

Implant Timeline

Tooth Replacement

The implant process begins when a tooth / teeth need to be replaced. This may begin with a referral from your dentist, a need for a tooth extraction, or a pre-existing missing tooth.

Next step: Schedule a consultation with Winchester Oral Surgery Center to evaluate the implant needs.

Consultation

An implant consultation includes: evaluation of bone, discussion of treatment options, and CBCT (x-ray).

Next step: If not done at consultation, schedule treatment plan appointments. This could include a tooth extraction, a bone graft and/or sinus lift.

Extraction / Bone Graft

Our doctors will extract teeth discussed at your consultation. Any necessary bone grafting may be done at this time and will yield a 3-4 month healing process before moving forward with implant placement.

Next step: Schedule follow up appointments.

Bone Graft Healing Period

During this 3 month healing process we will schedule follow ups (~3-4 visits) to evaluate healing. *If a guide is needed, models will be taken 3 weeks prior to implant placement.*

Next step: Schedule guide models or implant placement.

Implant Placement

Our doctors will place the implant(s). This takes 30-60 minutes.

If you are being sedated, it is important to remember to have nothing to eat or drink (including water) 6 hours prior to your appointment.

Next step: Schedule 1st follow up appointment. (See post-op instructions)

Implant Healing Period

The average healing period is about 3 months. During this time we will schedule follow ups (~3-4 visits) to ensure that everything is healing properly and the implant is integrating into the bone.

Next step: If needed schedule implant uncovering.

Implant Uncovering

If gum tissue has formed over the implant it will be removed at this appointment. This procedure takes 20-30 minutes.

Next step: Schedule impression appointment with dentist **at least one week after uncovering appointment.**

Dentist

There are 2 appointments you will schedule with your general dentist.

1. For your dentist to take an impression for your permanent crown.
2. For the placement of your permanent crown.

The crown is not included in our cost. Payment will be collected by your general dentist.

**Please expect to visit our office 5-10 times during your implant process*