Surgical Evaluation
(Single Tooth)

Thank you for choosing our office for your dental implant needs. Replacing a single tooth has two segments, the first is surgical, the second restorative. Please review them and become familiar. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask us.

PART 1: Surgical

When a tooth is traumatized or fractured, the ideal treatment is to remove it and replace it with an implant at the same time; if the bone surrounding the tooth is still intact. In the front of the mouth where cosmetics is of major importance, the size of the tooth being lost and the previous damage to the bone holding the tooth or the condition of the gum tissue will determine if you need to have additional bone or gum tissue added prior to implant being placed.

In some situations, the adjacent teeth (on the sides) are crooked we will also determine if other work is needed. Our goal is to place an implant at the same tie as the tooth being lost to minimize the loss of bone, otherwise the bone will melt away (this is called remodeling) and leaves cosmetic defect.

In the back of the mouth this is not as evident cosmetically, so often back teeth (molars) when removed, most of the time are left to heal prior to implant placement. Please also note that there may be situations where minor defects are not discovered until surgical time, and I may decide not to place the implant because it will not yield the best result for you, thus will inform you of the necessity of bone graft.

Although this happens very infrequently, our goal is to provide you the most optimum result, not just give you a replacement tooth. In cosmetic areas, our goal is to always provisionalize (put a tooth on the implant the same day as placement). We test every implant for stability (which is a factor of how good your bone adapts to the implant). If the proper numbers are not determined, we will not place a tooth on the implant. If this happens, we will follow the conventional protocol. You will be wearing a different type of temporary tooth (transitional removable appliance) this is also used in situations of bone grafting and missing teeth. This is a removable and alterable to fit your healing sites (this is used for social or cosmetic purposes and it not intended for chewing).

If the bone surrounding the tooth being removed is not intact, an implant will not be inserted and bone grafting procedures will be necessary. If the area of the defect is great, I may refer you to another specialist and this would require additional appointments and
costs. This was reviewed with you during your consultation and if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call the office and set up an appointment to review.

**PART 2: Restorative**

*Having a tooth (crown) placed on the implant, approx. 2.5 – 6 months after implant placement.*

Our goal is to provide you with provisional (temporary tooth) at the time of implant placement in the aesthetic zone (front of mouth). Upon adequate healing this provisional tooth is replaced by a final crown.

An appointment will be scheduled for you to proceed with your final restoration. We will do our utmost to replace your lost tooth in the same shape, and colour you once had. We value your input and our team will work with you to achieve your aesthetic and functional goals.

*Yours for a successful dental future,*

Dr. Herman Kupeyan