



Ridge Preservation

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What Can I Expect From A Localized Ridge Preservation Procedure?

Prior to your procedure, your doctor will go over any pre-operative instructions you should follow, as well as any specifics about the surgical process. The following general steps may be included:



1 A local anesthetic is applied to the surgical site.



2 The tooth is carefully removed without disturbing existing bone.



3 A protective membrane may be placed in the socket before adding bone grafting material.



4 Bone Grafting material is stabilized with stitches and/or a membrane.



5 Allow approximately 3 to 5 months for healing.



Where Does Grafted Bone Come From?

For years, the bone needed for a Bone Grafting procedure had to be taken from another part of your own jaw or body, requiring additional surgery. Today, Grafting material such as *Puros*® Allograft may be used in place of your own bone, with no additional surgery required. Commercially available bone grafts are derived from human donors, animal bone, or synthetic materials. During the healing process the graft material is intended to act as a scaffold and depending on the material selected, be replaced by your own newly regenerated bone.

What Are The Potential Benefits Of Ridge Preservation?

Ridge Preservation can potentially minimize the amount of bone loss that occurs between the time of tooth removal and implant or bridge placement, as compared to leaving the socket empty. Techniques and materials used for this procedure have steadily improved over time, making Ridge Preservation the most conservative bone grafting procedure available.

Additional Potential Benefits May Include:

- Preparation for future implant or bridge placement without additional grafting
- Creation of a suitable environment for implant placement
- More cost effective than delaying the grafting procedure
- Preservation of a natural-looking smile

Not all patients are candidates for this procedure. Only your doctor can determine the treatment appropriate for your specific condition. Appropriate post-operative activities and restrictions will differ from patient to patient. Talk to your doctor about whether ridge preservation is right for you and the risks of the procedure, including the risk of wear, infection, loosening, breakage or failure. For additional information, visit www.zimmerbiometdental.com. For more information about ridge preservation, talk to your doctor and visit www.zimmerbiometdental.com.

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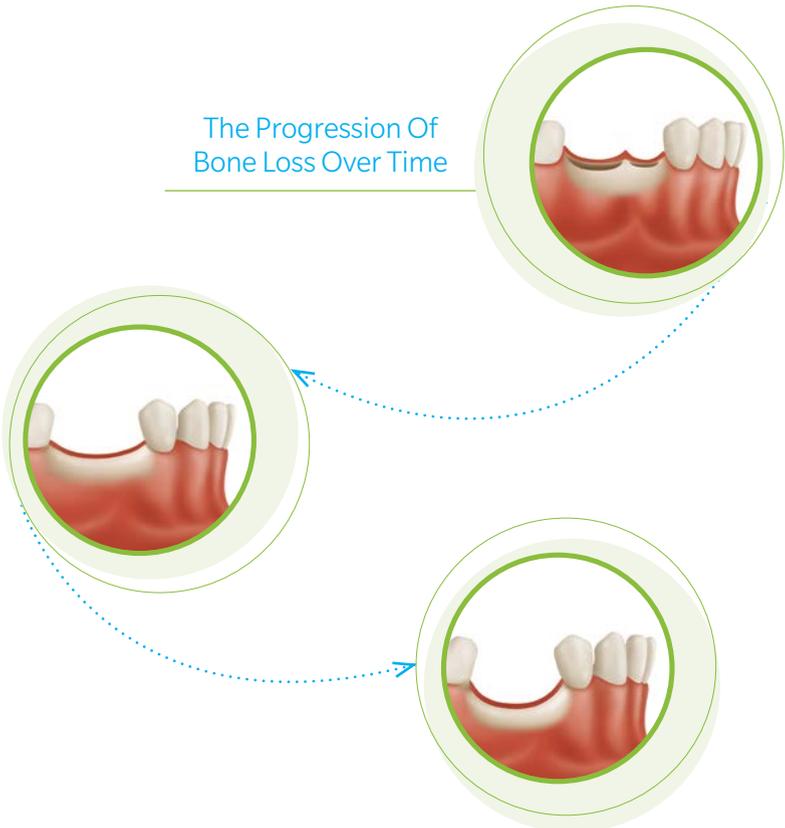
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What Is Ridge Preservation And Why Do I Need It?

Localized Ridge Preservation is a bone grafting procedure performed after a tooth is extracted or pulled. Ridge Preservation is recommended for temporary stabilization and preservation of the existing bone in that area. If Ridge Preservation is not completed at the time that the tooth is removed, the risk of bone loss increases dramatically.

What Are The Most Common Reasons For Tooth Extraction?

- Irreparable tooth decay
- A reinfected root canal
- A cracked or broken tooth
- Advanced gum disease resulting in bone loss





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