

IMPLANT INFORMATION AND CONSENT FORM – CROWN/BRIDGE

Please be sure to read this form carefully before signing it and ask about anything that you do not understand. We will be more than happy to help as much as possible.

Expected Benefit: The purpose of dental implants is to allow me to have more functional artificial teeth and an improved appearance. The implants provide support, anchorage, and retention for the artificial tooth replacement.

Alternatives to implants:

- No treatment
- Denture (removable prosthesis)
- Tooth-supported bridge if feasible

Note: Continued wearing of ill-fitting appliances or leaving the site without implants can result in further damage to the bone and diminish eligibility for dental implant treatment in the future.

Risks and complications:

Complications can arise from the implant surgery itself, the anaesthetics or sedatives. The exact duration of complications cannot be determined and may be irreversible.

- Bleeding and post-surgical infection during/after surgical placement (we try to prevent this by creating a sterile environment)
- Risk of nerve damage for implants placed in the lower jaw (3D tomograph xray is taken to minimise this risk)
- Risk of implant perforating sinus when placed in upper jaw (low risk), sinus inflammation and/or infection.
- Implant failure – immediate
- Implant failure – Long term failure
- Peri-implantitis (gum disease around the implants causing loss of bone holding the implant in and gum inflammation, swelling, soreness).
- Risk of screw holding the crown in breaking or becoming damaged, leading to the crown becoming loose
- Risk of the crown placed on top of the implant chipping, fracturing, becoming worn or damaged.
- Post-operative swelling and pain, bruising, cracking or bruising of the corners of the mouth, sore joint or muscles from holding mouth open during surgery,
- Tooth sensitivity to hot, cold, sweet or acidic foods.
- Shrinkage of the gum upon healing resulting in elongation of some teeth and greater spaces between some teeth.
- Allergic reactions
- Accidental swallowing or inhalation of foreign matter.

Expected success rate: 90-95% however there is no guarantee or warranty. You may be the 5-10% of failure rate.

Although the likelihood of success is high, I hereby acknowledge that no guarantee, warranty or assurance has been given to me that the proposed treatment will be successful. Due to individual patient differences, we cannot predict certainty of success. There is a risk of failure and/or need for additional treatment or revision treatment despite the best care.

In such cases, implants may have to be removed and replaced. As each patient's conditions are unique, long term success may not occur for every case. I understand that my diligence in providing the personal daily care recommended is important to the ultimate success of the procedure.

Main Factors affecting success/increasing complication:

- **Smoking, vaping or nicotine consumption**
- **Medical conditions: Diabetes, collagen disorders, periodontal disease, bruxism (tooth grinding)**
- **Medications: bisphosphonates, denosumab, antiplatelets or anti-coagulants, previous head and neck radiation, chemotherapy**
- **Nutritional problems or deficiencies: Vitamin D deficiency, Calcium deficiency, Vitamin B deficiency**
- **High alcohol consumption**

Surgical phase of procedure:

The procedure will be completed under local anaesthetic. Anti-anxiolytic medications or happy gas (nitrous oxide) is available if required. An incision will be made to expose the bone, implant/s will be placed and position verified with xrays. Sutures will be placed which will either need to be removed at a future date or will self-dissolve.

We do our best to plan for any complications however we reserve the right to use our professional judgement on the day of surgery to modify the treatment plan, postpone or cancel implant placement if clinical circumstances require it. For example, sinus lift, bone grafting/modification or soft tissue grafting. These procedures may be done in conjunction with or separately from the implant placement. I understand that some implants require second stage surgeries to uncover the implant.

Healing Phase:

I understand that the healing phase of surgery (that is, until the implants are integrated with the bone and ready for loading) varies from patient to patient and case to case, but typically lasts between 3-6 months. More time may be required when bone grafts or sinus elevation is performed.

I understand that no force is to be placed over the surgical site for 6 weeks afterwards, which includes dentures, unless instructed otherwise. If an immediate restoration is placed over the site to give the appearance of a tooth, it is important that you understand that this puts the implant at risk. Pressure and movement must be reduced to an absolute minimum during the healing phase as bone will only form in a still environment. Too much movement during healing will cause early implant failure. It is

important to eat on the other side, not play with the site with my tongue, not wear denture if it touches the surgical site, avoid any trauma to the area.

I understand that **smoking and alcohol** will adversely affect healing. It has been advised that smoking be ceased, or, if this is not possible, be minimised for 3 to 4 weeks after. Smoking significantly impedes healing and integration of dental implants and bone/sinus grafts.

Necessary follow up care and self care:

I understand that it is important for me to have regular (6 monthly) reviews and dental care. Implants, natural teeth and appliances must be maintained daily in a clean and hygienic manner. I understand that failure to follow such recommendations could lead to negative consequences such as peri-implantitis, which would become my sole responsibility.

Pricing and Health Fund:

A formal quote with a breakdown of item codes and costs will be supplied to you. This quote is valid until the end of this calendar year.

Contact your health fund and quote the item codes supplied to see what they will pay (depends on your health fund, and level of cover). The placement of an implant screw is considered major dental and there is a limit of 1 per year, as is the crown on top. Thus to gain the most from your health fund, you may want to split this over two years.

Consent

I have been fully informed of the nature of implant surgery, the procedure to be utilised, the risks and benefits of implant surgery and the selected anaesthesia, the alternative treatments available and the necessity of follow up and self –care. After thorough deliberation, I hereby consent to dental implant surgery and any associated treatment on my treatment plan such as sinus lift/bone graft/gum grafts.

Signed:

Patient Name:

DOB:

Date:

Dentist:

☐ I consent "Marius Street Family Dental" to use any photographs or videos taken of myself or my treatment. My name will not be used, nor any personal or medical details used. I understand that the photos or videos may be used on social media, our website or during the explanation of similar treatment to other patients.