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DENTAL IMPLANTS

Some facts you need to know:

- During your consultation your treatment plan will be discussed and explained to you. The steps and costs of your treatment will be outlined as accurately as possible. On occasions it is necessary to modify the treatment plan at the time of surgery depending on technical factors. Every attempt will be made to achieve an ideal outcome with the minimum of surgery and expense.
- Implants are costly but are often the best solution to replacing missing, damaged and extracted teeth from the point of view of appearance, function and longevity.
- Often the loss of teeth has resulted in the loss of supporting bone and soft tissue (gum tissue) Therefore, it may be necessary to have bone and soft tissue grafting surgery before, during and / or after the placement of the implants. This will be discussed during your consultation sessions.
- It is necessary to have X-rays taken for the planning process to determine your suitability for implants. There will be a cost gap beyond the Medicare rebate level for these, which may be covered by your private insurance.
- While the success rates of implants are excellent and often much better than alternatives, occasionally they fail and require removal and replacement. In most instances failed implants will be replaced at no additional cost.
- Excellent oral hygiene and plaque control is very important to the success of implants. Poor plaque control can lead to soft tissue and implant problems, which have been shown to be responsible for, implant failure and loss.
- You will be required to attend multiple pre and postoperative appointments. This is to ensure the highest level of care and the best possible outcome.

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GETTING PREPARED FOR IMPLANT SURGERY

It is our aim to provide the highest quality care at all stages of your treatment. Please take time to carefully read **ALL** information you have been given.

Some facts you need to know:

- Studies have demonstrated the use of pre-operative antibiotics and antibacterial mouthwash significantly decreases the risk of infections associated with surgery. You will be given a prescription for these prior to surgery, and you are requested to use them as instructed.
- Following surgery, you will be requested to apply antibacterial gel to the wounds for the first week. You will also be asked to leave any denture or prosthesis out of your mouth as much as possible during this time in order to improve comfort and early wound healing.
- If you have had a bone or soft tissue graft as part of your treatment, it may be necessary to leave any denture or prosthesis out of your mouth until after your post-operative review.
- It is necessary to be reviewed after surgery. You are advised to pre-book a review appointment within a two to three week period after your surgery date. To ensure the highest level of health care and the best possible outcome it is important to keep this appointment.
- If you are attending a hospital for your surgery under general anaesthetic, you will be given instructions regarding when and where to attend, and when to fast from. This is for your safety, and failure to follow the instructions may mean cancellation of your procedure.

If you have **any** queries / questions that you need help with, please do not hesitate to call **(03) 95095111**.



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FEE POLICY FOR DENTAL & MEDICAL SERVICES

Dear Patient,

We are committed to providing the highest level of patient care at all times while keeping costs reasonable. Our fees reflect the extensive training and skill of your surgeon, and the genuine costs of running a high quality specialist practice.

The cost of some procedures, such as dental implants and complex jaw surgery, are a reflection of the complexity of the surgery as well as the significant cost of materials needed for the procedures.

Fees for consultations and procedures classified as **DENTAL** are *not* claimable through Medicare. If you have dental extras cover you will get a rebate. Each health fund determines what level it will rebate based on its own commercial requirements. In most instances the insurance company will cover less than half the cost of an oral surgical procedure.

Fees for consultations and procedures classified as **MEDICAL** are claimable through Medicare. Private insurance may also cover part of these fees. **You are advised to check with your private health fund what you are covered for.**

In most instances we require payment prior to the day of surgery.

If you have **ANY** difficulties or queries regarding payment, please contact our rooms as soon as possible, as late payments may attract an accounting and processing surcharge.