The Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Manitoba, through the record-setting support of an alumnus, is pleased to announce the launch of a unique dental implant program targeting underserved populations.

Dr. Gerald Niznick (DMD 1966) has come forward with a $500,000 commitment to the Faculty of Dentistry to develop and launch a novel denture program that will demonstrate how modern, standardized and cost-effective dental implant procedures can and should be a part of conventional dental therapy available to and affordable by all. It is the largest gift ever received by the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Manitoba.

“At the same time, an important state-of-the-art educational curriculum component will be created at Canadian dental schools with the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Manitoba, establishing a leadership role in managing this unique program,” said Dr. Anthony Iacopino, Dean of Dentistry. “This would not be possible without the support of Dr. Niznick who has contributed generously to dental education and research of implant dentistry on a global basis, and will now provide a direct benefit for our local community.”

This three-year commitment, initially targeting First Nations populations, will see each participating dental school recruit an Implant Fellow to assist with the teaching, research, and service components of the program. Dental students and practicing professionals will be taught how to use these systems for denture patients both in preclinical and patient care settings.

“This program will be the first of its kind nationally or internationally and will provide an international leadership position for the Faculty of Dentistry in the area of implant dentistry,” Dean Iacopino said. “Our graduating students will be among the best prepared graduates for patient care in this increasingly important area of dental practice.”

Treatment will be provided for up to 30 patients in each university center annually. Outcomes will be reviewed and evaluated by Dr. Niznick and the University with the goal of expanding the program based on clinical results.

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Dr. Gerald Niznick with the President of University of Manitoba Canada (left) and the Dean of the Dental School of University of Manitoba (right)