

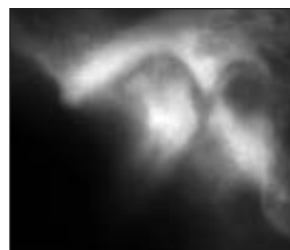
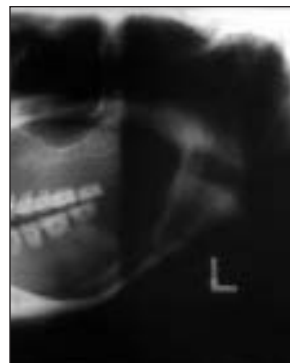
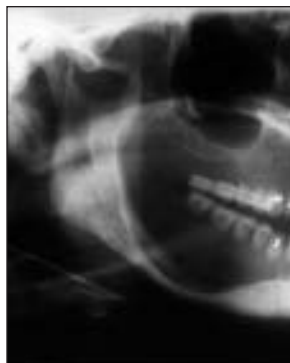
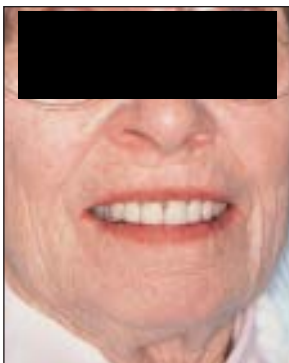
Case History 1

This case history involves a healthy, 72-year-old widow who has been edentulous for more than 30 years. You have monitored her adaptive denture-wearing experience for more than a decade. However, recurrent functional problems related to her mandibular denture's increasing lack of stability now demand your attention. Her concerns have persisted despite relining this prosthesis with a Molloplast (silicone) liner 6 months ago.

She is mobile, financially independent, and recently moved to a seniors' home located close to where one of her daughters lives. Her medications are for the management of osteoarthritis (OA) and

degenerative arthritis (DA) in her hands and knees, moderate high blood pressure, osteoporosis, and gastric reflux disease. Her primary care physician monitors her health on a regular basis. She was diagnosed with an OA/DA temporomandibular disorder several years earlier, but has not had any signs or symptoms since then other than occasional bilateral clicking.

Several of her contemporaries have already undergone dental implant therapy for similar dental complaints. She is interested in learning more about the procedure and its prognosis, plus her candidacy for such an intervention.



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