

"A day can make all the difference when it comes to restoring your smile."

—THOMAS J. BALSHI, DDS, FACP



TEETH IN A DAY

According to Dr. Balshi, "Teeth in a Day," one of the practice's driving axioms, reflects the doctors' shared goal with each patient they treat: "to restore function and esthetic quality in a single-day procedure." "Our systematic treatment plans enable us to restore a broken smile without the need for frequent appointments," says Dr. Balshi. "Using a rigid acrylic or titanium framework supported by implants, the process is expedited for immediate function." Dr. Balshi creates a visual image: "Picture a picket fence with each picket representing a tooth. The fence post goes into the ground, which in this instance is the jawbone, and the framework is the cross member." "It provides those whose teeth cannot be saved with a permanent solution," adds Dr. Wolfinger. "We remove the natural teeth and clean the mouth, then fix the dental implants into the bone and connect the new set of teeth," he says. "Patients are left with functional new smiles that look and feel like natural teeth."

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Thirty-five years ago, while still in his residency, Dr. Thomas J. Balshi dreamed of building a multidisciplinary research and treatment center dedicated to helping people restore clinically functional, esthetic smiles. Today, the Pi Dental Center at the Institute for Facial Esthetics enjoys an international reputation, with a multi-lingual staff of 40, two on-site labs and more than 25 years of experience in dental implant procedures and research.

Working with Dr. Glenn J. Wolfinger, Dr. Balshi prides himself on the vast array of services they offer. In addition to implant prosthodontics, the practice works closely with other dental specialists. According to Dr. Wolfinger, most patients they see undergo extreme smile makeovers. "Many have advanced periodontal disease, or imperfect or missing teeth as a result of congenital abnormalities, trauma, decay or natural aging," says the Tufts University-trained prosthodontist who participates in various research studies. "We comprehensively treat the functional and foundation issues." The doctors were featured on "Good Morning America" in 2005—performing a live surgical procedure—and have popularized the "Teeth In an Hour" and their "Teeth In a Day" dental makeover techniques and protocols which, Dr. Balshi has lectured on to graduate students from Harvard and Tufts, as well as many other institutions worldwide. "We do exciting research here," notes Dr. Balshi, lead author of the informative consumers book, "A Patient's Guide to Dental Implants." "We blend bio-medically engineered structures with artistically sculpted restorations, allowing for foundation and beautification simultaneously." Subsequently, the center is a recognized hub for advanced dental esthetics. "Patients come to us knowing they have a problem, but not the scope of the problem," says Dr. Balshi. Both doctors share a common philosophy: There is always a solution. "We make dramatic transformations, creating beautiful smiles in just a few hours."

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