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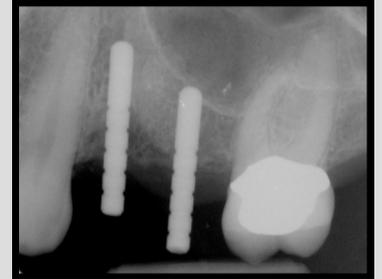
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Headline: IMPLANT LOCATION – IT'S THE LITTLE THINGS THAT MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

Restoring an implant placed in a compromised position can be a challenge for you, the patient, and the lab. This is the third newsletter in a series called “**Simply Doing More**” that highlights some of the little things that we focus on to “align” your implant restorations for success.

We have customized the **Straumann®** alignment pins which allows us to take intra-surgical radiographs on every implant case - they have been shortened to allow for proper radiographic paralleling technique during the surgery. This helps to ensure the final implant position is in an ideal location clinically, radiographically, and restoratively.

In the radiograph pictured to the right, the custom alignment pins are placed following the initial implant preparation. In this case we can see that the alignment pins are not exactly parallel. The level of the sinus can also be appreciated for the distal implant. In the final radiograph pictured below, the implants are now parallel and the sinus has been elevated about the distal implant via an osteotome technique.



The benefits of obtaining this intra-surgical information include:

- 1) Prevents unplanned or unwarranted need for angled or custom abutments resulting in lower costs for you and the patient.
- 2) Simplified impression appointments.
- 3) Hygiene access around a properly placed implant is easier, and makes for a stable long term prognosis.



The opportunity to see our custom alignment pins in relation to adjacent teeth during the surgery gives us confidence that we are doing all we can to place your patient's implant in an ideal location. The end result is hopefully a more simple restorative experience for you, the patient, and the lab. **This case illustrates that attention to the smallest of details can make the difference in a successful implant restoration.** We all work extremely hard to deliver the finest in care for our patients, and when we pay attention to the little things, everybody wins.

Please note that for **all dental implant examinations our fee is \$96, and the full amount is credited back to your patient at the time of implant surgery - thus the implant exam is essentially free.** Our fee for a dental implant remains \$1875 for posterior, and \$2125 for anterior implants. We are also pleased to provide and deliver the abutment, impression components, and analog to make your life a little easier - it's our way of “**Simply Doing More**”.

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