

# R. J. BEGG & ASSOCIATES LTD

## CONSENT FOR IMPLANT SURGERY

The following is some general information regarding implant surgery which you should read and sign before commencing treatment. More specific information can be discussed at your visits to the clinic.

- 1. Stage 1 Implant Surgery** – to install the implant to replace the missing tooth. It is anticipated that this will be accomplished with local anaesthetic with intravenous sedation (twilight sleep). A bone graft as discussed may be required at the same time as Stage 1 implant surgery. Sometimes a bone graft is necessary as a separate procedure before implant surgery. Soft tissue grafts and membranes are occasionally used to help augment implant sites and these are often derived from animal sources.
- 2. Stage 2 Implant Surgery** – The implant is left in place without disturbance for 3-6 months to allow it to become solid in the bone. After approximately 3-6 months further minor surgery may be required to uncover the implant and place a healing cap. This surgery is normally carried out under local anaesthetic. Stage 2 surgery is often not required and a healing cap is often placed at Stage 1 surgery.
3. In some cases it may be possible to place a temporary crown within 72 hours of surgery. The final plan will depend on individual patient factors and the current scientific evidence available. More than one implant can also be carried out within a similar time frame and this can make the treatment more cost effective where multiple implants are required.
4. Following the final stage of implant surgery your dentist will complete the crown which is attached to the implant.  
Possible complications of surgery include pain, swelling, infection, bruising and very rarely damage to adjacent teeth or numbness. Also, there may be unpredictable changes to the contour of the gum and level of the gum margin. On occasions further soft tissue surgery may be required.

Implant treatment is generally very successful, a large proportion of implants last longer than 10 years. However, a very small proportion of implants fail. Failure can occur at any time after Stage 1 surgery or subsequent to crown construction. It is, therefore, not possible to guarantee the success of an individual implant or the crown. It is also important to realise that implants and crowns are not maintenance free and it will be necessary for you to attend regular check ups which are normally carried out by your own dentist at your routine dental check ups.

Implants used in the right situation can offer several advantages over other forms of dental treatment—strength, ability to conserve bone, not reliant on other teeth for support and excellent function.

The costs for crown construction and associated treatment with your dentist is separate to the surgical fees quoted. If ACC is contributing to costs, persons must be living in New Zealand for the whole course of implant treatment.

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### **SURGEON TO COMPLETE THIS SECTION AT TIME OF APPOINTMENT**

**Proposed Treatment** \_\_\_\_\_

**Alternatives Discussed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Estimate of Surgical Costs** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Patient Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Surgeon – R.J.Begg** **Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_