

IMPLANT CROWN

Post-Care Instructions

Implant crowns usually take a couple of appointments to complete.

FIRST APPOINTMENT: Implant parts are placed onto the implant and an impression is taken so the final implant crown and custom abutment can be fabricated.

SECOND APPOINTMENT: The final implant crown and custom abutment will be delivered upon fabrication at which point you will have the opportunity to view and approve the color, shape, and bite (adjustments may be needed during this visit or subsequent visits if you are numb).

Bite Adjustments following Final Delivery

- During your procedure, we check to make sure your bite feels right following an implant crown delivery. If your bite feels uneven or uncomfortable please call our office so we can get you scheduled for a quick adjustment.

Home Care and Maintenance:

- Avoid eating hard foods (nuts, ice, hard candy), maintain oral hygiene (brush 2x day, floss at least 1x day), and come for periodic hygiene visits as recommended to contribute to crown longevity.
- Night guards may be recommended at an additional cost to preserve my teeth. Bruxism (tooth grinding) is damaging to all teeth including implant crowns. Uncontrolled bruxism may result in reduced useful life of the implant and/or failure and require a redo at the cost of the patient.
- Smoking, excessive alcohol consumption, chewing hard foods such as ice or hard candy, may result in damage to my implants, implant crown/bridge, and may cause them to fail.
- Parafunctional habits (grinding and clenching) biting forces, material strength limitations, and other factors can lead to tooth fracture and premature wear and I may need to incur further costs to replace the implant crown / bridge. I also understand I may have complications such as loose screws, broken screws, stripped screws, stripped threads, broken abutment, bone loss, or peri-implantitis that may require repair or replacement of implants and/or my implant crown / bridge.