

**IS AGE A  
DETERRENT ?**

No! Health is a deterrent. Many people seventy and eighty years of age are a better surgical risk than someone years younger who has everything physically wrong with him. Older people are more likely to need implants because they have lost more teeth, and have lost more ridge. As long as you live and breathe and are important to someone, you owe it to yourself and family and friends to take the best care of yourself that you possibly can. Incidentally, what is good age for a heart or kidney transplant or a coronary by-pass? If you needed such an operation to stay alive or improve the quality of your life, would you refuse because of age?

**REJECTION BY  
THE BODY ?**

Implants are made of biologically compatible materials which have undergone extensive testing over a period of several years in research laboratories using animals. Since these materials are largely metal, titanium, vitallium, etc., and have never been living tissue, there is no likelihood of causing an antigen-antibody response which could cause rejection similar to that which sometimes occurs with heart and kidney transplants.

**CAN IMPLANTS  
CAUSE CANCER ?**

There are no instances which has been reported in the dental literature in which dental implants have ever been reported as being the cause of cancer.

**HOW IS AN  
IMPLANT INSERTED ?**

Although there are many types of implants, the types can be divided into two basic groups -- those that are inserted in the bone, and those that are placed over the bone. In both instances, the implants are placed under the tissue, and extend through the tissue into the mouth.

**DECISIONS --**

If you have decided that you want to be considered as an implant candidate, and you feel that psychologically it will be no emotional problem for you to have implants, then you can be encouraged from the fact that there are many people in this country and throughout the world who have had hip transplants, pins placed in the hips, kidney and heart transplants, and cornea transplants with excellent results. If you do not feel that you have adequate emotional stability to undergo similar treatment, then I would advise you against having an implant.

**GUARANTEE --**

There is no way that we can guarantee anything which goes into the mouth, and which is under the control of the patient. The physician does not tell you that the transplanted heart, the kidney transplant, or the coronary by-pass will keep you alive for any specified period of time. We can only tell you that we will endeavor to place the implant