



BOND

FAMILY & IMPLANT DENTISTRY

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT DENTAL IMPLANTS

- **Is the procedure painful?** During the procedure, strong anesthetic is used to numb the entire area surrounding the implant site. In the days following the procedure, the vast majority of our implant patients report minimal soreness or discomfort, easily managed with over-the-counter medications.
- **How long will my implant last?** At 10 years after placement, about 94% of dental implants are still in function. In patients with uncontrolled or poorly managed diabetes, or patients who smoke, the chance for failure is increased. Dental implants can last a lifetime with healthy gums, good oral hygiene and good overall health.
- **Will my implant look like a real tooth?** Yes, it will have the same similar shape and color of a natural tooth.
- **Do I have to miss work?** Most patients do not miss work for more than the allotted appointment time. There is nothing about the procedure that requires missing work.
- **Will I need a driver to take me and pick me up from the appointment?** A driver is required only if you have chosen to be sedated for the procedure.
- **Am I going to have something sharp poking out of my gums?** No. You will likely have a small, smooth healing component covering the new implant.
- **Will I have a tooth the same day the tooth is extracted or when the implant is placed?** When your tooth is extracted and/or an implant is placed, there will not be a replacement tooth until after the required amount of healing time occurs, usually 3-4 months.
- **How long will the implant process take start to finish?** Usually around 3-4 months. If an existing tooth needs removal, we estimate a total treatment time of 6-8 months.
- **How do I take care of the implant?** Careful home care and regular professional cleanings are essential for good dental implant health. We recommend using an electric tooth brush and flossing daily. A Waterpik can also help keep the implant area clean.
- **Will the implant come out? Can the implant be taken out like a denture?** A successful implant integrates with the surrounding bone in such a way that it does not come out easily. The implant crown will be permanently cemented on top of the implant base.
- **Does my insurance cover any of the costs associated with an implant?** Every insurance plan is different, and some provide benefits towards dental implant treatment. Our office will give you an estimated cost for the treatment from start to finish based on the insurance information received from your insurance company.
- **Is there a payment plan option?** Yes, our treatment coordinator will help you with the financial aspects of the treatment.