

Re: Are Implants my only Option?

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In response to the question "Why not" to the fixed bridge—I am concerned about shelling out 6k every 8 years or less for new bridge. Who knows the bridge might not even last that long, right?

"Joel M. Eichen" <joeleichen@yahoo.com> wrote in message news:19vd21dgcua487a9q0qq10s2g3dkuaprq@4ax.com...

> On Thu, 03 Mar 2005 03:29:43 GMT, "Toothless"

> <gmpgarbeNOSPAM@frontiernet.net> wrote:

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> >I am in my thirties and missing my 9 and 10 teeth from an accident 25 years

> >ago. My second Maryland bridge gave way last spring and I have been wearing

> >a flipper since. My dentist, who I trust and am very happy with, sees

> >implants as my best option. A visit to the Periodontiste assured me that I

> >am a candidate(healthy, non smoker...) but due to significant loss of bone

> >in the area I do need a fair amount of ridge augmentation. I realize

> >implants are the way to go long term but being nervous about the

> >augmentation and total cost(\$11,000 or \$9500 after insurance), I just want

> >to make sure I am making the right choice. This implant cost also includes

> >crowns to 8 and 11 teeth. I understand that the failure rate for implants is

> >very low but is one at increased risk if the location is in the upper front

> >and if augmentation is needed?

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> >Since my 8 and 11 teeth need to be crowned anyway why not a fixed bridge?

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> >YUP we agree. Why not?

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> >Joel

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> >*second opinion gave me an estimate of \$8200 or \$5800 after insurance for a 4*
> >*unit bridge. This also included bone grafting and something called Tissue*
> >*Guided Regeneration. Can a 4 unit bridge in the front last for any length*
> >*of*
> >*time? The dentist would not give me a direct answer.*
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> >*I would rather pay \$400 after insurance every 6 or so years for a*
> >*Maryland*
> >*Bridge and avoid all the hassle but my dentist will not do another. Why*
> >*are*
> >*Maryland Bridges no longer recommended?*
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> >*I have been managing ok with my flipper for almost a year(except having*
> >*to*
> >*remove it to eat) so are dentures worth considering?*
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> >*Thanks for any suggestions and comments.*
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> >*Toothless in NY*
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> >*Remove NOSPAM to reply directly*
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