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**Practicing dentistry:**

20 years (his dad Maurice founded Tischler Dental and has been practicing for 50 years)

**Dental school:**

Georgetown University.

**Out-of-the-office life:**

When he's not chairside, you might find him out in the woods with a camera. Tischler is an accomplished landscape photographer; his mural-sized photos grace many of the walls of Tischler Dental. Focusing mostly on the Catskills, he creates limited-edition landscapes that are timeless, often-breathtaking works of art. To see examples of his photos, visit [www.tischlerphotos.com](http://www.tischlerphotos.com).

**Michael Tischler, D.D.S., F.A.G.D. on Dental Implants**

“What’s really exciting to me now are dental implants,” says Dr. Michael Tischler of Tischler Dental in Woodstock. He notes that, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, nearly one-quarter of adults in New York over age 65 have lost all their teeth. “And when you’re missing your teeth, your whole lifestyle is affected and your nutritional intake is diminished. It’s a very serious situation.”

Dental implants — titanium posts anchored into the jaw to support artificial teeth — are a high-tech alternative to conventional dentures and bridges, Tischler says. “An implant can replace one tooth, or every tooth in the mouth can be done; there are many options.” Besides being more attractive, implants are superior to bridgework in several respects: Surrounding teeth are not usually affected by the insertion of an implant (they must often be ground down to support a bridge); and the bone around the root of the replaced tooth is less likely to resorb (or deteriorate) when an implant is used.

Tischler, an international lecturer and recognized authority in the fields of implants and dental bone grafting, is one of just 400 implant dentists worldwide to be credentialed by the American Board of Oral Implantology/Implant Dentistry.

His expertise extends to his offices, too. Tischler Dental’s 10,000-square-foot Ulster County facility contains one of the only dedicated dental-implant suites in the Hudson Valley, complete with its own CT machine. “This allows us to plan the entire implant procedure, using a 3-D, computer-guided process, with a much more predictable outcome,” he says.

Implants are among a wide range of choices now available in restorative and cosmetic dentistry — from tooth whitening to porcelain veneers. “Cosmetic dentistry techniques continue to improve. They include metal-free crowns, more durable veneers — overall, we can get an excellent aesthetic result that looks completely natural,” he says. And when it comes to preventing tooth loss in the first place, new treatments, such as PerioLase — an FDA-approved laser procedure — are a boon to patients who, in the past, might have needed sometimes-painful gum surgery. “The laser actually removes bacteria from the gums without my having to perform any suturing. In fact, I no longer do any gum surgery here because of this technique. That’s major! A lot of people have gum disease, and it can affect the health of the entire body. So it’s especially important to take care of gum problems as soon as possible.”