



A Smile Worth Waiting For: Michael Hamblen's Full-Mouth Implant Journey

By Dr. Tamer Eshra

For years, Michael Hamblen avoided smiling.

"I was embarrassed by my teeth," he says. "I would literally compose my face and avoid situations where people could see them."

His wife encouraged him for years to do something about his smile, but Michael never realized how many options were available—or how dramatically modern dentistry could change his life.

"I had bad teeth from birth," he explains. "I just didn't know there was a process that could completely reinvent my smile."

Everything changed during a routine dental appointment at Park Family and Cosmetic Dentistry.

"I was there for a regular cleaning and finally asked Dr. Eshra what my options were," Michael recalls. "He sat down with me and explained everything."

According to Michael, Dr. Eshra presented three treatment options, carefully discussing the benefits, longevity, and costs associated with each.

"There was never any pressure," he says. "He explained the pros and cons of each choice and answered all my questions. After learning more about the options, I decided that full-mouth dental implants were the best long-term solution for me."

What Are Full-Mouth Dental Implants?

Full-mouth dental implants are an advanced restorative treatment designed for patients who have multiple failing, damaged, or missing teeth. Rather than relying on removable dentures, dental implants use titanium posts that are surgically placed into the jawbone to serve as artificial tooth roots. A custom-designed arch of replacement teeth is then attached to the implants, creating a stable, natural-looking smile.

Research has shown that dental implants have very high long-term success rates in many patients when properly maintained. In addition to restoring appearance, implants can improve chewing ability, speech, comfort, and overall quality of life.

For Michael, the decision was easy once he understood the long-term benefits.

"I am so glad I chose implants," he says. "I would do it all over again in a heartbeat."



The Journey

The transformation was a significant commitment that unfolded over an extended period of time, but Michael says the results made every step worthwhile. Throughout the process, the team carefully coordinated multiple procedures to help make treatment as efficient and seamless as possible. Michael was also given several options to ensure his comfort throughout treatment.

"One thing that surprised me most was how comfortable the entire process was," Michael says. "I never felt pain—even during the extractions. That was something I was nervous about beforehand, but Dr. Eshra and the team took excellent care of me."

Patients undergoing complex treatment may choose from a variety of comfort options, including different levels of sedation. Michael elected to remain fully awake during his procedures and was pleasantly surprised by how easy the experience was.

"And look at the results," he says. "It was absolutely worth it."

The Power of a Great Team

While Michael is thrilled with his new smile, he is equally appreciative of the people who helped him achieve it.

"Dr. Eshra and his team are so patient and thorough," he says. "Miriam and Gigi are both excellent at their jobs. Together they make the perfect team."

Throughout the process, Michael says he always felt informed, supported, and comfortable.

"They genuinely care about their patients," he says. "You can tell they want the best outcome possible."

A New Reason to Smile

Today, Michael finds himself doing something he avoided for much of his life—smiling.

"Now I just can't stop smiling," he says with a laugh. The confidence he has gained extends far beyond his appearance.

"When you're embarrassed by your teeth, it affects more than just your smile. It affects how you interact with people and how you feel about yourself. Having this work done has changed all of that."

When asked what he would tell someone considering dental implants, his answer is immediate.

"Don't wait as long as I did," he says. "Talk to Dr. Eshra and learn what your options are. I would recommend Dr. Eshra and his team to take care of all your dental needs."

For Michael, the investment of time was well worth the reward.

After years of hiding his smile, he now wears it proudly every day.

About Tamer Eshra, DDS

Dr. Tamer Eshra combines advanced training with a gentle, patient-first approach. With decades of expertise in cosmetic, restorative, bone augmentation, sinus lift and implant dentistry, he creates healthy, natural-looking smiles through precision and artistry. Licensed and offering IV, oral and nitrous sedation, Dr. Eshra helps even the most anxious patients feel calm and comfortable. His compassionate care and clear communication make every visit a positive, stress-free experience.



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