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# All-On-4®, Teeth-In-A-Day®, & Hybridge®

Traditional dental care to improve major problems can be complicated, expensive, and time-consuming. We often see the long term success is affected. Root canals may fail, decay develops around crowns, and more teeth may need to be extracted. All of these issues then compromise the treatment that was just performed.

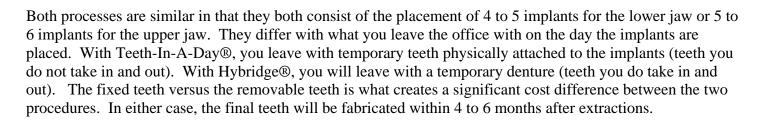
Our practice offers Hybridge® and Nobel Biocare's All-On-4® (also known as Teeth-In-A-Day®). Both of these options are excellent solutions to complex dental problems. As compared to traditional bridges, root canals, and crowns, they are very affordable alternatives. Also, if you currently have a denture and wish to eliminate the movement and loss of taste and feeling, you now have an option.

These prostheses are "U"-shaped bridges that are attached to dental implants and placed in the jaw. They are permanent solutions for replacing all of the upper and/or lower teeth at a fraction of the cost and time. To the right is a picture of an upper prosthesis showing the connections to the implants.

The involved teeth are removed, 4 to 6 implants are placed, and teeth placed on top of them. No longer do you have to worry about decay, pain, root canals, or fractured fillings. You regain your full dental function and confidence!

If you are considering dentures over one of these two options, here are a few additional advantages:

- No movement
- No need to remove your teeth after meals or at night
- Sore spots do not develop since the teeth do not sit on the gums
- Help to preserve your jawbone
- Feel like natural teeth



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#### Frequently Asked Questions:

#### What is the cost of this procedure?

Between \$20,000 and \$28,000 per arch (one arch is either the upper jaw or the lower jaw).

## Will my insurance cover this treatment?

Usually not. However, we have multiple financial plans to help you afford this investment in your health.

#### Besides the implants and teeth, are there any additional procedures / fees?

Every person has different requirements. Additional procedures may include: exams, x-rays, CT scans, temporary dentures, grafting, extractions, and sedation.

## How long does the treatment take?

This is extremely variable. If you have a denture with healthy gums, you may be done in 2 months. If you require extractions without extensive bone grafting, the treatment is usually completed in 4 to 6 months. If you require additional bone grafting procedures, the treatment can take longer. The exam and other diagnostic information will provide us with more details.

## Is it painful? I'm also very nervous at the dentist.

Surprisingly, simple implant placement is not very painful at all. We find most patients do not even fill the narcotic pain prescriptions we give them. They are usually back to work in one to three days! Also, if you are nervous, we can provide an anesthesiologist to put you to sleep. When you wake up, the treatment is completed! When multiple extractions, bone reshaping, implant placement, and gum work is required, narcotic pain prescriptions will be necessary and you will probably want to take a few days off from work.

#### Will I require any additional care once my treatment is completed?

Yes!!! Maintenance should absolutely be expected: nothing lasts forever. Although rare, parts (such as screws) may wear and break and require repair or replacement. The teeth and pink acrylic will wear, just like regular dentures. You should expect to have to replace the prosthesis (the teeth and pink acrylic) every 7 to 14 years. The metal substructure that you cannot see (it is buried within the pink acrylic) usually lasts many, many years. Please refer to the "Maintenance and Post-Treatment" Information Sheet for other general information.

During the first two years it is critical that you come 3 to 4 times per year for inspection and films. There will be fees for these services, just like regular dental checkups. This is to ensure problems are kept to a minimum. Most of the time you cannot feel problems that may be developing!!! After the first two years, check-ups every 6 months are advised.

Will I be free of problems once the treatment is completed? What kind of complications can arise?

Problems are rare, but can arise. Hopefully they will be picked up at your checkups, and intercepted early on. Problems can include: unexpected bone loss around implants, fractured denture teeth, fractured implant components, and fractured implants.