

Periodontics & Dental Implants

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Dental Implant Consent Form

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Patient Name

Date

I have been fully informed of the nature of implants and implant surgery, therapeutic risks, and treatment alternatives to dental implants, and I hereby consent to their surgical placement in my jaws (mouth). I agree to maintain these implants as prescribed by Dr. Alexander J. Kim.

Nature of Procedure Implant Locations

The initial surgical phase consists of the surgical reflection of the gum tissue followed by precision drilling of holes into the underlying jawbone which depth and width are somewhat smaller than the roots of your natural teeth. These holes are immediately filled with metal cylindrical posts (implants), which are designed to remain in the jawbone indefinitely. In some situations, where inadequate bone is present, a regenerative procedure might be utilized in which a freeze-dried bone graft is placed and the site is then covered with a regenerative membrane. All surgery is performed under local anesthesia and may be supplemented with sedative drugs. During the first two (2) weeks following the initial surgery, no dentures or partial dentures should be worn over the surgical sites without consent of the surgeon.

(If necessary) The second surgical procedure usually occurs three-to-six months after the initial surgery. At this time the implant is evaluated for proper healing and a post is placed into the implant, which extends through the gum tissue into your mouth. Additionally, a minor surgical correction of tissue may later be necessary to modify any tissue overgrowths or discrepancies.

In the final prosthetic phase, a metal sleeve is threaded into the previously surgically imbedded implant, which is then attached (anchored) to the overlying denture, crown, or bridge. The fee for the prosthetic phase is separate and not part of the surgical fee.

Alternative Treatments to Implants

1. If no treatment is elected to replace existing dentures or missing teeth, the non-treatment risk includes maintenance of the existing full or partial denture with relines or remakes every three-to-five years for shifting of teeth, or as otherwise may be necessary due to the slow but progressive resorption (dissolution) of the underlying (supporting) jawbone.

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2. Construction of new full or partial dentures or bridges, which may provide better fit and function than your present situation.

