

ARROWHEAD LAKES DENTISTRY

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YOUR INDIVIDUAL SITUATION MAY VARY.
CONSULT YOUR DENTIST FOR SPECIFIC
RECOMMENDATIONS.**

NEW IMPLANT PROSTHESIS

We have done our best to provide you with a well fitted, functional, and esthetic implant prosthesis. We feel confident that adjustment to these artificial teeth will be fast, and that you will have many years of satisfaction and use from them.

The following information is important for you to understand:

1. **YOUR FIRST FEW WEEKS:** Please chew slightly more carefully on these restorations than natural teeth for several days. We will adjust the bite (occlusion) on future appointments until it is very well balanced. After you have adjusted to the prosthesis, it should function in a very similar manner to natural teeth.
2. **CLEANING THE IMPLANTS AND PROSTHESIS:** The gums and bone around your implants require daily maintenance. Use a regular toothbrush and other items such as: bridge cleaner and dental floss; pipe cleaners; Water Pik; Rotodent; Interplak. If cleanliness is not adequate, gum and bone degeneration will occur. Please ask us about anything that is unclear to you on the subject of cleanliness.
3. **THE FUTURE:** Acceptance of dental implants by bone and gum tissue has been excellent; however, some few implants fail. Also, the prosthesis that have been placed over them are subject to wear and/or breakage. Any of the following conditions that occur require your immediate attention. Please contact us if any of the conditions below occur:
 1. Feeling of looseness
 2. Peculiar taste
 3. Clicking or metallic snap while eating
 4. Breakage of a piece of the prosthesis
 5. Redness in the gum tissue around the implant
 6. Feeling of the bite being different
 7. Pain

We need to see you at least once every six months for examination and professional maintenance. These appointments are very important to the long term success of your prosthesis. You should expect many years of use and satisfaction from your prosthesis.

If you have any questions, please contact our office.