



### **In preparation for the implant:**

You will be given a prescription for antibiotics to be taken as labeled for 2 days before surgery and 5 days following surgery for a total of 7 continuous days of coverage and possibly a special mouth rinse. This is to minimize any chance of post-operative infection and to maximize your healing potential. We also recommend taking 600mg of Advil (or ibuprofen) 1 hr prior to surgery in order to minimize post-operative inflammation. Advil 600mg every 6 hrs for 2 days following surgery is also recommended then on an "as required" basis.

### **What to expect on the day of treatment:**

The implant being placed is sterile, biocompatible titanium and is designed to replace the root of a natural tooth. We will eventually attach a tooth crown onto the implant after the appropriate healing is complete, which is usually 4-6 months from surgery. It is important to note that we also use implants to attach onto dentures and bridges. Regardless of the final restoration, you should expect the same procedure when getting your implant placed.

The site where the implant is going will be frozen in the same fashion as if we were completing a filling or an extraction. A small incision will be made in the gum and the implant will be placed. This procedure is generally less traumatic than a routine extraction. You should feel no discomfort, but slight pressure and vibration is normal. An x-ray during and after the procedure should be expected in order to verify implant positioning.

### **What to expect when you are finished:**

You will leave the office with a small healing abutment made of smooth titanium, approximately the size of a pencil eraser, screwed into the top of implant with your gums healing around this. The majority of healing will be completed in the first 1-2 weeks however, it will take 4-6 months for the bone to heal around the implant. During this time we will periodically perform routine follow-ups and x-rays until we are satisfied that the implant is osseointegrated and ready to be restored. At that time, we will take an impression and make a crown.

*Note: Your dentist will always choose the best technique and approach for placing and restoring your implant. On some occasions the implant can be placed immediately after the tooth is extracted and sometimes a temporary tooth can be made that same day. These options will always be discussed in advance of your appointment.*

### **Payment:**

At the time of surgery you are required to pay the surgical costs associated with the implant(s). The remaining fees are associated with the prosthetic component, which may be a tooth crown, bridge or denture. The prosthetic costs will be billed once the final prosthesis is delivered which is generally 4-6 months after the implant was initially placed.

*Note: Depending on your specific insurance provider, it may be that you only receive your insurance payment for the surgical and prosthetic costs at the time the final tooth or prosthesis is delivered. Therefore, it is common to not receive any reimbursement related to the implant for a minimum of 4-6 months following the surgery.*

**You will be provided with post-operative instructions immediately after your surgery. However, if there are any questions leading up to or following your surgery please do not hesitate to contact us.**