

POST OP INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT YOUR IMPLANT PROSTHESIS*

(Prosthesis: the replacement tooth or teeth that are placed on top of the implant, for example a crown, bridge, or a denture.)

We have done our best to provide you with well-fitted, functional, and esthetic implant prosthesis. We feel confident that adjustment to these artificial teeth will be fast and that you will have many years of satisfaction and use from them. The following information is important for you to understand:

YOUR FIRST FEW WEEKS: For several days, please chew more carefully on these restorations than on natural teeth. We will adjust the bite (occlusion) on future appointments until it is very well balanced. After you have adjusted to the prosthesis, it should function in a very similar manner to natural teeth.

CLEANING THE IMPLANTS AND PROSTHESIS: The continuing success of the implant and prosthesis is up to you. Please do the following:

- Visit us for examination, scaling, and polishing at least once every 3-6 months.
- Clean the implants daily, especially before bedtime using the techniques directed by the doctor. These could include any or all of the following:
 - A. Floss
 - B. Bridge Cleaner
 - C. Toothbrush
 - D. Interplak mechanical toothbrush
 - E. Water Pik
 - F. Peridex (Chlorhexidine rinse)

Please ask us about anything that is unclear to you on the subject of cleanliness.

THE FUTURE: We need to see you at least every 3-6 months for examination and professional maintenance. These appointments are very important to the long-term success of your implant and prosthesis. You should expect many years of use and satisfaction from your prosthesis.

Please contact us if any of the conditions below occur:

- Feeling of looseness
- Peculiar taste
- Clicking or metallic snap while eating
- Breakage of a piece of the prosthesis
- Redness in the gum tissue around the implant
- Feeling of the bite being different
- Pain

We look forward to helping you enjoy your new and improved chewing ability and esthetics.