

## **Dental Implant Temporary Care**

Today you have had a dental implant placed by a surgeon. Follow all instructions that the surgeon has given to you for the safe healing of your new implant. It has been determined that you need a temporary crown or bridge during the healing phase over the next eight to twelve months.

The purpose of this temporary is two fold. First, it esthetically fills in the space where your tooth is missing, allowing you to enjoy your smile during the healing phase. Secondly, it aids in the proper esthetic contour of your gums.

Your home care around the new implant is very important. Please use the rubber tip instrument as instructed around your temporary. It is critically important that the temporary not hit your other teeth during this healing phase. If at anytime during this phase you feel you are bumping the temporary please call our office to have it evaluated.

If this is a front tooth, Dr. Bernal will want to see you in one to two weeks after the placement of the implant and temporary to evaluate the cosmetic healing of the gum tissue. Adjustments to the temporary will be made at that time if necessary.

If you have any problems or concerns at all, please call our office.