

Dental Implant Patient Treatment Policy

You are being evaluated as a potential candidate for dental implants. Opportunities to undergo this elective, specialized and expensive treatment are **extremely limited**. Successful implant restorations often involve surgical intervention to provide support for dental implant placement, often extending the time of treatment and the number of surgical procedures. The results of your examination will be presented to the Dental Implant Board for review. No commitment for treatment with implants will be made until a decision is made by the Dental Implant Board.

Active duty personnel carefully read and initial the following paragraphs

- _____ 1) Patients must be available throughout the entire course of treatment (1-2 years). No request for orders extension will be supported to gain access to this treatment.
- _____ 2) There may be instances where you will be instructed not to wear your partial or complete dentures for a minimum of two weeks following implant surgery. Compliance with this and all other instructions is critical to successful treatment.
- _____ 3) Smoking has been shown to reduce the success of implant treatment. Permanent smoking cessation is mandatory prior to initiating treatment.
- _____ 4) Implant treatment, routine and emergency maintenance, and repairs are not available at all Navy dental clinics/hospitals. In addition, the Navy will not be responsible for:
 - a. Failed implants due to non-compliance with instructions provided by the clinic.
 - b. Follow-up care after retirement or separation of service members from active duty status.

I have read and understand the above policy concerning patient selection and treatment with dental implants.

Patient Name (*Printed*)

Patient Signature

Date