Dental Implants With Diabetes, Smoking or Other Health Conditions

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Description:

Considering implants with diabetes, smoking, osteoporosis medicines or past radiotherapy? How our specialists assess risk and plan implant treatment around your health.

Details:

Diabetes, smoking or medicines that affect healing do not automatically rule out dental implants, but they change the risks and call for careful planning before, during and after treatment. Your general health affects how gums and bone heal around an implant, so a specialist looks at your medical history alongside your mouth before recommending anything.

Which health factors do we take into account?

- Diabetes, particularly when blood sugar is not well controlled
- Smoking and vaping
- Conditions or medicines that affect the immune system
- Some osteoporosis and cancer medicines that affect the jaw bone
- Past radiotherapy to the head and neck
- Blood-thinning medicines
- A history of gum disease

How do we assess a medically complex case?

A complimentary review with our practice principal and general dentist, Dr Kia Pajouhesh, is the starting point, and he will ask about your health as well as your teeth. It is offered free, accepting it does not bind you to any further assessment or treatment, and it has no expiry; specialist assessment and imaging are charged if you proceed, and we explain the fees before you book. A specialist assessment then involves:

- a detailed look at your medical history and medicines
- talking with your GP or medical specialists where needed
- imaging to check the quality and amount of bone
- weighing up the risks and benefits of implants, and of the alternatives

How is treatment planned around your health?

- Deciding whether implants suit you, or whether another option suits your health
- Timing treatment around your health, such as blood sugar control or medicine changes your doctor advises
- Planning the surgery to keep risk down

- Regular follow-up and maintenance visits once treatment is finished

Already have implants and your health has since changed? We can review them and change your maintenance to suit. Our guide to peri-implantitis explains the gum and bone problems to watch for.

Who may be involved?

Dr Ricky Kumar, with specialist registration in oral and maxillofacial surgery; Dr Simon Hinckfuss, with specialist registration in both periodontics and prosthodontics; and prosthodontists Prof Vasileios Chronopoulos, Dr Fotios Angelis and Dr Jamie Foong, each with specialist registration in prosthodontics. Check any registration on the AHPRA register.

Frequently asked questions

Can I have implants if I have diabetes?

Many people whose diabetes is well controlled have implants. Your specialist assesses your own level of risk and may speak with your doctor.

I smoke. Does that mean my implants will fail?

Smoking raises the risk of implant problems, but it does not make implants impossible. Your specialist will go through the risks with you and how to reduce them.

Results, recovery times and risks vary for each individual.

Talk to us about implants and your health

Phone (03) 9650 2726 or email theteam@collinsstreetspecialistcentre.com.au to book a complimentary review, and bring a current list of your medicines.

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