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Implant Patient Instructions

As quoted by the American Academy of Implant Dentistry, "Implants are the next best thing to your healthy, natural teeth. They are built to last and are the best long-term, cost effective solution to replace missing teeth."

At Macatawa Smiles, we want to ensure our patients understand the proper pre-operative and post-operative care in relation to their implant procedure.

Please review the information below and please call us if you have any questions. You will also receive a copy of this form at the office prior to your appointment.

1. One day prior to your appointment, you will begin to take an antibiotic prescribed to you. This antibiotic will continue to be taken until the prescription runs out. The antibiotic is meant to prevent any risk of infection while the implant is healing.
2. In addition to the antibiotic, one day prior you will also take a standard over-the-counter ibuprofen. After the appointment and following the appointment you will take as needed per the outlined directions.
3. At your appointment you will pre-rinse with a chlorhexidine mouth rinse for 1 minute. You will also be sent home with a bottle of this mouth rinse to use daily until the bottle is gone. This is meant to keep bacteria levels low during the initial phase of the implant healing.
4. After the placement of your implant, there will be a phase of healing until the implant is ready for the final crown. This time frame of how much healing time is needed will be discussed at time of treatment planning.

We look forward to seeing you at your next appointment!