

# A Little Wisdom

Timely Topics from the dental office of Dr. Jerry Rosenberg

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## Topic for the Day: Advances in Dental Implants

Missing a tooth? Having an extraction? Now you can have your teeth replaced by Implants on the same day as the extraction. Today's newsletter will discuss replacing one or two teeth while the next Newsletter will discuss replacing the entire arch or whole mouth.

### **Immediate Dental Implants: What are they?**

Implant dentistry is a safe, predictable method for replacing teeth. "Immediate dental Implants" or the placement of tooth implants at the time of extraction is a great method of implant placement. This method can be considered when a single upper front tooth is traumatized, when one or two teeth have advanced decay, or when the remaining roots are too short to support a crown. The purpose of this method of tooth replacement is to maintain as much bone volume as possible. This means preserving bone height and width. The benefits to the patient after restoration of dental implants are a beautiful, natural-looking tooth without cutting down healthy adjacent teeth and being able to eat in comfort without the fear of having the tooth loosen or fall out.

Dr. Rosenberg, along with his oral surgeon, can determine, through a special "scan" taken of your tooth, to evaluate if you are a candidate for the immediate dental implants method of replacing missing teeth.

Implant placement is performed by the oral surgeon with local anesthesia or with sedation. The remaining root is removed and the gum tissue is gently displaced from the surrounding tissue. The dental implant site is prepared with small drills. Special equipment is used to gently place the tooth

implant into the prepared site, after which the gums are replaced over the implant with sutures. A temporary tooth replacement is placed in the space where the tooth was removed by Dr. Rosenberg on the same day. Post-operative discomfort is minimal. The sutures are removed in a week, and oral hygiene is resumed.

In the upper jaw, bone grows and adheres to the tooth implant within five to six months, while the immediate dental implants in the lower jaw require three to four months for proper bone formation. After healing Dr. Rosenberg will make a permanent tooth that will be attached to the implant. Within a few weeks after receiving the implant-supported crown, patients consider the restoration as their own tooth, rather than an implant.

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Implants require good oral hygiene, dental maintenance, and periodic evaluation by Dr. Rosenberg to add to the success of the implants. This could be the "boxed quote" of the document. Implant dentistry is a safe, predictable method for replacing teeth. "Immediate dental Implants" or the placement of tooth implants at the time of extraction is a great method of implant placement to restore the smile you once had.

