

Pre-operative Instructions For Implant Patients

1. Please do not eat or drink 6 hours before your scheduled surgery if we plan to use intravenous sedation. This sedation could cause nausea.
2. On the day of your surgery, please wear a short-sleeved shirt so that your blood pressure can be monitored. Women should not wear makeup. It is best to leave valuables and jewelry and purses at home or with a relative.
3. When you arrive at the office, any questions may be answered and the fees handled prior to surgery.
4. You will be given several prescriptions for post-surgical management. You will be given a prescription for pain control and an antibiotic to help prevent infection. Please take the antibiotic until it is gone.
5. If you will be sedated, please bring a responsible adult with you to drive you home and stay overnight with you.
6. Do not drink alcohol the day of surgery or take the medication without approval. Refrain from taking aspirin the days before the surgery.
7. If you are to be given intravenous sedation, you will be given medication to relax you and keep you comfortable during surgery. The medications will keep you in a drowsy state and will cause you to remember very little about the procedure.
8. The healing period lasts about 3-6 months, depending upon which type of implant placed. During this time, you will probably wear a temporary prosthesis. When the final prosthesis is made, several adjustments may be needed so that it fits and functions correctly.
9. You will be given preventive care instructions for the implant and asked to have the implant cleaned and checked periodically in the dental office to keep it in optimal health.
10. Our office has an answering service and may be reached 24 hours a day. Please call this office if there are any questions or problems about your implants. If you are traveling, please remember to call this office first before initiating any treatment with another dentist.