

Step by Step Process for Patients Preparing for Implant Treatment

- 1) General Dentist refers you to Dr. Hart/Dr. Keith for extraction(s) and bone graft or other procedures as needed, and an initial consultation appointment is made at CROMFS to discuss potential treatment plans.
- 2) You visit CROMFS for the initial consultation and discuss procedures and treatment plans with Dr. Hart/Dr. Keith. After the consultation, before leaving the office, you schedule a surgery date for extraction(s) and bone graft or other indicated procedures.
- 3) You arrive for surgery on scheduled date to receive extraction(s) and bone graft or other indicated procedures.
- 4) Two weeks after surgery is complete, you return to CROMFS to check healing and to remove any sutures. We will schedule you for an implant consultation appointment a minimum of three and a half months after extractions and grafting (typically a maximum of a 1 year).
- 5) You return to CROMFS for Phase 1 Implant Consultation where Dr. Hart/Dr. Keith will review the step by step process of placing an implant and the treatment plan. A 3D CT scan is taken at this consultation appointment to evaluate the bone and to show you the anatomy and potential for implant placement at the given location. Before leaving the appointment, you will schedule a date for implant placement.
 - a. Occasionally, in more complex cases, an intraoral scan will be taken which is used to plan a specific 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.
- 6) You come to CROMFS for Phase 1 Implant Surgery. The implant fixture simulates a tooth root. After the implant is placed by Dr. Hart/Dr. Keith, we 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 in the bone. Depending on the stability of the implant, the patient will receive one of the following to cover the implant:

