

## **Dental Implant Costs - Now Less Expensive In the UK than Abroad**

*UK dental implant provider - Dentalcare Plus – has lowered their prices to compete directly with the cost of receiving dental implants in Eastern Europe.*

December 12, 2011 (FPRC) -- UK citizens do not need go abroad any more to receive affordable dental implants. A UK based cosmetic dentistry provider Dentalcare Plus now offer more cost-effective dental implants than ever before.

Over the past decade, many UK citizens have visited countries such as Thailand, Poland, Bulgaria and Hungary to receive low cost dental implants. The strong pound and the rise of discount airlines are the factors that make the treatment appear cost-effective. But if such cost savings can be secured right here in England why would anyone want to go anywhere else?

Dentalcare Plus has significantly lowered the prices of its dental implants. It currently has three clinics in the south of England – Cornwall, Bristol and in the Near London area, with a new clinic opening in Harley Street soon. This really puts patients in a dilemma – will an overseas dental tourism trip be cost-effective now that cheaper implants are available in the UK?

Although the many overseas dental companies claim that dental treatment abroad is less expensive, it is important for the prospective patient to make their own evaluation to understand whether it would be less expensive than competitively priced implant treatment in the UK.

When planning to go abroad, it is not just the cost of the implant which needs to be considered, but also the travel charges, meals, accommodation, miscellaneous expenses and of course the income which could be lost from staying off work for so many days.

Secondly, dental implant treatment seldom requires only a single visit, resulting in further overseas travel costs. Generally, dental implant procedures require three days of visiting the dental practice at various times of the year. So the costs of the outbound and return flight, accommodation, meals and related expenses as multiplied three times.

For the visits involving surgery - particularly when the implant is being placed - it is essential to spend a minimum of three days in the country following the surgery, as airlines do not allow post-operative patients to travel due to a risk of increased blood flow resulting from the low air pressure in the cabin of a jet flying at approximately 35,000 feet.

There is also the problem of being unable to verify the capability of foreign dental surgeons. Each country would have its own standards of assessing dental surgeon competencies. While these standards are stringent in countries such as UK, USA, Australia and western European nations, it can often be difficult to determine if dental tourism destinations such as Poland, Bulgaria, Hungary and Thailand have such stringent regulations in place, and even if there are, whether the clinic is following them.

Some dental practices outside the UK jurisdiction get away with issues which would usually attract the interest of Trading Standards, with some dental tourists reportedly being drawn in by

photographs of apparently world class facilities but then finding the actual clinic to be considerably less well equipped.

With Dentalcare Plus, or indeed any UK dental practice, safety is assured due to organizations such as the General Dental Council (GDC) strictly regulating the British dental industry. It is also important to consider the level of after-care treatment which is available. Many complications which arise later are often not resolved by the foreign dental clinic which provided the initial treatment, as it is not always feasible or cost-effective to book hotel rooms and flights to correct the problems.

Dental implant treatment from Dentalcare Plus is now more cost-effective than receiving the treatment abroad, considering the expense involved in making overseas trips for treatment. With a lower overall cost, the additional assurance of the competency of dental surgeon and high standard of aftercare in the UK, the making the choice between receiving implants here or abroad has never been easier.

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