

Osseointegrated Implant Prosthesis

You have been supplied with a custom designed, silicone prosthesis. By following the instructions in this leaflet, your prosthesis should give good service.

Placing the Prosthesis

Your prosthesis is held in position by implant retention. For the first few days you may feel nervous when positioning your prosthesis. This is perfectly normal and within a few days you will find that you have mastered the procedure. Always make sure you have plenty of time to fit your prosthesis and to ensure it is fitted securely, don't try to rush.

Apply a small amount of Vaseline to the fitting surface along the thin edge of the prosthesis as you were shown. Position the prosthesis and, once it is secure, gently press along the edge to remove any air trapped between the silicone and your skin.

It is important that any air is removed to ensure that the prosthesis blends in to your skin as successfully as possible.

Removing the Prosthesis

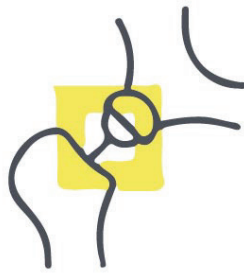
Remove the prosthesis using a gentle "pull and rotate" action as you were shown at the clinic. **DO NOT** try to remove the prosthesis by pulling on the edges, they will tear easily.

If possible, do not sleep with the prosthesis in place. Removing the prosthesis allows the skin beneath it to breathe and helps to maintain healthy skin.

Cleaning the Prosthesis

Clean the prosthesis with a dilute soap solution, such as shampoo. Rinse well with warm water and gently pat dry with tissue.

Clean around the abutments (studs) at least twice a day, either with sterile water, or a saline solution. It is important to keep this area clean to prevent infection. The majority of complications are caused by infections resulting in poor hygiene around the abutment site so it important to thoroughly clean this area.



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Finally

Great care and attention has been applied to the construction of your prosthesis, in order to make it look as realistic as possible. It is now your responsibility to look after it carefully to preserve its appearance and function. Treat your prosthesis with respect, in the same way you would treat an expensive piece of jewellery. The more care you give your prosthesis, the longer it will last.

Surface detail colour has been applied to your prosthesis and sealed with several layers of silicone paint. Try not to rub the surface of the prosthesis as this may cause de-lamination of the surface seal. Any frictional force will, eventually, cause de-lamination (peeling).

Should you experience any unusual discomfort or pain around the abutments, contact your surgeon as soon as possible so that the area can be checked thoroughly.