

What you can expect from implant treatment

1. Dr. Priest and Dr. Smith practice a team approach to implant therapy. As Prosthodontists, Dr. Priest and Dr. Smith construct the restorations for the implants. However, the implant placement is performed by a periodontist or an oral surgeon.
2. If you do not have a relationship with an implant surgeon, the Doctor will recommend a periodontist or an oral surgeon with whom the Doctor has developed a long-standing collaborative relationship. However, it is ultimately your decision as to who will place the implant.
3. The surgical procedure usually requires only a local anesthetic and most patients can return to their normal routine the following day. You will need to have a consultation with your implant surgeon to receive specific information about the implant surgical procedure. The implant surgeon's fees are separate from the fees from our office and are provided directly from the implant surgeon's office.
4. We will provide you a temporary prosthesis that is usually worn immediately following implant placement. This restoration is usually worn for two to four months (or longer), until the jawbone attaches to the implants, a process known as osseointegration.
5. The temporary implant crown(s) or prosthesis, which is temporarily cemented, is not as durable as the permanent crown(s) or prosthesis. Eat soft foods while the temporary crown(s) or prosthesis is in place. Avoid chewing tough meats, hard breads, etc. until you receive the final crowns or prosthesis. In the unlikely event that a temporary implant crown or prosthesis breaks or becomes dislodged, please call the office. Bring the dislodged crowns or prosthesis with you to your appointment.
6. The temporary implant prosthesis is only an approximation of the permanent implant restoration. It does not have the color, fullness and texture of the final implant prosthesis. Be assured that we spend considerable time designing your final implant restoration and work with talented and artistic laboratory technicians who will fabricate natural appearing implant crowns and prostheses.
7. You may require some time to become accustomed to the changes in the feel, color, shape and size of your implant restoration, which may be significant. Your lips and tongue must also accommodate to the new dimensions.
8. The Doctor and you will evaluate the implant restoration prior to seating. Further color, shape and size changes would require removal of the implant restorations and would be subject to additional fees.
9. Implant crowns (or implant prostheses) are not meant to last a lifetime. Based on available published data, the typical lifespan is 10 years, but depending on your eating habits, oral hygiene and overall medical health, your implant restoration may last a shorter or longer period of time. Regular hygiene recall is essential to preserving your implant restorations.

I have reviewed this document with the patient.

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Dental Assistant's signature

Patient's signature

Print Name

Print Name

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