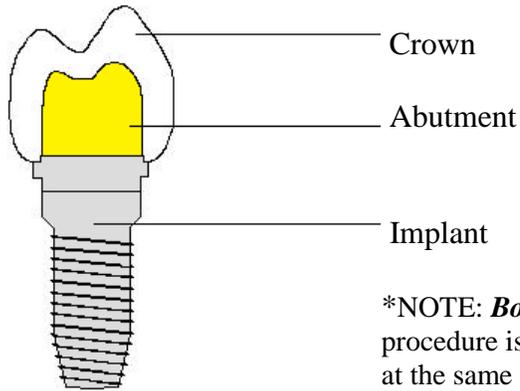




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## Dental Implants



\*NOTE: **Bone grafting** is a procedure to augment the volume of bone. A bone grafting procedure is separate from implant placement, but both procedures may be performed at the same time. The surgeon will let you know if there is a necessity for performing a **bone graft**.

### The Dental Implant has three parts:

1. **Implant** – The titanium screw placed into the bone.
2. **Abutment** – The post placed on the implant on which the crown is placed.
3. **Crown** – The white “cap” that you will see in your mouth as the tooth.

### The complete treatment of the Dental Implant has three stages:

1. **Dental implant placement** – The dental surgeon performs this part. The gingiva (gum) is cut open to expose the bone underneath. The dental implant is placed. The gingiva is sutured over the implant. You will not be able to see the implant as it is under the gingiva. For optimal osseointegration (the fusion of the implant with bone) is about 8 weeks.

\* **NOTE:** At the time of stage 1 implant placement, bone grafting to increase the volume of bone is also performed. The cost for bone grafting is separate from implant placement.

2. **Implant exposure and abutment placement** – The dental surgeon or general dentist perform this stage. In the second stage, the gingiva over the implant is cut open. The abutment is placed on the implant, and the gingiva is sutured around the abutment. It takes about 2 weeks for the gingiva to heal.
3. **Crown placement** – After the gingiva heals, the general dentist will take an impression of the abutment. A temporary crown may be placed on the abutment. When the final crown is ready (about 1-2 weeks after the impression), the crown is cemented on the abutment.

***I have thoroughly read each line and understand the informed consent. I have had all my questions answered by the staff. I agree to the treatment and am knowledgeable of the possible risks of the procedure.***

Patient's Signature:

Witness:

Date:

## Dental Implant Policy

- The patient assumes the financial responsibility for the implant, bone graft, and abutment (each has a separate cost) which is due prior to the performance of each procedure. The patient will pay the full amount prior to each surgical stage. If the patient's insurance covers for the treatment, he or she will be reimbursed for the money when Beltran Dental Surgery receives the insurance check.
- The general dentist will restore the implant in stage three of the treatment. It is the patient's responsibility to follow-up with the restoring general dentist. The cost for the crown (Stage 3) is determined by the general dentist and is separate from the cost of the dental implant and abutment placement.
- The patient also understands that there is a possibility of implant failure. In the case of an implant failure, the implant will be removed at a cost of \$200 and treated appropriately.
- If the patient has a medical condition or tobacco habits and the implant fails, the implant will be removed. If the patient desires to attempt the implant placement again, the patient is responsible for all the cost of the procedure.
- If the patient is healthy, has no smoking habits, and the implant fails, a second attempt at placing the implant will be performed at half the cost of the implant and abutment placement procedures (Stage 1 and Stage 2).

## Dental Implant Policy

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand the three stages for the placement of an implant and the possibility of having a bone grafting procedure performed.

I assume the financial responsibility for the implant, bone graft, and abutment which is due prior to the performance of each. I understand that each stage of the implant (implant and abutment) and bone graft have a separate fee and I will pay the full amount prior to each stage.

My general dentist, \_\_\_\_\_ will restore the implant in stage three of the treatment. It is my responsibility to follow-up with the restoring general dentist. The cost for the crown (Stage 3) is determined by the general dentist and is separate from the cost of the dental implant, abutment placement and bone graft.

I also understand there is always a possibility of implant failure. In the case of an implant failure, the implant will be removed and treated appropriately.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, also understand that routine oral hygiene appointment are needed every 6 months, to ensure the health of my implant.

If I have a medical condition or smoking habits or chewing tobacco habits that increase the risk of implant failure, I understand that the implant has to be removed at a cost of \$200. If I desire to attempt the implant placement again, I am responsible for **all the cost** of the procedure.

If I am healthy and have **no** smoking or chewing tobacco habits that threaten the healing process of an implant, a second attempt at placing the implant will be performed at **half the cost** of the implant and abutment placement **procedures** (Stage 1 and Stage 2).

By signing this policy, I have read, understood, and agree with Beltran Dental Surgery's Implant policy. I have also reviewed, understood, and know the risks of a dental implant placement.

I hereby authorize Dr. Jose Luis Beltran and his associates to place dental implants at the sites of missing teeth number(s):

***I have thoroughly read each line and understand the informed consent. I have had all my questions answered by the staff. I agree to the treatment and am knowledgeable of the possible risks of the procedure.***

**Patient's Signature:**

**Witness:**

**Date:**