

# Implant Placement Procedure

Once your treatment plan has been agreed we can commence the implant placement procedure. Your visits for implant placement are as follows:

- **1<sup>st</sup> visit:** Implant Placement

A long session is booked just for you. The procedure takes from 45 minutes to an hour and a half depending on how many implants are to be placed. The rest of the time is for setting up the surgery and looking after you.

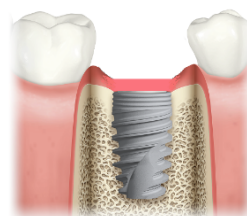
This is a surgical operation and so the room must be sterile. Green surgical drapes are placed on the work surfaces for the sterile instruments and the dentist and nursing staff will wear surgical gowns and hats, masks and gloves. You will also need to wear an eye mask and surgical hat, and when lying down you will be covered with a surgical drape.

The procedure is carried out under local anaesthetics. You should feel no discomfort. You may be given antibiotics and analgesics before the procedure.

Post-operative instructions will be given. Sometimes antibiotics are needed after the procedure.

It is normal to expect some swelling and bruising for several days after the procedure, but very little discomfort.

The implant is placed underneath the gum, which has been sealed over with stitches and you will continue to use your temporary denture / bridge.

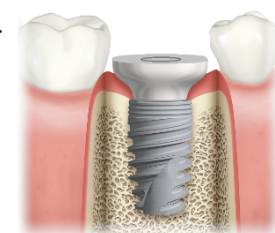


- **2<sup>nd</sup> visit:** One Week Later

This is a short appointment to remove your stitches and review the implant site.

- **3<sup>rd</sup> visit:** Three To Four Months Later – Exposure (Second Stage Surgery)

At this appointment a small incision is made near each implant and a healing cap is placed. This is placed to help the gum to form a round collar shape in preparation for your finished crown/bridge/denture. This will be the first time you will be able to see where your implant is placed. Stitches are only required after this visit if a connective tissue graft is required. Brushing instructions will be given.



- **4<sup>th</sup> visit:** Two / Three Weeks Later - Impressions

At this appointment the healing caps are removed and impression copings placed. An impression will be taken and sent to the lab to make your final crown/bridge/denture. The healing cap will then be placed back on to the implants.

- **5<sup>th</sup> visit:** Two Weeks Later – Fit Of Your Restoration

This is the last appointment when the final fit of your new crown /bridge/denture takes place.

