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**Dr. Cserépfalvi Miklós**  
magyar orvos nagy sikere

Dr. Cserépfalvi Miklós magyar orvos, az 1956-os magyar forradalom menekültje, főorvosa a Washington D. C. gyermekkórház fogászati osztályának. Az Amerikai Magyar Orvosszövetség legutóbbi ülésén nagy előadásban számolt be a "fogátültetés" eddigi eredményeiről. Több, mint 200 fogátültetést végezt az

**259 Transplants**

# Doctor Here Paves Way for Tooth Bank

By Scripps-Howard Newspapers

Successful transplantation of 259 teeth in the last eight years was reported here today.

Dr. Miklós Cserépfalvi of 8105 Eastern-av, Silver Spring, who is both a physician and a dentist, said this could lead to the widespread establishment of tooth banks for humans.

The doctor started transplanting teeth from one person to another in 1955.

Since then, he said, he has succeeded in 259 of 285 attempts.

Dr. Cserépfalvi takes tooth buds from children who have too many teeth.

The buds—teeth which have not yet fully flowered—are "banked" in a salt solution for as long as six weeks, then planted in the mouths of patients who lack teeth.

He said the transplanted tooth usually takes hold in

about three weeks altho sometimes a wire splint is needed for about eight weeks to keep the tooth in place.

The tooth buds used for transplanting were obtained from children aged 7 to 9 with mouths too small to accommodate all of their teeth.

The buds were "un-erupted or partially erupted bicuspids." These are the teeth that sprout just beyond the eyeteeth.

For transplant purposes, the doctor said, it is important to cull the bicuspids out before they come all the way thru a child's gums.

According to the report, more than half of those getting tooth transplants are in the 25-44 age range. But about one-fourth are older, and a few are under 15.

Dr. Cserépfalvi, whose research has been aided by the Rockefeller Foundation, acknowledged "final proof of success" in transplanting teeth "must await continued observation of the patients."

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