

Uppers are from Mars, Lowers are from Venus: Overdenture Solutions

It is clear that overdentures are an improvement over conventional dentures, but we'll clarify how many implants are necessary – and in what locations. We'll define the differences between the arches to clarify the need for different approaches in each arch. We'll separate many overdenture attachment options into simple categories to understand their similarities, differences and create guidelines for selecting one versus another. We'll review risk and benefits of case designs, implant types and attachment choices.

Learning Objectives:

- Clarify the difference between overdentures and how each arch needs a different design.
- Like real estate, it's all about location, location, location – planning implant positions.
- Understand the different categories of attachment and learn if one better than another.

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