

DENTAL IMPLANTS- answers

Put the steps of a dental implants procedure in the right order.

FIRST VISIT (steps 1-8)

5. Implant is placed in the hole prepared by the doctor.
2. Local anesthesia and sedation is provided to the patient prior to the procedure.
3. Gum is cut and bone is exposed.
8. Antibiotics and pain relievers are prescribed and proper oral hygiene advice is given to the patient.
7. The X-ray of this area may be taken to ensure the implant is in a proper place.
1. Initial patient screening is performed to determine if he/she is a good candidate for dental implants.
4. The hole is drilled in the bone and the implant is placed into it.
6. The gum is stitched and closed over the implant.

SECOND VISIT (steps 1-6)

6. Restoration option is chosen and completed about 2 weeks after the second surgery.
3. Gum is cut and the implant is being exposed.
2. Stitches are removed (after 7-10 days after the first surgery) and the surgeon checks if the implant has integrated with the bone (the process takes about 3-6 months).
5. Metal post is placed on the implant in the place of the protective screw.
1. Local anesthesia is given to the patient.
4. Protective screw from the implant is removed.

Complete the sentences with proper words

1. The fast **RECOVERY** from an implant surgery may depend on patient's proper oral hygiene and general condition of health.
2. The process of **HEALING** may be difficult or sometimes even impossible in the smokers.
3. Dental surgeons frequently prescribe pain killers to **RELIEVE** pain and discomfort after dental implant procedure.
4. It may happen that the implant will not **FUSE** with the bone due to titanium surgery.
5. A typical implant consists of a **SCREW** and a **POST**.

6. The first STEP to a quick recovery after the implant surgery is to maintain a proper oral hygiene and complete the full course of antibiotics.
7. Before the surgeon PROCEEDS with cutting the gum, he/she will use local anesthetic.
8. ‘During your INITIAL visit we’ll decide if the implants are really the best option for you’.

Post-surgery care advice: Use information from brackets to provide some tips for your patient

Example: (COURSE OF ANTIBIOTICS / COMPLETE): Remember to complete the whole course of antibiotics

1. (GAUZE PAD / BITE / GENTLY BUT FIRMLY): Bite on this gauze pad gently but firmly.
 2. (GAUZE PADS / CHANGE / BLEEDING STOP): You may change the gauze pads after the bleeding stops.
 3. (BLEEDING PERSIST / CALL): If the bleeding persists, please call me.
 4. (ICE PACK / APPLY / ELIMINATE SWELLING): To eliminate swelling you may apply ice pack on your cheek.
 5. (SOFT FOOD / PLENTY OF DRINKS / ONE WEEK AFTER SURGERY): Remember to use just soft drinks and have/take plenty of drinks for about one week after surgery.
 6. (SALT WATER SOLUTION / RINSE): You may rinse your mouth with salt water solution
 7. (NOT BRUSH / FIRST FEW DAYS AFTER SURGERY / SPECIAL MOUTH RINSE PRESCRIBED BY YOUR DOCTOR): You mustn’t brush your teeth in the first few days after the surgery. Instead of brushing, use a special mouth rinse prescribed by your doctor.
 8. (SMOKING / NOT ALLOWED / 2 WEEKS AFTER SURGERY): Smoking is not allowed for weeks after the surgery
 9. (SPICY AND ACID FOODS / AVOID): Avoid spicy and acid foods.
 10. (CHECK-UPS / ATTEND / FOLLOW-UP/ MORE FREQUENT): You must attend check-ups and schedule the follow-up more frequently.
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