

# Dental Implants



## *Frequently Asked Questions of DDS, Ltd.*

- 1. *What is the most accurate impression?*** Doctors can choose either digital, open, or closed tray impressions with an open tray being more accurate than a closed tray, but somewhat more technique sensitive. Do not use an open tray impression coping on a closed tray impression because the coping has no retention to hold it in the tray. Digital impressions are the most accurate only when the clinician is extremely well-versed in the art of taking accurate digital impressions.
- 2. *Do you do mini implants?*** Yes, these are most commonly used on removable cases. It does not matter to our laboratory what system or size we work with what the surgeon has placed.
- 3. *When do I need a torque wrench?*** A torque wrench should *always* be used at final insertion. Always torque to the manufacturer's requirements. We can help you with the number of Newton Centimeters to tighten for all implant systems.
- 4. *What implants/implant systems are most frequently requested?*** We gladly restore whatever implant systems clients send to us. Our most frequent requests are Nobel Biocare®, Astra, Zimmer, and Straumann.
- 5. *Which implant system is your lab's favorite? Why?*** For us "Parts is Parts" meaning we do not have a favorite. From a restorative ease standpoint though, clients seem to like the Nobel Biocare® Replace Select™ Impression copings.
- 6. *What is the cost of an implant consult?*** No charge. Telephone implant consults are always complimentary as are estimates, no matter how big or small, easy or difficult.
- 7. *How many days in the lab will an implant supported crown take?*** We request 12 days in lab, excluding pick-up & delivery days, weekends and holidays.
- 8. *Do you order parts for me?*** Yes, we charge shipping and retail cost plus 30% to cover stocking and ordering costs.
- 9. *Can I use digital impressions for my implant supported crowns?*** In most cases, yes. Remember that printing the model *may* take an additional day. Contact Jim Gorgol, CDT for technical information or to coordinate (800-552-7890) or visit our website [www.ddsltdlab.com](http://www.ddsltdlab.com) to "Send a Digital Scan".
- 10. *Do you have any other general implant advice?*** Yes. Current research shows cotton is not recommended to plug the implant abutment screw access hole because cotton breeds bacteria leading to foul odor and additional inflammation of the peri-implant tissue (this happens as the implant-abutment junction wears/loosens over time). Instead, use a PVS impression material (such as Blu-Mousse®) or PTFE tape (cut into small strips and sterilized), forming a better seal and limiting bacterial growth. (Reference Journal of Oral Implantology Vol. XLIII/No. One/2017 pgs. 39-43, Schoenbaum et al). Also, do not use cement as a plug as it will permanently plug the screw hole.
- 11. *How can I save money in your lab with implants? Streamline the process?*** Utilizing monolithic materials such as BruxZir® will be more cost effective than porcelain-fused-to-metal. When you purchase an impression coping also purchase any necessary analogs at that time to save money. If you do not save your implant models, be sure to break out the analog for reuse (or send the old model back to us and we will break out the analog, identify the type, place it in a clear sealed bag and return it to you, at no cost).
- 12. *What is the average cost of an implant supported crown?*** BruxZir® (most popular) \$159 (cementable). BruxZir® Screwmentable \$169 (We cement onto abutment).
- 13. *What is the average cost of an implant supported crown with abutment?*** BruxZir® \$525. BruxZir® Screwmentable \$535.

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