



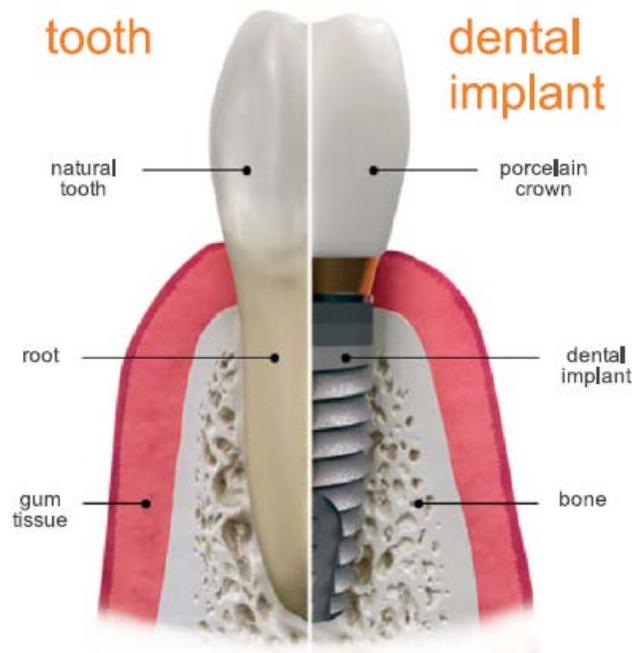
## DENTAL IMPLANT AND GRAFTING INFORMATION

This form and your discussion with your doctor are intended to help you make informed decisions about your surgery. As a member of the treatment team, you have been informed of your diagnosis, the planned procedure, the risks, benefits, and alternatives associated with the procedure, and any associated costs. You should consider all of the above, including the option of declining treatment, before deciding whether to proceed with the planned procedure. Your doctor will be happy to answer any questions you may have and provide additional information before you decide whether to sign this document and proceed with the procedure.

There are several important factors to consider, including your particular diagnosis what type of procedure will be performed and available alternative treatments.

### ABOUT DENTAL IMPLANTS

Dental Implants are meant to be replacements for your lost teeth or teeth that are deemed hopeless. *Currently* two materials are available for manufacturing dental implants: Titanium and Zirconium. The latter is ceramic metal- free alternative to the traditional titanium dental implant. The general process of healing begins with the placement of the dental implant in direct contact with the bone, then over several months bone grows into the threads and creates a biologically stable connection with the dental implant.



*Note the Difference between the Natural tooth and the Dental Implant*



The Dental Implant Procedure usually consists of two parts: placement of the implant into the jaw structure and then placement of the crown on the top of the dental implant. It is important to understand which procedure you are having, who is performing the surgery and associated risks. At Forward Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, we only perform the surgical placement of the Dental Implant and the crown portion is completed by your dentist. This highly specialized care provides you with the most advanced and best available care.

The Benefits of Dental Implants are enormous but no surgery is without risks. Please review this information about the risks and benefits associated with Dental Implant treatment.

- Pain, swelling, bleeding, infection, bruising, delayed healing, scarring, damage to other teeth and/or roots that may result in the need for tooth repair or loss, loose tooth/teeth, damage to dental appliances, cracking and/or stretching of the corners of the mouth, cuts inside the mouth or on the lips, jaw fracture, stress or damage to the jaw joints (TMJ), difficulty in opening the mouth or chewing, allergic and/or adverse reaction to medications and/or materials;
- Nerve injury, which may occur from the surgical procedure and/or the delivery of local anesthesia, resulting in altered or loss of sensation, numbness, pain, or altered feeling in the face, cheek(s), lips, chin, teeth, gums, and/or tongue (including loss of taste). Such conditions may resolve over time, but in some cases may be permanent;
- An opening may occur from the mouth into the nasal or sinus cavities;
- Inability to place the implant due to the local anatomy; Implant failure;
- Discoloration and appearance changes of the gum tissue; Unsatisfactory cosmetic result;
- Jaw fracture;
- Bone loss around the implant(s) and/or adjacent teeth; I understand that bone grafting may be necessary.