



Dental Implant Placement Timeline

High quality dental implants do not happen in a single day! Depending on patient variables, an individual's timeline from implant consultation to completion can range from 4 to 12+ months. Our goal for each patient is to receive the best possible treatment based on their specific needs and situation.

1. Consultation: One of our SMOMS surgeons will complete a thorough oral exam to determine the specifics of your implant case. Depending on the results of this exam and x-ray study, **an extraction and/or bone graft may be necessary!**

2. Extraction (if necessary): At times, implants may be placed immediately following the extraction. Often, **2-6 Months** of healing may be needed post-extraction.

3. Implant Fixture Placement: The surgeon will place the dental implant -- the screw-like fixture that acts as a root. The implant fixture must then fully bond with the patient's jawbone during a process called "osseointegration." Depending on the individual case, the osseointegration process takes roughly **2-6 months**.

4. Healing Abutment Placement: A healing abutment is used to stretch and mold the gum tissue in preparation for the final abutment and crown to be placed.

5. Crown Placement: After **2 weeks of healing time**, you can make an appointment with your dentist to take impressions and fabricate a crown for your implant**!

** All final restorations will be done by your general dentist. We recommend that you discuss any additional associated steps and fees with them.

