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## **OHIO ORAL SURGEON'S NEW BOOK DEMYSTIFIES LIFE- CHANGING DENTAL IMPLANT TECHNOLOGY**

**CLEVELAND, Ohio** -- David Hanbury was born with a genetic disorder that left him as a teenager with a mouth full of worn-out baby teeth. Because of poor dental care as a child, Martha Schaffran was wearing a denture by the time she was in her 30s; within a few years, it was causing her agonizing pain. Elizabeth Lovsin was shot in the face in a tragic accident that shattered all but four of her lower molars.

Despite their misfortune, all three individuals today have beautiful teeth that allow them to eat, speak, smile, and talk with complete confidence. The technological breakthrough that has made this possible is the modern dental implant. The stories of Hanbury, Schaffran, and Lovsin, along with other inspiring anecdotes, are recounted in *As Good As New: A Consumer's Guide to Dental Implants*.

The author, Charles A. Babbush D.D.S., is a Cleveland-area oral surgeon who recalls that his initial reaction to the idea of implants was to dismiss them as a fad. Dismayed by the lack of scientific research into their reliability, Babbush devised an experiment that involved elderly dogs that were involved in unrelated medical research. He anesthetized the animals, extracted two worn and yellow/brown teeth on each side of their lower jaws, and replaced the teeth with metal blade-type implants. After letting them heal, Babbush attached artificial teeth that enabled the dogs to chew. To his astonishment, none of the implants failed, as he had expected would happen. Indeed, after 18 months, the caps and bridges were still serving the animals well.

That was in 1968. Babbush subsequently became one of the pioneering surgeons providing implants to American patients. Today he calculates that he has placed thousands of them. The author of three scientific books and more than 50 articles on the subject, Babbush has also taught and lectured about implant dentistry worldwide. He is a clinical professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery at the Case Western Reserve University School of Dentistry.

In light of his experience in educating dentists and dental specialists about implants, Babbush says, "I've been troubled for a long time by the lack of information about implants available to the general public." In *As Good As New*, he makes that information available.

"In the face of the overwhelming need, it's a shame for anyone to miss out on the benefits of implants simply because they didn't know enough about them," says Babbush. "The dental profession has now agreed they're the standard of care."

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