



Congratulations on your new smile!!

Now that you are comfortable in your new implant-supported denture(s), we would like to remind you that dental checkups are still an important part of your overall health. Of course, the daily home care of your intraoral tissues, implants, and denture(s) are essential. However, it is highly recommended that you visit Dr. Tyler and his hygienist Bonnie, every 3 to 6 months, depending on your individualized recommendation, for the following important procedures:

- Intraoral and extraoral cancer screening examination.
- Professional hygiene maintenance of your implants and attachments.
- Professional cleaning of your denture(s). We use an Ultrasonic Cleaner with a calculus and stain remover soak. If required, the acrylic will be pumiced and polished on our lathe.
- Evaluation of your denture(s) retention, support, stability, occlusion/bite, and wear tooth surfaces, and wear of denture-implant attachment system.
- Denture adjustments if necessary.

Oral cancer is non-discriminatory. Patients without teeth are at the same risk as a patient with all of their teeth. Although those who smoke or use chewing tobacco have a higher risk, oral cancer affects nonsmokers as well. The leading cause of oropharyngeal (throat) cancer is Human Papilloma Virus (HPV), one of the most common viruses in the United States. Early detection is the key. Dr. Tyler takes this part of his job very seriously.

Excellent choice using implants to anchor your denture(s). But, please remember your implants need hygiene maintenance. Intraoral bacteria can collect on and cause bone loss around implants in a similar fashion to the process of periodontal disease on teeth. This infection is called peri-implantitis. If left untreated, peri-implantitis can lead to loss of your implant(s). Bonnie performing implant maintenance regularly can help protect you from this process.

Lastly, there are many factors that will change the fit and comfort of your implant-supported dentures over time. Research shows that once the teeth are removed the jawbone shrinks and changes shape. With implant attachments, denture adhesive or "glue" should not be needed. A relines, replacement of attachments and/or abutments may be needed if the denture begins to become loose. According to the American Dental Association (ADA), a denture needs refitted or replaced every 5-10 years on average.

We want to protect your dental health and do our part to contribute to increasing your quality of life. We look out for our own!

Enjoy your new smile...and we'll see you in 3 to 6 months!!

Yours in Dental Health,

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