

D DENTAL IMPLANTS

THESE ARE PROCEDURE-SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS THAT ACCOMPANY THE "POST-OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS" BROCHURE

The post-operative course for dental implants is typically easy with little swelling or pain. However, if pain or swelling is present, it will usually subside after 3-5 days. The healing area should be pain-free. If you have any swelling or pain after 1 week, call the doctor immediately.

Dental Implants may be covered with your gum tissue or exposed.

Covered Implant: If your implant was covered, please avoid chewing in the area and refer to the Post-Operative Instruction brochure.

A covered implant will require an exposure procedure in the coming months.

Exposed Implant: If your implant is exposed, you will see a silver post (implant temporary abutment) appearing through the gum tissue. Please follow these additional instructions:

Avoid hard or crunchy foods in the area: pressure from chewing hard or crunchy foods can cause the implant to move. If this occurs, the implant will likely fail and may require removal and replacement.

Begin brushing the exposed silver portion 1 week after the procedure. Initially, it is common to see some bleeding of the gum tissue with the beginning of brushing. This will subside usually after 2 days of brushing.

Implant or Abutment Movement: If the implant begins to move, please call the doctor immediately. Pain will usually be present with implant movement.

The abutment is a temporary component which will eventually be replaced by the implant crown.

On occasion, the silver post (abutment) may loosen or come off. If this occurs, call the doctor immediately.

Removable Temporary Tooth: This may consist of a "flipper" to replace one, or several teeth, or a complete temporary removable denture. The removable temporaries have been adjusted to eliminate pressure on your implant or implants.

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Please keep any removable temporaries in your mouth for the first 2 days and nights. Therefore, if swelling develops, this will not affect the temporary. After swelling subsides, the temporary should be left out of your mouth at night.

Care instructions for the removable temporary will be given by your general dentist.

Any adjustments in your bite, or any adjustments required for additional comfort will also be managed by your restorative dentist.

You will be followed closely throughout the post-operative course. Before your dentist can begin fabricating your final implant crown, an implant stability check will be completed. This occurs 2-4 months after your implant procedure.

Fixed Temporary Tooth: Your dentist may have fabricated a temporary tooth that is attached to the implant. There are very special instructions for this temporary.

This temporary is purposely adjusted to look short, so that it will not make contact with any other teeth.

This temporary is only for appearance, and NOT for biting or chewing into food. Because this temporary is made of plastic, it may fracture or come off. Should this occur, call your dentist immediately

