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Dental Implants and Implant Restorations

Please be aware that dental implants represent one of the most sophisticated medical devices used to improve your health. Although they look and function like your natural teeth, there are a few differences and maintenance requirements that are important for you to know.

Implants restorations are different to natural teeth in the following ways:

- Discomfort or pain is rarely perceived if there are issues.
- When issues do arise with implants, they occur at a faster rate.
- Implants have mechanics related to screws and joints.
- Implants do not have the ability to move or modify their position.
- More frequent visits to the hygienist may be required.

As you age, your body continues to grow. Gaps between implants can occur naturally because of this and may require modifications to the crowns or bridges, as well as additions to the neighboring teeth. Implants occasionally may become loose. If this occurs, please contact our office as quickly as possible.

Implants do not have a ligament attachment to the body, so they do not move under pressure as natural teeth can. Many people grind and clench their teeth especially at night time, which places undue stress on implant restorations. To avoid damage to your implants and porcelain crowns, we recommend you wear a night guard and have it checked frequently.

Adequate oral hygiene is an absolute necessity with dental implants. More frequent visits to the hygienist are advised. If you have any questions or concerns about implants or hygiene maintenance, don't hesitate to contact our office at any time.

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