

Information on your IMPLANT PLACEMENT

THIS INSTRUCTION SHEET WILL HELP YOU TO UNDERSTAND THE DENTAL IMPLANT PLACEMENT PROCEDURE.

1. Please have a good night's rest before the day of implant placement, and eat a nutritious breakfast or lunch.
2. A local anesthetic will be used.
3. A small incision will be made in your gums to obtain access to the location where implants will be placed.
4. Several sizes of small drills will be used to make precise, painless preparations in the locations where the implants will be placed.
5. Implants will be placed into the prepared sites.
6. Where the incision was made, your gum tissue will be sutured together to isolate the newly placed implants from oral fluids and foods. The stitches will dissolve by themselves, unless we advise you differently.
7. You will be asked to bite on gauze sponges for at least one half-hour after the implant placement to stabilize any incision and stop any slight blood flow.
8. You may be given prescriptions which should be filled and used immediately.
9. The local anesthetic will cause you to be numb for several hours after you leave the office. Be very careful not to bite, chew, pinch, or scratch the numb area. Sometimes the extraction causes residual numbness or tingling for six weeks or longer.
10. As soon as possible after treatment, place ice in a plastic bag and put it on and off the outside of your face for a few hours over the sites where the implants were placed. This reduces the potential swelling and bruising. However, you may still have some swelling and bruising for a few days.

11. Eat and drink only soft foods for a few days. The less force you put on the implant area for the next several days the better and faster the healing will be. Over 95% of implants are accepted well by the body, and only about one out of 20 is rejected and must be replaced.
12. We anticipate that these implants will serve you well for many years. Like anything, there is a chance the implant could fail. If that is the case, you as the patient would be responsible for the cost of the implant removal and materials used for bone preservation.

PLEASE CALL OUR OFFICE IF YOU HAVE:

- uncontrollable pain
- excessive or severe bleeding
- marked fever
- excessive warm swelling occurring a few days after the procedure
- reactions to medications, especially rash, itching, or breathing problems

IF YOU ARE HAVING ANY OF THESE REACTIONS WHEN OUR OFFICE IS CLOSED, PLEASE VISIT YOUR CLOSEST HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOM.

Following our instructions very closely will greatly help your comfort, and promote healing of the area. If any of the post-care instructions are not followed, you might have significantly more discomfort, and the success of the procedure may be affected.

OFFICE HOURS:

MON-THUR: 8am-5pm

**Lunch hour 1pm-2pm*

FRI: 8am-1pm

SAT-SUN: CLOSED



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