

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING YOUR JOURNEY TO A FIXED HYBRID SOLUTION FROM A RESTORATIVE STANDPOINT

- After your surgery you will be required to be on a soft food diet while your implants become attached to your bone. This takes about 10-12 weeks of time. It is essential to the success of your implants to stick to the soft food diet. Once given the approval by your surgeon, you may begin resuming normal foods while still in the temporary as your final prosthesis is being fabricated.
- Your temporary prosthesis that gets inserted the day of surgery will often be much thicker, and wider than your final prosthesis. This is because the temporary is made out of acrylic and does not have the final metal bar in it. In order to help prevent it from fracturing, the acrylic is left at a thicker level.
- Your temporary prosthesis serves as a guide for how we want to design your final prosthesis. Many variables can and will be changed for the final such as: how much or little your lip sticks out, how much of your teeth is shown when you talk and when you smile, how your teeth come together, color of teeth, and overlap of teeth.
- Once you get the clearance from your surgeon that we are ready to begin creating your final prosthesis, it will take about 2 -2.5 months, until the final prosthesis is delivered and installed in your mouth. At each visit, your temporary will be unscrewed from your mouth, cleaned and replaced at the end of the visit. The following is the list of visits:
 1. Final impression used to make a model that the final prosthesis will be fabricated on by the lab. We will do multiple checks and verify your bite. At this visit, we will also select the final color and shape of your teeth. **We recommend having a spouse or significant other attend this visit.**
 2. Bite registration, shade selection, and lip profile determination.
 3. Try-in of teeth set-up in wax to evaluate appearance and bite. Any changes in appearance that are required can be made at this time. **This may require multiple visits until the dentist and surgeon are satisfied with the results. We recommend having a spouse or significant other attend this visit.**
 4. Try-in of teeth set-up in wax over a titanium bar. We will take x-rays of this in your mouth to make sure that the bar is fitting correctly.
 5. Insertion of final prosthesis. **We recommend having a spouse or significant other attend this visit.**
- If at any point during any step it is determined that it would be beneficial to the patient to do an extra try-in, you will be notified and an appointment will be scheduled.
- At insertion of your final prosthesis, you will be given your master models as well as manufacturer warranties and information regarding your prosthesis. It is suggested that you keep these materials in a safe location.
- After you get your final prosthesis, you will be scheduled to return in 4 months for your first cleaning and periodic exam. We will remove the prosthesis, clean the underneath, and clean around the implant attachments in your mouth. As long as everything looks good, you will be scheduled to return on a 6-month recall where the same will be done. The normal fee for a cleaning and periodic exam will be charged and submitted to your insurance company should you have insurance.
- The screws that attach your prosthesis to your implants have to be replaced after 5 insertions and removals. This means that every 2.5 years, you will need to purchase new screws. The current retail price is between \$40-60 per screw, we do not up-charge for the cost of the screws.