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DR. RICHARD KINSEL

FOSTER CITY, CA

RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY

Background

Foster City, California restorative dentist, Dr. Richard Kinsel opened his practice in 1979. By the mid-1980s Dr. Kinsel began focusing on dental implant restorations, particularly as a solution to treat fully edentulous patients via dentures and fixed bridges supported by dental implants. Today with 25 years of experience in implant dentistry, Dr. Kinsel is an Associate Clinical Professor in the Department of Preventive and Restorative Dental Sciences at the University of California, San Francisco, School of Dentistry.

The Challenge

Challenging Cases Require Flexible Solutions

With a particularly high volume of edentulous patients in his practice, there is never a single, routine solution to solve a patient's problem. Dr. Kinsel recently treated a 48-year-old male patient with advanced periodontal disease that required removal of his remaining teeth. He wanted to maintain the color and shape of his original dentition, while improving the function and arrangement of his prosthetic teeth.

Complicating the treatment was the fact that the patient was unwilling to undergo surgery to correct a congenital misalignment of the maxilla and mandible. As a result, Dr. Kinsel was challenged to create a great functional and esthetic result. Dr. Kinsel was able to meet his patient's complex clinical need and deliver an optimal outcome thanks to the simplicity of the Straumann tissue-level implant.



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The Results

A Beautiful Smile

Dr. Kinsel designed upper and lower implant-supported, metal ceramic fixed prostheses for the restoration rather than a conventional removable prosthesis. He took this approach because of the excellent function and esthetics of an implant-supported prosthesis.

A guide allowed the implant surgeon to place the implants into their optimal positions. Dr. Kinsel chose to use tissue level implants with solid abutments from Straumann because of the ease to restore and load the implants immediately with a provisional fixed bridge, thereby eliminating the need for interim dentures.



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Despite the challenges of the case, the final result for the 48-year-old patient was an improvement of the pre-existing condition without compromising the patient’s original dentition.

Dr. Kinsel in part credits this result to the Straumann Dental Implant System (SDIS). He uses Straumann because the system is adaptable to multiple clinical situations and meets his patients’ esthetic demands. He also appreciates the manageable inventory of components of the SDIS and the ability to immediately restore the implants and avoid a second stage surgery. Dr. Kinsel believes the simplicity of Straumann’s implant design and the ease of surgical and restorative use has helped him decrease chair time and improve the profitability of his practice and referral base.



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