

ORAL HEALTH ESSENTIALS

My Commitment to Implant Success!

I am advised that the failure rate of dental implants can be up to 11%, in part due to inadequate access to interproximal hygiene^{*1}. Failure to maintain adequate oral hygiene could potentially lead to implant diseases – peri-implant mucositis and peri-implantitis. I also recognize that factors like smoking, plaque accumulation, and active gum diseases could cause implant failure.

I understand that it is very important to keep up with good oral hygiene habits throughout the entire implant process (tooth extraction & bone growth, implant placement, healing, abutment installation, and crown placement).

In between my implant appointments, I will be sure to use the tools and products in the Crest® + Oral-B® **Oral Health Essentials** home care kit and follow the step-by-step instructions in the Patient Take Home Guide for optimal oral hygiene maintenance.

In addition, I will visit my dental office regularly to ensure that my oral hygiene is of a high standard to support the function of my dental implant, and work with my dental professional if further oral hygiene improvements are necessary.

Patient's signature**

Oral Care Specialist's signature**

*There are many factors that could cause implant failure. Patients < 55 years old and smokers/former smokers as well as implants with inadequate access to interproximal hygiene were significantly associated with late implant failure. **This is not a legal contract.

Reference: 1. Takamoli J et al. Clin Oral Implants Res 2021 May;32(5):619- 628. doi: 10.1111/clr.13732. Epub 2021 Mar 23. PMID: 33629418.