



Consent for Surgical Placement of Mini Dental Implants

Mini dental implants may be used to stabilize dentures for short to long term increase in stability and function. The procedure is less invasive than conventional larger dental implants.

It must be recognized that all implant systems are subject to potential failure due to various causes including smoking, osteoporosis, poor oral hygiene, extreme wear and tear, poor health (including poorly managed diabetes), heavy stressful biting habits, and lack of follow-up maintenance dental care. Mini implants do not carry any actual or implied guarantee of longevity. However, the loss of a mini implant is a far less critical event to the patient since it may be replaced at relatively minimal cost compared to larger conventional implants, and with minimal associated bone or gum deterioration.

The surgical placement of mini implants—as with all surgeries—carries some risks, such as:

- Bleeding or oozing from the surgical site. Notify the doctor if you take any form of blood thinners, including aspirin or herbal products.
- Numbness or tingling (“paresthesia”), sometimes permanent, of the lower lip and/or tongue. This is extremely rare and depends on the location of the implant. Most paresthesias reverse themselves in months.
- Pain from the surgery. This is usually less than the pain of having a tooth extracted.
- Swelling in the soft tissues around the surgical site. This should be minimal, but everyone has a different reaction to surgery.

I consent to the surgical placement of mini dental implants. I have had all of my questions answered and am choosing to have this elective procedure despite the risks outlined above.

Patient or legal guardian

date

Witness

date