



LAMPEE IMPLANT PROSTHETIC INFORMATION AND CONSENT

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- _____ We are beginning a journey together, a relationship that can often last a lifetime. Dental implant reconstructions are often the most complex, challenging, and involved procedures in all of dentistry. Our goal is to make dental prosthetics that give you back your confidence, smile, and health. Implants in all their forms are complex dental prosthetics that can take many appointments and months to complete.
- _____ Surgical placement of implants is highly predictable but there are risks involved. Surgical risks are rare but must be discussed. The surgical sites are often close to nerves and sinuses. Postoperative numbness around the chin, lips, and cheeks is a possibility. This could be temporary; lasting anywhere from weeks to months, or it could be permanent. The tips of implants are often placed very close to the edge of the sinus or into the floor of the sinus or nose, which contains very strong bone to engage the implant. There is a thin, living membrane on the inside of the sinus and nose. If the sinus or membrane develops any unusual drainage or congestion after implant placement you will need to see an ENT physician for evaluation. Further procedures may then be required for the sinus and implant to heal properly. There is also the risk that an implant site could become infected, leading to implant failure. If this occurs we must remove the implant, allow the area to heal, and then place an implant 1-3 months later. If the infection destroys bone or you are already lacking enough viable bone, additional bone grafting would be required. If you develop any sort of unusual bleeding during an implant procedure you could need to be transported to a hospital.
- _____ During implant surgery we strive to distribute the implants between the front and back of the mouth as evenly as possible to ensure the final prosthetic has as stable of a base as possible. If you are lacking bone in either the front or back we may not be able to spread our implants as evenly as we desire. During the temporary phase, your prosthetic may not have back molars and may also be bulkier than your final prosthetic. This is to reduce the likelihood of fracture and allows the implants to heal by reducing stress/strain on them. The temporaries are weak and fragile, so please be gentle with them.
- _____ We strive to create natural looking and functioning implant prosthetics. However, there are limitations to any type of prosthetic. Prosthetics will never match your own natural teeth in strength. Strength is determined by the number of implants placed and the type of prosthetic that is made. Implants can improve bite strength. Patients who are current or past clenchers/grinders, who have large jaw muscles, or who have sleep apnea are at higher risk for implant and prosthetic repair or failure. If you have full implant prosthetics on both arches you are at the highest risk for needing repairs or future revisions. Implants do not feel the same pressure sensations that teeth do, which means that you can clench on your implants harder than you would your natural teeth.
- _____ When choosing to only do one arch of implants (either top or bottom), there may be an esthetic and sensory difference between the implant arch and the natural tooth arch. We do our best to match the shade and shape of the opposing arch of teeth.
- _____ Implants help stabilize prosthetics. We generally place four to six implants in each arch, but some patients may need extra implants for additional support and strength. Implants may also require additional bone grafting and/or gum tissue grafting. It can take anywhere from 3 to 9 months for implants and bone to heal properly. Implants have very high success rates. During the first 8 weeks after implant placement they are at their weakest because the bone is remodeling on a microscopic level. An extremely soft diet (smoothies, purees) is required during the first 8 weeks after implant surgery to ensure our implants have the highest success rates possible. Clenching, grinding, and hard foods must be avoided during this initial healing phase. Please see additional "Soft Food Diet" sheet for a list of acceptable foods and diet restrictions.
- _____ Mental health disorders can affect your expectations for esthetic outcomes. It is important to maintain realistic and reasonable expectations for what can be designed.
- _____ Patients who are diabetic, use alcohol in excess, have prior substance abuse history, are on certain medications, have had radiation or chemotherapy, are smokers or smokeless tobacco users (past or present), or are clenchers/grinders have a higher risk of implant failure in the months and years following implant placement. If a new implant is required, it will be charged at our current full fee. If additional bone or soft tissue grafting is required, it will be charged at our current full fee. Please see our "Lampee Limited Warranty" for more detailed information.
- _____ Current research shows that for implants to have the best health and longevity they must have good, dense gum tissue around them. Many patients lack this gum tissue. If you do not already have this type of gum tissue, we may recommend gum grafting procedures to build up the strong gum tissue around the implant.



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- We have teeth available in different shapes, sizes, and colors. We can create straight, worn, or even crooked teeth. The temporary set of prosthetics is the “practice” set or trial set. We can make improvements on these in the final restorations (color, shape, midline, bite, shape, tooth display). Once the prosthetic is processed in zirconia, the cosmetic look cannot be changed. If you want them to look different later on, we can make another set at our current full fee.
- This is a major lifestyle change. With anything in life, change can be hard, but do know that we as humans are adaptable. Once you have your implant prosthetics you might notice that it may be harder to talk or chew. Your speech might change and you will need to practice (especially your S's, F's, Th's) to get your tongue and lips used to the new prosthetics. Your words may sound different, and there could even be whistling sounds. Your new teeth may bite down differently than your natural teeth and you might not be able to bite certain things like fishing line, fingernails, and small seeds. There can also be some jaw joint soreness or clicking. The vast majority of patients adapt to this within the first two months, but there is a small minority who are not adaptable.
- During the first few months after surgery and implant prosthetic delivery, you may have a tendency to bite your cheek or tongue. When you are without teeth, the cheeks and tongue can change shape. Once teeth are placed back in the mouth the cheeks and tongue need time to adapt. This is usually just a concern for the first few months, but there is a chance it could be indefinite.
- Once your temporary or final implant prosthetic is delivered we will do everything in our power to ensure a comfortable fit. Adjustments may be necessary if you develop any bite issues, sensitive areas, or pressure sores. Two thirty minute adjustments in the first 30 days after prosthetic delivery are complimentary. If any further adjustments are necessary there is a fee charged. If the prosthetic needs any sort of repair there is a charge as well. Prosthetics are used every day of your life, so there is a high chance you will need a repair or replacement somewhere along the way. Like a car that has been driven every day for five years, sometimes it need new tires and sometimes you have to purchase a new car. Some people also drive their cars harder and faster than other – implants and implant prosthetics can be worn out the same way. Clenchers, grinders, and those who have a diet of hard foods will require more repairs than those who do not.
- We charge for our time, expertise, and for any lab fees incurred and parts ordered. Lab fees vary with the type of repair. Implant part costs vary by part and manufacturer. Our fee is \$1,000 per hour and we break it into 15 minute increments. If we have to research any old implant systems or broken implants that are currently in your mouth, we charge for the time spent researching the implant information along with any parts we have to order to work with those implants. If an implant system cannot be identified we may recommend removing the implant and placing a known new implant with current technology. Working with an old implant system and broken implant parts can be very time consuming; it could take 15 minutes or it could take 5 hours. We cannot guarantee the length of time the procedure will require.
- Lab procedures, adjustments, and repairs can take all day or overnight. It is sometimes wise to have a backup prosthesis in these instances. If you would like to have a backup prosthesis made, please let us know. There is a fee for this.
- Home hygiene with a Waterpik, Sonicare, and Super Floss is of paramount importance. Professional cleanings with the dental hygienist one or two times per year and a yearly exam are necessary to maintain your prosthesis and implants. Just like natural teeth, implants and implant prosthetics can develop gingivitis, gum disease, and tartar build up. We want to preserve your smile and protect your investment.
- For your implant prosthetics; you are given one set of temporaries the day after surgery, one prototype, and one revision. If you choose to revise the design further, each revision is \$1000 per arch.
- We look forward to starting this journey together. Our mission is to see fewer patients, spend more time with each patient, and to change lives. We are here to create lasting smiles and lasting relationships. We will guide you through this journey and ensure you are comfortable, informed, and listened to.

Please refer to the” Post Operative Care for Oral Surgery” sheet for additional information

Patient Name

Date

Witness Name

Date