

JEFFREY E. FELLNER DDS
DUSTIN PUTNAM, DMD
RONALD K. SHELLEY DMD MAGD

ARROWHEAD
LAKES DENTISTRY 

Arrowhead Lakes Dentistry Newsletter

In This Issue

[Mini-Implants](#)

March/2010

Quick Links

[Visit Our Website](#)

[Send us email](#)

Call Us at 623-362-9616

Join Our List

[Join Our Mailing List!](#)

Welcome to the first issue of our e-newsletter. We hope you find it enjoyable and informative. We welcome your feedback and opinion. Please let us know if there are any topics you would like us to discuss. We invite you to visit our recently revised and updated website, www.arrowheadlakesdentistry.com. Once again, please let us know your opinion of our website and how we may improve it and make it more helpful for you.

We obtained your email address when you registered at our office. If you prefer not to receive this e-newsletter, please select the Unsubscribe link at the bottom of this email. We will respect your choice and will remove your address.

Mini - Implants

The other day, one of our patients asked us about her Grandmother's problem. "She has worn dentures for a long time and now she just cannot chew her food well." She continued, "She says her lower denture slips and slides so much. It just plain hurts!"

The Problem

I bet I know the problem without looking in her mouth. Lower dentures by their nature never stay in place very well and then after several decades, there is no bone left for any stabilization of the denture. The bone in your jaw exists to support teeth. When the teeth goes away, bone follows. After a few decades, the lower edentulous (Latin for 'without teeth') jaw can be almost flat.

Before I could offer a suggestion, she added, "I wish she could afford dental implants -- I know that would fix the problem." Definitely, conventional dental implants could help, but there is an alternative: mini-implants.

The Solution

Mini-implants are still dental implants, but as the name implies, they are smaller. The diameter of a mini-implant is 1.8 millimeters--that's small. They work as follows:

- The lower jaw is numbed.
- A small pilot hole is placed thru the gum tissue into the bone.
- The mini-implant is threaded into the hole, leaving a ball shaped head exposed.
- Then steps two and three are repeated until (usually) four implants are in place.
- Metal housing with rubber O-rings are placed over the heads of the mini-implants.
- Then using the existing lower denture, the metal housings are captured inside of the lower denture. Once the denture is cleaned and polished, we are finished.



Our patient goes home with a retentive, secure lower denture -- all in about one hour during one visit to our dental office. Four mini-implants and a retro-fitted lower denture for the cost of about one conventional implant.

After explaining this procedure, our patient remarked, "I am going to tell my grandmother about mini-implants ... they could be the solution to her problem." If you would like to know more about mini-implants, visit our [website](#) or give our office a call at 623-362-9616. We would love to answer any questions.

We wish you good health,

Sincerely,

Ronald Shelley DMD
Arrowhead Lakes Dentistry PC

[Forward email](#)

✉ **SafeUnsubscribe®**

This email was sent to ronald.shelley@gmail.com by aldentistry@gmail.com.
[Update Profile/Email Address](#) | Instant removal with [SafeUnsubscribe™](#) | [Privacy Policy](#).

Email Marketing by



Arrowhead Lakes Dentistry PC | 20265 N 59th Avenue, Suite B5 | Glendale | AZ | 85308