‘An impossible dream’

Elizabeth Scotland still has one of first osseointegrated dental implants in New England, placed in 1983

SHARON, MASS. — The idea that a titanium dental implant could integrate with her jaw bone and give her back the teeth she had lost to periodontal disease once seemed an impossible dream to 87-year-old Elizabeth Scotland.

She had come to the United States with her late husband, Frank, in 1957, seeking opportunities in his chosen trade—tool making. The Scotlands knew there was demand for skilled toolmakers in the Boston area, and he quickly found work and then moved up the ladder at Gillette.

She suffered with a dental plate, almost unable to eat many of the foods she liked.

“I knew there must be something better than the dental plate I had, but to be honest, I thought I’d be gone by the time they got something,” Mrs. Scotland said.

In the early 1980s, she started inquiring and heard about the new osseointegrated dental implant then available from a U.S. training center established by Dr. Paul Schnitman at Harvard University.

“I so wanted to have implants. I used to read about them,” Mrs. Scotland said. She went to see Dr. Schnitman, who was looking for a patient for his first Brånemark osseointegrated dental implant (named for its Swedish founder, Professor Per Ingvar Brånemark).

“I was just back from the first North American Brånemark training session in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and looking for patients. Mrs. Scotland was a perfect first patient,” Dr. Schnitman remembers. He still sees Mrs. Scotland in his private practice in Wellesley Hills, Mass.

In 1983, he replaced her lower dental plate with five lower implants. When the implants healed and the bone fused with them, porcelain crowns were added, and she still has them today. She received one of the first Brånemark implants done in New England.

“It was heaven. I could eat anything with no problem,” Mrs. Scotland says. "She was the perfect patient," Dr. Schnitman remembers.

Dr. Paul Schnitman placed Elizabeth Scotland’s implants in 1983. It was his first time placing implants, and the implants remain in place today.

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manage a Gillette factory there. “Now I could go anywhere with confidence,” she said.

Though implants can be more costly than some dental therapies, Mrs. Scotland does not regret the cost. “I’m just very grateful to have them done. I always try to buy the best, even when buying a small thing for the kitchen. Buy the best,” she said.

About the doctor
Dr. Schnitman currently practices in Wellesley Hills and teaches implant treatment planning, surgery and restoration to advanced graduate periodontal and prosthodontics residents at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine. He is the recipient of Harvard’s Distinguished Faculty Award and the American Academy of Implant Dentistry’s highest awards: The Gershkoff and The Lew Awards.

His practice, Dental Implants of Boston (www.dentalimplantsboston.com), Wellesley Hills Medical Center, Suite 202, Wellesley Hills, 781-235-9388), specializes in dental implants and “creating beautiful smiles.” The practice combines Dr. Schnitman’s expertise in both the surgical and restorative aspects of implant dentistry. Dental Implants of Boston provides a full range of dental procedures, from preventive care to the highest level of refinement in cosmetic and restorative dentistry, says Dr. Schnitman.

The practice is committed to providing alternative treatment plans to ensure that patients have every opportunity to understand and participate in their treatment.

(Source: Dental Implants of Boston)

‘She was the perfect patient.’

~ Dr. Paul Schnitman

Elizabeth Scotland's new smile.

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sonalized training in small-group settings. The course is a cooperative effort of the Jamaican Ministry of Health, the University of Technology, School of Dental Sciences, Kingston, Jamaica, and the American Academy of Implant Prosthodontics.

Dr. Mike Shulman is course coordinator, Dr. Leonard I. Linkow is course director and Dr. Sheldon Winkler is course advisor. Course faculty, in addition to Drs. Shulman, Linkow and Winkler, included Drs. Robert Braun, Ira L. Eisenstein, E. Richard Hughes, Charles S. Mandell, Harold F. Morris, Peter A. Neff, Robert Russo and Robert E. Weiner.

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The next AAIP/ADIS implant seminars in Jamaica is scheduled for Oct. 18-22 (basic implant dentistry-level 1). Complete information can be obtained from the course website, www.adiseminars.com, or by calling (201) 788-7663.

The theme for ICOI’s 30th World Congress is “International Innovation and Perspectives for Implant Reconstruction,” and it will feature a world-class international faculty. The scientific program was designed by Dr. Scott Ganz from Fort Lee, N.J., and Dr. Ady Palti of Baden-Baden, Germany.

The Scientific Committee, in concert with the co-hosts for this World Congress, the Turkish Society of Oral Implantology and the Meffert Implant Institute, has put together a lineup of speakers who will present on topics such as immediate loading, bone grafting, three-dimensional imaging, guided-surgical applications, occlusion and more.

Main Podium lecturers include Drs. Shinichi Abe from Japan, Volkan Arisan from Turkey, Nabil Barakat from Lebanon, Georg Bayer from Germany, Fred Bergman from Germany, David Garber from the United States, Aslan Godbuget from Turkey, Cuneyt Karabuda from Turkey, Christian Makary from Lebanon, Stavros Pelekanos from Greece, Marco Rinaldi from Italy, Nigel Saynor from the United Kingdom, Georgios Romans from the United States, Avi Schetrit from the United States, Debrah Schwartz-Arad from Israel, Gerard Scortecchi from France, Marius Steigmann from Germany, Ion Suzuki from the United States, Istvan Urban from Hungary and Gerlieg Widmann from Austria.

The Congress will convene at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 3. However, on Thursday morning, delegates will get the opportunity to attend several pre-congress courses given by the congress’ sponsors. Scientific table clinics and poster presentations will also be a part of the program. Those interested in presenting either a poster or table clinic should visit the ICOI website, www.icoi.org, for guidelines and application forms or e-mail Dr. Avi Schetrit at dravi@perio.org.

The social event of the World Congress will be held at the Palas Cahid as congress attendees take over the whole club. This popular night spot is located near the convention center, but buses will take guests there, leaving from the convention center at 7:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4. Cocktails will be served starting at 8 p.m., followed by dinner. A stage show will entertain the guests until midnight.

For complete information on ICOI’s World Congress XXX, visit www.icoi.org. The ICOI is based in Upper Montclair, N.J.

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Clinicians offer reviews of new E4D NEVO Scanner and Design Center

‘Fast, ‘accurate’ and ‘enhanced patient comfort, dentists say

Dental professionals in the United States recently got a sneak peak of the new E4D® NEVO™ Scanner and Design Center, created by D4D Technologies and distributed exclusively by Henry Schein, Inc.

The product, unveiled last month at Henry Schein Dental’s National Sales Meeting, received rave reviews by dental professionals who were system for the first time, the company said.

Gary Kaye, DDS, FAGD, founder and principal dentist of New York City-based Kaye Dentistry, recently hosted a hands-on demonstration of NEVO for leading dental professionals.

“The technology that E4D has developed, particularly the scanner, is just incredible,” Dr. Kaye said. “Scanning inside the mouth with most systems is very difficult to do. With NEVO, one of my associates and I scanned the new and, after just a few minutes, was immediately getting outstanding and accurate results.”

That new associate, Sarah Jafari-Namini, DMD, MS, who specializes in prosthodontics, offered up her assessment.

“The system was very easy to use,” Dr. Jafari-Namini said. “The handpiece is much lighter than before, which made it easier for the patient and me, and the speed of the NEVO E4D system is outstanding.”

“The early reviews of E4D NEVO are terrific, and we at Henry Schein Dental are very proud to be exclusively offering this new solution to our customers,” said Tim Sullivan, president, Henry Schein North America Dental Group. “The introduction of E4D NEVO requires the support of a knowledgeable team working together to ensure that dental teams across the United States see and understand the product’s considerable benefits to patients. We look forward to bringing E4D NEVO into our customers’ practices.”

Among the other professionals who participated in the sneak preview were: Dr. Bryan Couch, DDS, from Complete Smiles Dentistry, Texas; Dr. Curtis Jansen, DDS, from CEI Dentistry, California; Dr. Alex Schaap, DDS, from Kaye Dentistry, New York; and Dr. Edmond Sub, DDS, from Suprema Dentistry, North Carolina.

“How can dentists treat their patients better? Well, this is one CAD/CAM technology that they should be looking at,” Dr. Couch said.

The new NEVO system is “very fast, very forgiving, and the ease feature is over the top,” Dr. Jansen said.

“As the technology advances, I think it’s a winner,” Dr. Schaap said.

“For years, the industry has been on the precipice of fully embracing digital chairside dentistry,” Dr. Sub said. “NEVO should give those who have been tentative the ability and confidence to now jump.”

“We are very pleased to hear positive reviews from experienced, highly regarded dental professionals who recognize the critical importance of CAD/CAM technology for both the practitioner and patient,” said Gary Severson, DDS, chief marketing officer, D4D Technologies. “With NEVO, practitioners can be confident that they are providing the highest quality patient care with exceptional patient comfort. We are delighted to hear our first NEVO users confirming these qualities.”

The E4D NEVO Scanner and Design Center will be featured at the E4D Business of Dentistry conference in Las Vegas from Aug. 8-10. For more information, visit www.businessofdentistry.e4d.com.

For more information about the E4D NEVO Scanner and Design Center, visit www.E4D.com or www.henryscheindental.com.

About E4D NEVO Scanner and Design Center

“The NEVO Scanner technology is based upon years of experience with powder-free image capture in the intraoral environment and is the first scanner to use E4D’s pioneering blue laser technology, which provides exceptional quality of data capture, video-rate speed and ease of use, according to the company.

“The NEVO Scanner employs blue laser technology that features an improved ability to capture the fine details that allow for more precise and accurate prosthodontic work,” the company said.

“The solid-state NEVO Scanner incorporates many other advances to ensure an exceptional intraoral scanning experience. These include fog-free scanning, ergonomic design for easy positioning, removable tips for infection control, active heat dissipation for full-arch scanning, color-coded feedback to operator and adjustable field of view.

“The new E4D NEVO Design Center is a laptop computer that uses high-speed Thunderbolt™ technology with the NEVO Scanner to provide more energy and double the bandwidth of USB 3 connections, resulting in fast processing and alignment of scans. Plug and-play convenience gives dental offices the flexibility to customize their E4D NEVO configuration, thereby enhancing the restorative workflow across the entire practice.

The E4D NEVO Design Center enhances the practitioner increased flexibility and portability. Dentists can easily move the E4D NEVO Design Center from operatory to operatory, or even among multiple offices, all while wirelessly connected to the milling center for maximum productivity and patient service, the company said.

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