

Ask The Dentist 12-13-10

Attn: Paul Schulteis

Dear Dr. Winter, I had 6 Imtec mini-implants installed in October. One front implant failed. After two dentures and many visits, my denture still rocks! I was told that this is normal but it doesn't seem right to me. The dentist said the only solution was to go to an oral surgeon, get these implants removed, and get regular implants. My denture prior to the mini-implants was not this loose. Can you help me? I am ready to move on to find a solution.

Dear Dave, I am sorry for your problems. I would need to see your denture and evaluate it as well as the mini-implants to see what the problems may be. If you have high force factors-chew hard or are opposing natural teeth-mini implants may not have been an ideal choice. If the dentures are made well, they are retained by the mini implants but are supported by the underlying bone and they are very retentive.

When mini-implants move, it is a sign that either the denture is ill-fitting or the attachments that hold on to the mini's aren't seated properly and may need to be removed and refitted to the denture. If you call my office, let them know you contacted me via the internet or Hometown Publications and I will get you in to the office in a timely fashion. I would need to do some x-rays and an exam at your first visit. Comprehensive examinations are discounted from \$279 to \$150 for people that mention this column. Examples of our dentistry, videos and photos are all available from www.winterdental.com or www.wisconsinprosthodontics.com

You may call us at 414-464-9021 to schedule your visit. I would be happy to help you find a solution to your problem.

You may also find out about our interest free financing options under, "prevent worse" on our websites.

We look forward to meeting you!

Dear Dr. Winter, I have been told that I have gum disease and I believe them. I have 2 molars missing on the bottom and need 3 more removed but the 8 on the bottom in the front seem like they are good still good. The top is a mess, my bite is messed up and even though the front 6 teeth are in good shape they are crooked. Then I have 3 cracked and decayed teeth to the right and left that need to be pulled. Help

Dear Rochelle, you clearly have dental options that range from partial dentures to implants and fixed teeth. I can't tell you what your specific options are without a comprehensive exam and x-ray visit. We look forward to meeting you!

Sincerely, Dr. Richard and Dr. Bruce Winter

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