

Step by Step Process for Patients Preparing for Implant Treatment

- 1) General Dentist refers patient to Dr. Hart for Extraction(s) and Bone Graft or Sinus Lift treatment.
- 2) Patient calls CROMFS to schedule initial consultation for Extraction(s) and Bone Graft or Sinus Lift treatment.
- 3) Patient visits CROMFS for initial consultation and reviews procedure and treatment plan with Dr. Hart. Once consult is finished, patient schedules surgery date before leaving appointment for Extraction(s) and Bone Graft or Sinus Lift.
- 4) Patient arrives for surgery on scheduled date to receive Extraction(s) and Bone Graft or Sinus Lift.
- 5) Two weeks after surgery is complete, patient returns to CROMFS for a post-operative appointment. Patient is examined for proper healing and told they will receive a phone call in four months from our patient coordinator to schedule Phase 1 Implant Consult.
- 6) Four months later, patient receives phone call from CROMFS to schedule Phase 1 Implant Consult.
- 7) Patient returns to CROMFS for Phase 1 Implant Consult where Dr. Hart reviews the step by step process of receiving an implant and the treatment plan. Before leaving the appointment, the patient will determine a date for Phase 1 Implant Surgery. Based upon the date of surgery, one of two scenarios will occur:
 - a. If patient schedules implant surgery date within 3-8 weeks of their Phase 1 Implant Consult, the patient will receive a 3D CT scan and have impressions taken that same day.

OR

 - b. If patient elects to wait to have surgery 8 weeks or more after Phase 1 Implant Consult, the patient will return to CROMFS at a later date to receive the 3D CT scan and impressions at a separate appointment.

- c. Once the 3D CT scan and impressions are taken, Dr. Hart creates a plan specific to the patient's implant surgery site which is then used to create a 3D guide. The guide provides exact placement for the implant during surgery. The guide resembles a mouth guard which will be placed on the teeth during surgery.
- 8) Patient comes to CROMFS for Phase 1 Implant Surgery. After the implant is placed by Dr. Hart, he will measure the stability of the implant with a tool called an ISQ (Implant Stability Quotient). The ISQ is a radiofrequency measuring device used to generate a number which correlates to the stability of the implant. Depending on the stability of the implant, the patient will receive one of the following to cover the implant:
 - a. A Healing Abutment: If a healing abutment is placed, there will be no Phase 2 Implant Treatment needed. The patient will heal for 3-4 months and at that time return to their General Dentist to begin the restorative phase/ crown fabrication.

OR

 - b. A Cover Screw: If a cover screw is placed, the patient will need Phase 2 Implant Treatment. The patient will heal for 3-4 months and then return to Dr. Hart to have the cover screw removed and a healing abutment placed. This is a minor procedure completed with local anesthesia. The patient then heals for 2 weeks and returns to their General Dentist to begin the restorative phase/crown fabrication.
- 9) Once the patient receives their crown from the General Dentist, the Implant and Restorative Phases are complete.
- 10) Patient will receive a phone call from CROMFS one year after the placement of the implant to evaluate how everything is feeling.