



## Implant Supported Denture Specialists

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is a top-rated general dentist in Sonoma County who is frequently sought out for his Esthetic Dentistry.

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is a Board Certified Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeon, specializing in dental surgery and the placement of dental implants

**Let's talk about the popular Implant Supported Denture (ISD), which is becoming better known due to advertising by "Clear Choice." Together, the two of you provide this service to patients in Sonoma County. Can you tell us what this is?**

Dr. Wilson: Historically, when someone is missing a significant number of teeth, the options are: wear a removable denture, or replace individual teeth with dental implants. Traditional dentures stay in place by suctioning to the jaw or using gummy adhesives. Patients typically complain of embarrassment, slippage, and a loss of sensation, making eating and chewing difficult. An Implant Supported Denture (ISD) combines the benefits of individual implants with the cost effectiveness of dentures, providing a solution to the problems associated with traditional dentures.

Dr. Tyko: With an ISD, I place 4-6 dental implants, upon which Dr. Wilson affixes a permanent set of dentures. Because the implants are placed into bone, the dentures are firmly attached to the jaw and only a dentist can remove them. A specialized dental lab works closely with Dr. Wilson to create a natural smile. An ISD functions like real teeth, allowing you to chew food like you did before the loss of your teeth.

**What are the benefits of an Implant Supported Denture vs. a set of standard removable dentures?**

Dr. Tyko: From a health perspective, an ISD is better than a traditional removable denture. Traditional dentures cause the underlying jawbone to erode. This is why denture wearers need to reline their dentures regularly, often to the point where their dentist can no longer produce a comfortable, stable set of teeth. This doesn't happen with an ISD because the implants that hold the denture firmly in place maintain the jawbone, preventing the bone from shrinking away.

Dr. Wilson: Patients leave with teeth the same day; there is no waiting period without teeth. Furthermore, the benefits of eating and chewing increase substantially. Implants stabilize the denture and prevent slippage. An ISD does not cover the roof of the mouth so patients feel and taste their food! As a result, ISD patients have stronger bone and are able to eat a diverse diet. They have better nutrition, and therefore better health.

**How easy is the procedure for patients?**

Dr. Tyko: Dental implant surgery is minor. The procedure to remove unhealthy teeth and place dental implants typically takes 1-2 hours in our office. Once surgery is completed, Dr. Wilson and the Lab Technician arrive, and begin the customized placement of your ISD on the implants. This is a "same day" denture. Patients arrive with painful, unhealthy teeth and leave with a beautiful smile.

**What is the expected recovery time?**

Dr. Tyko: Patients leave with all their new teeth in place, however, it's normal to experience some soreness and swelling for a few days. Most patients return to normal activities within a week; and will transition to an unrestricted diet within 3 months.

Dr. Wilson: Your implants and new teeth stay in place and we do not touch them. There are no weekly appointments or adjustments, no relines. You return to see me 3 months after you take your teeth home.

**How can patients find out if they are a candidate for an Implant Supported Denture?**

Dr. Wilson: Even if someone has a current denture or is missing all their teeth, we'll begin with an initial consultation in my office. I will review their treatment goals and health history, and take any necessary x-rays. From there we will schedule an appointment with Dr. Tyko.

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