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Dear Patient:

It is my policy to give patients who are considering dental implants a written explanation about implants and some of their possible problems.

First, you should understand that your missing teeth could be replaced by other methods such as removable partials, full dentures, or in some cases, fixed bridgework.

Dental implants have been approved by the American Dental Association for use "in selected cases in which the relative merits of benefits and risks are carefully evaluated and fully discussed with the patient". In view of this recommendation, I would like for you to be aware that there are some problems that could possibly occur with an implant.

The implant can be lost similar to a tooth that has gum disease, especially if you develop habits such as clenching your teeth which places excessive force on the implant, or if you have poor oral hygiene around the implant. As in any surgery, there are always possibilities of complications such as bleeding, post operative infection and temporary or permanent numbness from nerve damage. There is also a rare possibility of breakage of the implant or bone.

If I recommend the removal of part or all of the implant, it is very important that you follow the recommendation so that no damage will be done by prolonged retention of a failing implant.

I do not anticipate any of the above problems, but you should be aware that they are possible. I have observed implants such as the one recommended for you in service for many years and there is no reason to believe that they will fail in the near future.

If you have any questions, please feel free to discuss them with me.

Sincerely,

*R. Tyler Wohrman, D.D.S.*

I have read the above letter carefully and understand its contents.

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