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Implant dentistry can transform patients' lives

Dental implants are now easier to place, less invasive and have a more successful outcome than ever before. **Devonshire House Dental Practice** explains how it transformed a patient's smile with dental implants

Hip replacement and dentures

Aged only 40, father of two Michael was struggling to come to terms with the news that he had osteoarthritis in his left hip and severe periodontitis. Suddenly, in the prime of life, he faced the prospect of a hip replacement and, for him more worrying still, removable false teeth in the form of dentures. Despite the diagnosis of severe gum disease, Michael had made up his mind that he wouldn't consider dentures until he had lost the last tooth in his mouth. Michael had seen his Dad lose all his teeth aged 42 and was acutely aware of the effect that dentures had had on his Dad's confidence. 'I worked with my Dad for about four years after I left school and he was very self-conscious about his dentures. When

we met a new customer he'd say to me, 'Michael, you do the talking'.

Offered a life-line

Michael's own dentist had effectively 'run out of ideas' and recommended he see Specialist Periodontist, Trisha Whitehead, at Devonshire House. At that first consultation a diagnosis of advanced destructive periodontitis was confirmed and the team at the practice, aware of his profound reservations at having a full set of dentures, discussed other options with Michael. During the discussions Wail Girgis and Cyrus Nikkhal, two of the team of eight Specialist Prosthodontists at the practice, offered Michael a lifeline



when they proposed that Michael join their Training Case list for implant surgery. Michael was an ideal candidate to receive the treatment pro-bono as a live implant surgery demonstration case for dentists to observe as part of Implant Placement Training Courses run by Devonshire House in conjunction with The Eastman Dental Institute.

Transformation

Michael's hip replacement surgery was scheduled and completed in September 2013 and, in the following summer, Michael had his All-on-4™ implants fitted by Wail at two live surgical training sessions observed by dentists new to implantology at the Eastman Dental Institute in London and Devonshire House in Cambridge. For Michael the implant surgery has been completely transformative. 'It's been night and day really. I hadn't really appreciated how much my confidence had been knocked until I got my new teeth. Everyone noticed the difference.' As a BT engineer Michael interacts with customers every day and he's gone from a subdued, self-conscious non-smiler to a confident, chatty beamer. 'I'm over the moon with what I've got now. From what I had to what I've got now is unbelievable.' Michael has been hugely impressed by the whole process and describes the experience as smooth running and relaxed. 'It never felt like a massive procedure at Devonshire House. I always felt that I was in capable, very capable, hands.' [7]

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