the traditional dental implant model, replacement teeth are fabricated with plastic much like a denture or acrylic. Zirconia provides superior performance with many advantages over more traditional materials.

Dr. Roberto Velasco, Prosthodontist at Uptown Cosmetic and Implant Dentistry, says, “Patients don’t want plastic in their mouths.” He added, “If a patient is going to have implant restorations, where we are in the state of dentistry really dictates something that is going to be strong and functional over time and zirconia is that material. Plastic was a good originator but it is no longer the gold standard. At Uptown, we believe as technology advances we must implement that with our technology also.”

Dentistry Today, a dental magazine, published a doctor written article comparing zirconia bridges to other options. The study determined, “A full-arch implant-supported zirconia screw-retained prosthesis offers many advantages over alternative prosthetic options.” The advantages included a highly reduced chance of chipping, and lack of casting distortion due to the zirconia CAD/CAM process.*

Dr. Matthew Gemp, Prosthodontist at Uptown says, “With our experience using plastic or acrylic for implant restoration, we found that the material is adequate but it wears down quickly. Zirconia is a very dense material that looks exactly like natural teeth with the advantage that it is extremely strong and doesn’t stain. It’s a big advantage for patients knowing that they are going to have something that is secure in their mouth, that will not break and will look fantastic year after year.”

Uptown Cosmetic and Implant Dentistry is one of the only dental implant centers in the Houston area with its own onsite zirconia lab. Dr. Velasco says, “It’s all made in-house so we control every aspect of the fabrication starting from the base material to the end product. Here we can control the quality, and ensure a higher grade outcome.” He added, “The biggest frustration we had with plastic implant restorations was the fact that they broke and there is nothing more disappointing to a patient and a clinician when something new is made and then shortly after it breaks. With zirconia, we don’t see that, it’s just a very strong material that retains its original beauty for as long as the restoration lives.”

John, a dental implant patient, made sure he found a center that used zirconia. “I had to have zirconia and I love it because your teeth shouldn’t chip or stain as time goes by. Zirconia stays the same and is very strong and long lasting,” John says.

“Zirconia should not be a procedure limited to certain people. It really should be a procedure that is open to everyone who is interested in restoring or replacing missing teeth with the best quality material in our opinion,” says Dr. Gemp.
Uptown is excited to bring this technology to Houstonians who will benefit from zirconia's many advantages. More information is available to learn about zirconia and Uptown Cosmetic & Implant Dentistry. Uptown may be contacted directly for a free consultation.

*Dentistry Today: “An Ideal Full-Arch Tooth Replacement Option: CAD/CAM Zirconia Screw-Retained Implant Bridge”, Thursday, 09 May 2013*

**About Uptown Cosmetic & Implant Dentistry**

Uptown Cosmetic & Implant Dentistry, located in Houston, Texas, is proud to offer our patients two highly educated Prosthodontists with combined over 50 years of experience. At Uptown Cosmetic & Implant Dentistry you will find a friendly atmosphere and a dental team committed to highest quality dental care. Currently serving the Greater Houston Area, our location is conveniently located near the Uptown area, River Oaks, Galleria, Memorial, Greenway Plaza, Kirby, and Bellaire. We also have an additional location in Sugarland, Texas to assist more patients to achieve optimal oral health. A full range of services are offered, ranging from basic restorations to cosmetic makeovers and full mouth reconstructions.

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